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Governor's Amendment to Truck Stop Bill Targets Utilities

While Virginia's governor can only serve a single four-year term, the governor has special powers in office. One of those was on display this week as we saw Governor Youngkin offer an "amendment in the nature a substitute" to House bill 2087 which completely re-wrote the bill into a concept that was not considered in the 2025 session. Readers will remember that House bill 2087 was the stealth effort bankrolled by the National Association of Truck Stop Owners, in conjunction with the Charge Ahead Partnership and the Richmond lobbying firm Capital Results. Their original bill would have protected about 250 truck stops from utility ratepayer subsidized fast chargers while foisting utility subsidized chargers on the rest of approximately 3200 other Virginia locations selling motor fuels to the public. We opposed this bill throughout the session and on the second to last day, Senator Creigh Deeds from Charlottesville amended the bill to drop the truck stop provision. That was the last we heard of the bill until the governor proposed the entirely new concept.

[You can view the governor's recommendation here.](#)

The effect of his amendment, if successful, would prohibit regulated utilities from operating fast charging stations and would allow private firms operating fast chargers to buy electricity from a competitive service provider that is not Dominion or Appalachian Power. It is anticipated that the utilities will not be supportive of the governor's recommendation, which will be considered during the one-day reconvened session next Wednesday. If the governor's amendment is approved, it will become law July 1. If it is defeated, the original bill goes back to the governor who will then have 30 days to sign or veto it.

Sincerely,

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