

# The Senior Advocate Alert



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Editors Note:

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, the Area Agency on Aging for South Hampton Roads is mandated to be the local advocate for aging by the Older Americans Act. Advocates need up-to-date information so they can participate in shaping legislation.

During the 2009 Session of the Virginia General Assembly, Senior Services will publish *The Senior Advocate Alert* on a weekly basis, every Friday. If an urgent matter arises, special editions will be published.

*The Senior Advocate Alert* will be distributed via e-mail. Printed copies will be available at the local Aging Task Force and Commission meetings. If you wish to be placed on the e-mail list, or if you wish to be removed from the list, please contact [maryh@ssseva.org](mailto:maryh@ssseva.org).

## 2009 Virginia General Assembly Session

- **KEY DATES: See reverse side for the full session calendar.**
- **KEY WEBSITES: Track legislation and contact legislators:**
  - <http://www.ssseva.org/advocacy/representatives.shtml>
  - [http://www.vaaaa.org/legislative\\_updates/](http://www.vaaaa.org/legislative_updates/)
- **SELECTED PRE-FILED BILLS OF INTEREST:**
  - [SB 738](#) - [Edwards](#) - Adult protective services; reporting of suspected financial abuse of elderly & dependent persons.
  - [HB 1617](#) - [Merricks](#) - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; extends sunset until July 1, 2014, etc.
  - [HJ 632](#) - [Englin](#) - Human services & social policy; JLARC to study feasibility of adopting 'housing first' approach.
  - [HJ 626](#) - [Poisson](#) - Motor fuel tax; joint subcommittee to study replacement with mileage-based fee.
  - [HB 310](#) - [Eisenberg](#) - Absentee voting; persons with a disability or illness may vote absentee.
  - [HB 1049](#) - [Watts](#) - Income tax, state; deduction for licensed medical caregivers.
  - [HB 1275](#) - [Spruill](#) - Real estate tax; localities to grant higher percentages of tax relief to elderly.