Town Council Work Session
Agenda Item 2.a.

Agenda Item: **2025 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Report Briefing**

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Category: Discussion

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Description:
Each year the Town Council adopts the Town Legislative Program in the Fall, which includes the Town's position on items expected to come up and also presents any proposed legislation the Town wishes their legislators to carry. Following the adjournment of the General Assembly and upon conclusion of the Governor's actions, the Town Attorney's office provides Town Council with a summary of the key legislation enacted. This item is that summary.

Background:
This item provides an update regarding the items on the Town Council's 2025 requested legislative agenda and highlights one vetoed bill and eight bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly (GA) and signed into law by the Governor of Virginia during the 2025 Virginia General Assembly Session. Final action on all pending bills was taken by the Governor on May 2, 2025, bringing the total of bills approved or enacted to 727 and the total of bills vetoed by the Governor to 198.

Timing Impact:
The bills referenced in this item generally have an effective date of July 1, 2025, and some specific provisions have an effective date of January 1, 2026.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
While the bills don't have a direct fiscal impact on the town, some bills will require the town to modify its current procedures, which will likely impact the allocation of staff resources.

Legal Impact:
Some of the new legislation will require the Town Council to amend sections of the Herndon Code of Ordinances or the Zoning Ordinance and town internal policies.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Instruct staff to analyze the specific amendments that are necessary to the Herndon Code of Ordinances or the Zoning Ordinance and prepare a summary and timeline for the Town Council to consider.

Attachments:
1. VML Post Session Legislative Update