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### **Action on Skill Games Unlikely Until the Fall**

Two new bills were introduced this week to restore skill games. Neither contains the provision prohibiting a skill machine within a mile and a half of a church or school or within 25 miles of Rosie's slot parlor. Annual fees would range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per machine and local jurisdictions could prohibit skill games through an ordinance or referendum. The bills had been scheduled to be heard in committee yesterday but when senators could not reach consensus on what was to have been a bipartisan bill on military family scholarships, the decision was made to continue to kick the can down the road. House members at this point are scheduled to return to Richmond on June 28th, but it will not be seen if anything will actually happen on that date. To view the skill game bill as introduced by Finance and Appropriations Chair Louise Lucas, [click here](#). To view the bill introduced by Senator Christie New Craig, [click here](#).

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### **Energy Marketers of America Sue EPA over Regulation Banning most New Gas Cars**

*From EMA*

Last week, the Energy Marketers of America (EMA), along with the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA), California Manufacturing Technology Association (CMTA), Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), Domestic Energy Producers Association (DEPA), International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Port Arthur Lodge 100 (IAM), Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA), National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS), The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma (Petroleum Alliance), Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA) and Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA)—filed a petition with the DC Circuit Court to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over its regulation, finalized in March 2023, which effectively bans most new gas cars and trucks in less than eight years. Information on the unregulated regulation is [here](#).

This petition is one of three filed challenging [EPA's light- and medium-duty vehicle emissions standards](#) for model years 2027-2032. The other two petitions were filed by the American Petroleum Institute and a coalition of U.S. biofuel producers. In total, 36 petitioners are represented in the filings.

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## More Employees Eligible for Mandatory Overtime Pay Starting July 1

Effective July 1, the salary threshold for employees receiving overtime pay will change. Current workers are automatically eligible for overtime pay- including those on salary if they earn below the amount. The annual current salary threshold requiring time and a half pay for hours in excess of one week is \$35,569. On July 1 employees making \$43,999 will be covered. Mandatory overtime will change again on January 1, 2025 and cover those employees making up to \$58,656. Generally, employees of enterprises that have an annual gross volume of sales made or business done of \$500,000 or more are covered by the FLSA. To review the guidance from the US Department of Labor, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/eis-offices/eis-100/2024-07-01-flsa>.

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## Thank You EMA PAC Contributors

A couple weeks ago we wrote to the membership requesting your support of the Energy Marketers of America (EMA) Political Action Committee. EMA is a federation of state and regional petroleum marketing associations, and as a member of Virginia Petroleum and Convenience Marketers Association you are automatically a member of EMA (formerly PMAA).

We depend on the EMA to provide us with important regulatory information emanating from agencies that can impede members' ability to compete and thrive in the challenging market of the industry in 2024. Additionally, EMA's staff are our voice in the halls of Congress, assuring that our concerns of independent petroleum marketers are heard by our congressmen and senators.

Political contributions are important because they allow EMA to serve you better. In addition to requests from our Virginia delegation, the staff carefully targets congressmen and senators on key committees impacting petroleum related issues.

Federal requirements mandate that all contributions to the PAC are made with private funds. We request that you will join us in sending a **personal check for \$150.00** made out to "EMA PAC," and our office address, 7275 Glen Forest Drive, Suite 204, Richmond, Virginia 23226. We will be recognizing our contributors in upcoming editions of the Update. Thank you to those from whom we have already received below:

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VPCMA 76th Annual Meeting  
September 22-24, 2024  
The Greenbrier Resort  
White Sulphur Springs, WV  
Program information and registration available next week!