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### **General Assembly Budget Targets Skill Machines**

Almost 20 years ago, divided government meant that consensus on contentious legislation was elusive, and often one branch would include a controversial concept in its version of the state budget. This practice, which avoids public debate and scrutiny returned this year with the inclusion of legislation in the budget to once again prohibit skill games in Virginia. Because of the way the budget conference is structured, there one up or down vote on the conference package with no opportunity to debate or otherwise address individual positions such as skill games.

Governor Youngkin will receive the budget conference shortly and will have 7 days to suggest vetoes or amendments. The General Assembly will then return, probably on the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> to consider the governor's changes. Additionally, there remains a court order in place until November allowing skill machines to continue to operate. It is likely that there will soon be legal challenges from both sides.

It is clear that with Virginia's first casino opening next month and the continued expansion of historical horse racing parlors across the state - that those two entities are trying to clear the field for themselves.

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### **No Gas Tax Provisions In the Budget**

There was no language on a motor fuel tax holiday contained in the budget conference report passed yesterday. Given that the governor's proposal has now been rejected twice, it is unlikely it will be brought up again in 2022.

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### **EMA Compliance Bulletin Reminder: DOT Annual Hazmat Registration Renewal Due by July 1, 2022**

*From EMA*

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) online portal for annual HAZMAT registration opened May 1, 2022. Registration renewals must be completed by July 1, 2022. Due to COVID-19 workplace restrictions and processing delays, marketers should register online this year and do so early.

However, registrations that were submitted before May 1, 2022 will not be processed until the open season begins.

PHMSA requires both hazardous material transporters and those who ship hazardous materials through common carriers to register and pay a fee each year in return for a certificate of authority to operate in intrastate and/or interstate commerce. Since PHMSA allows multiyear registration, not all registration certificates are up for renewal by July 1, 2022. Marketers should look at their registration certificate for the date of renewal or search registration status at PHMSA's online portal at registration look-up to determine whether registration is due for renewal.

For a full compliance bulletin from EMA including all the links for registration, [click here](#).

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## **Welcome New Member**

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## **Save the Date**

VPCMA 74th Annual Meeting  
September 25-27, 2022  
The Greenbrier Resort  
White Sulphur Springs, WV

Registration to open July 1.