



## **VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

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### **STATE LEGISLATION PRO TEM ACTION PLAN FOR 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Real Estate Tax Increases** – NARFE supports limiting real estate tax increases for seniors and disabled homeowners to the rate of inflation in any given year to avoid financial hardships. We also urge the General Assembly to require direct notification to all landowners affected of specific public hearings held for the sole purpose of disclosing any significant tax changes.

**Property Tax Relief; Homestead** - NARFE supports second year General Assembly passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 354 for a Constitutional Amendment to allow localities to exempt from real property taxes, or defer real property taxes, up to 20% of the value of residential or farm property that is owner occupied.

**Identity Fraud and Theft** – NARFE supports legislation that will permit and encourage use of the “Credit Freeze” concept to protect seniors who are at greater risk of identity theft.

**Subcommittee Defeat of Bills** –House Rule 11 allows bills to be killed in subcommittee which NARFE supports; however, votes for failed bills should be recorded on the General Assembly database to allow constituent access to the information.

**JLARC 10 Study** – NARFE supports continued emphasis upon study recommendations addressing senior and disabled issues including: transportation to doctors and stores, medical services, ability to stay at home vs nursing home, geriatric training and board certification, and quality of medical services.

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