



Welcome to the VAMA Chapter Network



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VAMA Legislative Update

The 2019 General Assembly Session convenes this week and VAMA is ready to represent members at the 400th session of our state legislature.

This year's session will bring more attention to our industry than past years. Press reports depicting Virginia as having 5 of the top 10 worst eviction cities in the country have put all eyes on multi-family housing and VAMA will need members will need to participate more than ever this year.

Potential Issues to Watch in 2019 Session:

1. Source of Income: The same bill that was left in committee last year has resurfaced for this year's General Assembly Session. The bill would add "Source of Income" to the list of protected classes under Virginia's Fair Housing law. This issue is also coming up at the Federal Level. Senator Tim Kaine introduced the same bill at U.S. Congress.
2. Extending the notice to terminate time. HB 1860 seeks to extend the 5 day pay or quit timeframe to a 14 day pay or quit.
3. Changes to required cooling temperatures. One bill may seek to decrease the required cooling temperature in warm months from 80 degrees to 77 degrees.
4. Late Fee Caps at 5%
5. Package of 6 Housing Commission recommended bills to effect evictions in Virginia. A complete recap of these bills was sent via email to all members in December.

Keep an eye out for future updates...there will be more bills coming. If you have any questions, please email Elena@vamaonline.org.



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