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SUMMARY

I believe in the transformative power of journalism. As a reporter, I hope to provide community-oriented breaking news and feature coverage, in print and online, for a news organization committed to public service journalism.

EXPERIENCE

Reporter, VCU's Capital News Service

Richmond, VA — Spring 2017

Covered the General Assembly, producing spot-news stories, features, multimedia reports and photos from the state Capitol during the legislative session. I produced stories about Virginia state government including bills and legislation, and in-depth investigative pieces.

Accomplishments

- Three articles distributed by The Associated Press
- Two articles published by The Washington Post

Radio Intern, 105.5 WKDE

Altavista, VA — May 2016- August 2016

Worked in all aspects of radio including ad sales, DJ of morning show, wrote produced and voiced commercials. I also handled the daily logs of reading signal tests.

Coach, Hermitage High School

Richmond, VA — January 2013- May 2016

Oversaw both varsity and junior varsity soccer teams. Developed talent on field while creating a winning culture and improving players classroom skills.

Accomplishments

- Best season in school history since 1992
- Took a one win team to a school record of wins in a season in 3 seasons
- Made it to the Capitol District Final and VHSL region semi-final in 2016

EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University

B.S. Mass Communications — 2017

Will receive a bachelor's degree in journalism from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., in December 2017. I have a foundation in journalism across platforms with a concentration in newspapers and digital media.

SKILLS

- Proficient in Adobe Suite, including InDesign and Photoshop
- Have mastered Associated Press style; consistently scored high on AP style tests
- Versatile writer; experienced in both spot news and features
- Can create interactive charts, maps and other infographics

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

State lawmakers pass laser hair removal regulations

By Tyler Woodall | AP February 22

RICHMOND, Va. — Laser hair removal in Virginia would have to be done under the supervision of a doctor or other health professional, according to a bill approved this week by the General Assembly.

House Bill 2119, sponsored by Del. Mark Keam, D-Vienna, would require that laser hair removal treatments be performed by a medical doctor, physician assistant or nurse practitioner — or by a “properly trained person” working under one of those professionals.

Virginia and New York are the only states that allow people who aren’t health professionals to perform laser hair removal. Thirty states require at least some supervision by a physician during the procedure.

The push for regulation in Virginia began in 2016 when a constituent came to Keam with a horror story about a hair removal treatment performed by a spa employee who turned out to be a janitor.

The problem has affected many people in the Richmond area, according to investigative reports by television stations WWBT and WRIC. They interviewed people who have suffered burns, blisters and scars from local “med spas.” One woman said she feared for her life after receiving a botched laser facial from a spa in Henrico County.

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For the 2016 legislative session, Keam introduced a bill that would have required individuals who practice laser hair removal to be licensed by the state Board of Medicine. That measure died in a subcommittee.

The bill Keam carried this legislative session had support from the Virginia Department of Health Professionals and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. In a 2016 report, those departments said the state’s regulatory framework governing the use of laser technology for hair removal was not up to their standards.

“The lack of comprehensive regulation over the use of laser technology for hair removal specifically, as well as conflicting oversight regarding minimally invasive cosmetic procedures generally, poses a risk of harm to the public’s health, safety and

welfare,” the agencies’ report said. It urged lawmakers to consider increasing the regulation of laser hair removal.

Keam’s bill passed the House of Delegates, 90-7, on Feb. 7 and the Senate, 25-15, on Monday. It now goes to Gov. Terry McAuliffe for his signature. If approved, the law would take effect July 1.

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Hunters rally against trespassing bill

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By Staff Reports email

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By Tyler Woodall and Julie Rothey

Capital News Service

About 150 hunters and members of the Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance visited the Virginia Capitol on Tuesday to show their opposition to a bill that would fine the owners of dogs that trespass on other people's property.

House Speaker William J. Howell, R-Stafford, is sponsoring [HB 1900](#), which would impose a \$100 fine if a dog runs onto a property the owner has declared off limits, whether verbally, in writing, by placing signs or by marking trees with blue paint on the property line.

Speakers addressing a blaze orange-clad crowd included H. Kirby Burch, chief executive officer of the Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance; Jeff Sili, a member of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors; and recently elected state Sen. Mark Peake, R-Lynchburg.

"Your participation sends a message that you care, that you are watching, and you do pay attention," Burch told the crowd as the rally began.

Burch said the bill would penalize accidental trespassing by hunting dogs.

Peake said he would vote against the bill if it gets past the House and will stand up to anyone to protect hunting rights.

Sili also said the bill is flawed. "A point that is lost in all of this," he said is that "law enforcement is not prepared to take on what this is going to cause, because it will become a tool amongst neighbors who don't like their neighbor's dog in their yard. It's not just a hunting issue."

Nearly all the speakers said the bill is wrongfully aimed at hunters.

"I have no redeeming graces for the bill," Burch said in an interview after the rally. "It is a bill to do harm, because someone has an agenda."

Users of hunting dogs "want people to understand we're God-fearing, law-abiding citizens," Burch said. "We're not rednecks, we're not troublemakers and we care about our animals."

Theresa Miller, who with her husband owns Red Oak Foxhounds hunt club in Rawlings, echoed Burch's message.

