

SUPPORT: HB58 (John Bell)- Increase LED Light Bulb Use

Referred to House Committee on General Laws

Description: Requires any state agency that installs, replaces, or maintains an outdoor lighting fixture to use LEDs instead of traditional incandescent light bulbs when installing new outdoor lighting fixtures or replacing nonfunctioning bulbs on existing outdoor lighting fixtures unless the appropriate agency authority determines it is not cost efficient to do so.

The bill creates an exception to these requirements for the installation or replacement of light bulbs on state-owned property that is listed individually on the Virginia Landmarks Register or is certified by the Director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources as contributing to the historic significance of a historic district that is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register.

The bill also provides for the Department of General Services to include the requirement for the use of LEDs in the agency's purchasing regulations. Contracts entered into by the Department of Transportation on and after July 1, 2019, are subject to the requirement.

Talking Points:

- LED light bulbs are beneficial to the environment because they use less energy than traditional fluorescent light bulbs.
- LED light bulbs require less maintenance because they last up to 10 years, so they have to be changed less often.
- LED light bulbs are produced right here in Virginia, whereas traditional fluorescent light bulbs are procured from China.