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**DELEGATE LANDES INTRODUCES BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**RICHMOND** – Del. R. Steven Landes, R-Weyers Cave, introduced a number of budget amendments during the 2012 General Assembly Session. Some of the amendments are language-only amendments requiring no additional money. A few highlighted amendments are outlined below.

“These budget amendments should help people with developmental disabilities and those needing adult day health services. In addition, money has been provided to help our soil and water conservation districts and to enhance implementation of agricultural best management practices,” said Landes.

House Budget Amendment Item 307 #7h provides funding to add 270 new waiver slots for individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) to reduce the current waiting list of 1,075 individuals by 25 percent. This amendment is a priority of those in the disability community such as ARC of Virginia and the Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living. During the 2011 Session, Delegate Landes successfully added 150 DD waivers to the budget.

House Budget Amendment Item 307 #8h restores the Medicaid waiver reimbursement rate for adult day health services to the rate in effect in fiscal year 2009 by increasing the rate by one percent. Adult day health care is much less expensive than alternative care in a nursing facility for which these clients qualify. Providers of adult day health care report a gap of \$19.00 per client on average between actual costs and Medicaid reimbursement, which must be made up through contributions from individuals, churches, corporations, and foundations. These services are almost exclusively provided to Medicaid waiver recipients. This amendment will increase the statewide rate paid for Medicaid adult day health care services from \$50.10/day to about \$50.65/day in Northern Virginia and from \$45.65/day to about \$46.10/day in the rest of the state.

House Budget Amendment Item 360 #3h provides \$2.0 million each year from the general fund to restore the reductions in funding for soil and water conservation districts proposed by the Governor. Virginia’s soil and water conservation districts and their staff are critical to achieving the water quality improvements contained in the Watershed Implementation Plan. Included in the total amount of this restoration is \$1.0 million approved by the General Assembly during the 2011 Session for restoration of previous budget reductions experienced by the soil and water conservation districts.

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House Budget Amendments Item 360 #5h and Item 366#2h redirect \$30.0 million in the budget for use over two years for implementation of agricultural best management practices. The source of the funding is the 2011 year-end general fund balance. Both amendments would continue the work to assist our farmers with best management practices. Farmers match the grants they receive as defined in the state AG BMP cost share program.

For a complete listing of Delegate Landes' budget amendments and all matters pertaining to the budget, please visit <http://leg2.state.va.us/MoneyWeb.NSF/sb2012>.

Landes represents the 25<sup>th</sup> House District, which includes parts of Albemarle, Augusta, and Rockingham Counties. Landes is serving his ninth term in the Virginia House of Delegates.

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