

Final Update

The Virginia General Assembly completed its work and adjourned “sine die” (meaning without a date to reconvene) on Saturday, March 9, 2024. With the adjournment came the news that Governor Glenn Youngkin had signed two AEG-supported bills into law.

As previously reported, [HB 287 \(Wiley\)](#) / [SB 184 \(Rouse\)](#) modernizes the definition of the practice of geology so that it more accurately captures the important and widely varied work that geologists do in Virginia. HB 287 (Wiley) passed the House of Delegates 98-0 and passed the Senate 39-0. Similarly, SB 184 (Rouse) passed the Senate 39-0 and the House of Delegates 98-0.

These two bills finished their journeys through the General Assembly with a couple of weeks remaining until adjournment. As such, they were sent to the Governor for action early enough to trigger a requirement that the Governor act on them – sign, amend, or veto – within seven days. Just a few hours before the 11:59pm action deadline on March 8, 2024, news was delivered that the Governor had signed the bills into law.

Having been signed by the Governor, HB 287 (Wiley) and SB 184 (Rouse) will now take effect in Virginia on July 1, 2024.

We’re thankful that Governor acted favorably upon this legislation, and we’re incredibly grateful to our patrons, Delegate Bill Wiley (R-Winchester) and Senator Aaron Rouse (D-Virginia Beach) for their hard work on this issue.