



GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE



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Dear Member,

Industry Issues Hang in the Balance As Budget Conference Continues

Traditionally VPCGA issues are not tied up as a part of the state budget, but 2010 is not a typical year at the Virginia General Assembly. Right now, a conference committee of Delegates and Senators is meeting to work out differences in the two year spending plans which were passed by each branch last week. Two of these issues are the one percent motor fuels allowance and funding for the state's weights and measures function. In both instances the Senate has adopted the position favored by VPCGA retaining the motor fuels allowance and increasing the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund by 1/10th cent per gallon with proceeds dedicated to the inspection of petroleum devices. The membership and staff has taken every step possible over the last 12 days to contact and meet with members of the conference to explain these two issues and how they impact the membership. Unfortunately, from this point forward the deliberations are largely behind closed doors as members seek to piece together an agreement that can be ratified by both the House and Senate by March 13. As always we appreciate the members willingness to contact your legislators and we will continue to closely monitor the process over the coming week.

Free Spin Legislation

The Senate voted out unanimously House bill 1010 regarding free spin machines. The bill now contains new language which will have to be approved by the House next week. For a copy of the revised bill, [click here](#).

Air Conditioning Training April 5-9

Registration is open for the 2010 Air Conditioning School. This course will be held April 5-9 at the New Horizons Technical Center in Hampton. Our instructor again this year will be John Dunn who has more than two decades experience in the air conditioning industry, and has received rave reviews from our students during his previous classes. Tuition is \$525 and includes textbook, take home materials and 40 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction. For a registration form, [click here](#). For additional information, [click here](#).