

# Legislative Agenda



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1. Legislation to clean up Title 54.1 to clarify that a 1099 independent contractor is a different relationship than employee in the statute.
2. Legislation that clarifies the definition of “incomplete packet” in the delivery of resale certificates and disclosure packets to give the courts certainty.
3. Legislation that adds “community development authorities” to the summary cover sheet required with resale certificates and disclosure packets.
4. Legislation that adds “mineral rights” to the Residential Property “Buyer Beware” Disclosure Statement.
5. Legislation that adds unlicensed real estate activity to Virginia’s Consumer Protection Act.
6. Legislation that creates a court processed “eviction diversion program” for “at risk” tenants including a payment plan for tenants who would otherwise be evicted. This issue may well come out of the Virginia Housing Commission for the 2019 General Assembly session, but if not, we would recommend it be included in the REALTOR® Legislative Agenda.

## Standing Positions

### **BROADBAND STANDING POSITION**

Virginia REALTORS® supports the expansion of affordable, accessible and reliable broadband and cellular service throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, particularly in unserved and underserved areas. Broadband access facilitates growth in property values, business opportunities, and job creation. While there is no single strategy or policy to accomplish this, Virginia REALTORS® supports continued collaboration between Federal, state, and local governments, and the private sector to achieve the goal of broadband expansion.

### **FAIR HOUSING - SEXUAL ORIENTATION and GENDER IDENTITY**

Virginia REALTORS® supports including sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes under the Virginia Fair Housing law.