



May 5, 2025

Governor Vetoes Electrification Bill

Friday was the last day for the governor to take action on bills in which he had proposed amendments to legislation passed by the General Assembly during the 2025 session. One of those amendments was to House bill 2087, which we reported on frequently during session. Governor Youngkin's amendment would have prohibited utilities from owning or operating electric charging stations open to the public. This was vastly different from the original bill which called for the State Corporation Commission to establish "exclusion zones" where a regulated utility could not own/operate chargers within a prescribed distance (the state with similar language calls for 10 miles) from the closest private charging location. When the governor suggests an amendment and it is rejected by the General Assembly, the original bill goes back to him for 30 days of reconsideration where there are two options - sign the original version or veto it. Since HB 2087 was vetoed it is dead for the year. We are currently in the planning stages for an educational session at the annual meeting, hopefully including the bill's sponsor and other subject matter experts, details of which will be available next month.

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