"You cannot fault the whole deer hunting community because of the actions of a few people," Miller said.

HB 1900 awaits action by the House Rules Committee, which Howell chairs.

Under current law, it's a misdemeanor to intentionally release dogs on another person's land to hunt without the consent of the landowner. However, finding a dog on another's property is not enough evidence to prove the intentional release of that animal.

If a hunting dog strays onto another person's property, the hunter has the right to retrieve the animal. This applies

even if the hunter has been previously asked not to trespass. Landowners have been pushing for a repeal to the “right to retrieve” law.

“The ‘right to retrieve’ law is an unconstitutional law,” said Donald Wright, a landowner in the town of Virgilina in Halifax County. He supports HB 1900, saying the bill “restores property rights to people like me.”

The Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance argued in a press release that conversations should happen between neighbors before regulations are introduced. But Wright, a hunter himself, said he has tried that.

“I’ve been told, ‘You’re not from around here; you’re the problem; get used to it,’” he said. Wright stressed that he doesn’t want to see dog hunting done away with. “It’s just the bad apples.”

Landowners have complained about hunting dogs on their property, and hunters following them, in the past. The Virginia Landowners Association is pushing for stricter licensing regulations for dog hunters.

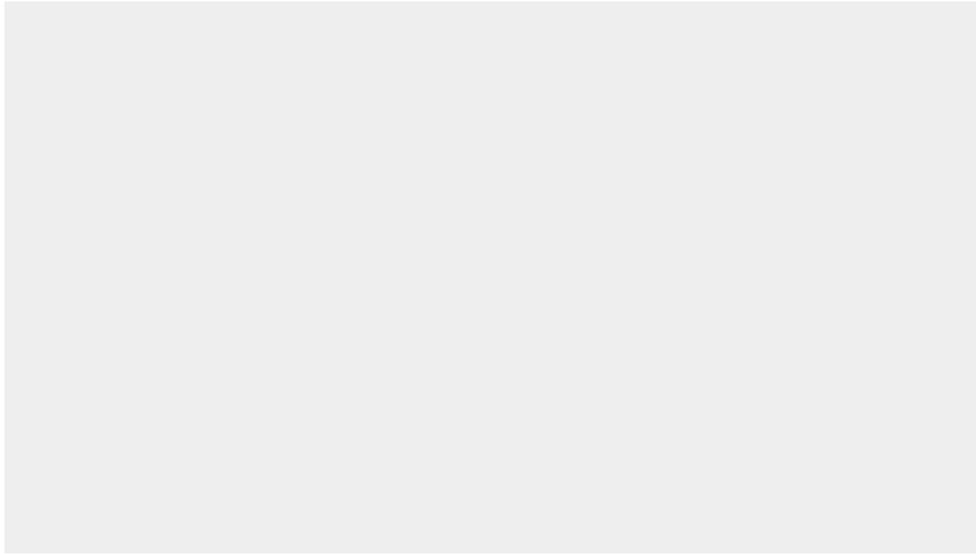
“I’m not able to enjoy my land. There’s dogs on my property almost every day,” Aaron Bumgarner, executive director of the landowners association, said in an interview with The Tidewater News. “I can’t take my own two dogs out on my land without conflict during the general [hunting] season and even during spring turkey season.”

From July 2014 to June 2015, about 5 percent of hunting complaints in Virginia involved dogs, according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

[Print Article](#)

State announces \$722,000 in tourism grants

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RICHMOND – Virginia’s tourism programs are set to have a major payday after an announcement from Gov. Terry McAuliffe on Tuesday. More than \$722,000 in matching funds from the state will be awarded to local tourism initiatives across the commonwealth.

The funding comes as a part of the Virginia Tourism Corporation’s Marketing Leverage Program, which helps tourism entities attract more visitors from across the country.

This year, the funding cycle saw local partners commit more than \$3.46 million to match the VTC grants, bringing the total to over \$4.4 million in marketing funds. This is the highest dollar amount matched by partners ever in a funding cycle, state officials said.

The funds will aim to increase visitation to Virginia and ultimately impact more than 264 statewide tourism entities. The 264 entities receiving funding are the most in the history of the program.

“The Marketing and Leverage Program grants provide a vital opportunity for destinations and businesses across the commonwealth, helping to create jobs promote economic development and increase visitor spending,” McAuliffe said as he congratulated the tourism partners receiving funding.

If a tourism entity wants to receive a grant, it must partner with at least three other entities, which may include a visitors’ bureau or an area’s destination attraction or event.

“The Marketing Leverage Program grants provide vital funding to our tourism businesses across the commonwealth, helping to make Virginia an incredible place to visit but also live,” said Todd Haymore, the state’s secretary of commerce and trade.

One event that received funding is the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester. The festival, which runs from April 28 through May 7, will get \$25,000 from the VTC.

“The funding for this year will help us and allow us to spend more money in a way to get the word out,” said Dario Savarese, marketing and sponsorship coordinator for the Apple Blossom Festival, which is celebrating its 90th year. “It becomes very difficult because advertising is expensive.”

Tourism is a significant revenue producer for the commonwealth. In 2015, it generated \$23 billion and supported more than 223,000 jobs while providing \$1.6 billion in state and local taxes, state officials said.