

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**(First report to the Board, February 14, 2008)**

**Virginia General Assembly**

Chesapeake Bay:

- **HB 727**, establishing a new \$100 million/year natural resource fund; ***Left in Appropriations.***
- **HB 1335/SB511**, establishing a natural resource fund without a dedicated revenue source; ***Both adopted.***

Climate Change Energy:

- **SB 464**, creating a Commission on Energy and Climate Change; ***Adopted as amended-while the Committee was created, no funding was appropriate, should the Commission fail to receive appropriations next year, it will be dissolved.***

Green Building:

- **SB 447**, green standards for public buildings; ***Left in General Laws.***

Housing:

- **HB 289/SB 761**, pilot project for rental assistance; ***Left in Appropriations.***
- **SB 768**, amending the proffer system; ***Continued to 2009.***
- **HJ 108**, study on affordable housing incentives; ***Left in Committee on Rules.***

Other:

BRAC:

- **HJ 63**, creating a study on the impact of BRAC realignment at Ft. Belvoir; ***Left in Committee on Rules.***

Regional Emergency Coordination:

- **SB 256**, requiring institutions of higher learning to coordinate emergency planning and preparedness with state and local emergency management officials; ***Adopted.***