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## Update on Status of Proposed Legislation Before Virginia General Assembly Which Could Impact Development and Construction Industries

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This update is not legal advice and reflects only some of proposed legislation in the Virginia 2013 General Assembly session. More information regarding 2013 proposed legislation can be found on the Virginia General Assembly's Legislative Information System (<http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>). Additional information may be obtained by contacting Chandra Lantz at [clantz@hf-law.com](mailto:clantz@hf-law.com) or 804.771.9586.

### BUILDING REVITALIZATION GRANT

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#### **SB 748 Building Revitalization Grant Fund Created. *Passed the Senate January 25<sup>th</sup>***

Establishes the Building Revitalization Grant Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants of up to \$100,000 to businesses that make a capital investment of \$1 million in revitalizing or retrofitting existing buildings to serve as a new place of business.

### EMINENT DOMAIN

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#### **HB 2306 Eminent domain; just compensation; tax assessments. *Passed the House February 1<sup>st</sup>***

Provides that just compensation paid for real property taken pursuant to eminent domain shall not be less than the appraisal of the fair market value of such property, if such an appraisal is required, or the current assessed value of such property for real estate tax purposes when the entire parcel for which the assessment has been made is to be acquired, whichever is greater. Under current law, just compensation shall not be less than the appraisal of fair market value if such an appraisal is required.

### LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

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#### **SJ 293 and HJ 536 Constitutional amendment; right to work. *Rejected by Senate January 28<sup>th</sup>; Passed by House January 29<sup>th</sup>***

Provides that any agreement or combination between any employer and any labor union or labor organization whereby persons not members of such union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, or whereby such membership is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or whereby any such union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any enterprise, is against public policy and constitutes an illegal combination or conspiracy.

### LAND DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

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#### **SB 1293 Comprehensive plan; transportation. *Passed by Senate January 29<sup>th</sup>***

Provides that the transportation component of a local comprehensive plan shall be consistent at the interstate and primary levels with various state and local transportation plans. The bill also shortens from 90 to 45 days the time period by which the Department of Transportation shall provide comment upon submission of such local plans for review.

### PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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#### **SB 1316 Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists; requirements for certification as a wetland delineator. *Passed by Senate February 1<sup>st</sup>***

Removes the requirement that experience in wetland delineation prior to applying for certification as a wetland delineator must have occurred under the supervision of a certified professional wetland delineator.