



Bill of the Week - 3/2/26

HB 602/SB 722

Motion picture theaters; definitions, establishes requirements for open captioning.

Bill Status

Both have Passed the House and Senate.

Key Points

- Establishes requirements for open captioning for motion picture theaters.
- Requires open captioning availability for any film with at least seven showings per week for more than one week.
- The bill lays out specific requirements for times and frequency of open captioning showings.

Impact on Virginians

Open captioning removes technology barriers and makes films accessible for all. Open captioning benefits not only individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, but also English language learners, children developing reading skills and viewers with auditory processing disorders.

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