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Legislature Slips in a Bitter Pill

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Retailers in **Virginia** who collect **sales tax** realized just a few weeks ago that, as of today, July 1, all sales tax submissions to the **Virginia Department of Taxation** would have to be **online**. Whoops.

RichmondBizSense.com covered the news this morning and the leading organization for retailers, the **Virginia Retail Merchants Association**, identified **the issue** a few weeks back. But it appears the budget writers had this element in place well before those responsible for collecting and remitting the taxes became aware of it.

Lobbying is a research-intensive activity. The level of scrutiny required to catch this change might have been time-consuming, but it beats playing catch up. I'll be giving the budget some attention in my legislative wrap up in our **YouTube report**, slated for later this month.

What else might have been missed during the budget debate, if anything?

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