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## VA Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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**2. HB2769 Forced PrEP Coverage (Passed 24 to 15 on 2/19/2025).** Aimed to prohibit life and health-insurance companies from discriminating against individuals solely because they use pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a medication that significantly reduces the risk of HIV infection. **NO** ★

**3. SB1307 Allowing Local Sales Tax Increases (Passed 27 to 12 on 2/17/2025).** Proposed allowing all counties and cities in the state to impose an additional local sales-and-use tax of up to 1%, contingent upon voter approval through a local referendum, to fund government schools. **NO** ★

**4. SB851 Rainwater Harvesting (Passed 40 to 0 on 1/31/2025).** Prohibits local governments from requiring or penalizing property owners who use advanced Tier 4 rainwater systems instead of connecting to municipal water supplies. **YES** ★

**5. HJR1 Reproductive "Freedom" Constitutional Amendment (Passed 21 to 18 on 1/31/2025).** Proposed a constitutional amendment to establish a fundamental "right to reproductive freedom" in Virginia. **NO** ★

**6. SB995 Appraiser Market Manipulation (Passed 35 to 2 on 1/29/2025).** Sought to enhance the training requirements for real estate appraisers by mandating a course on fair-housing laws and appraisal bias as part of the educational prerequisites for licensure. **YES** ✗

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