



Virginians for Paid Sick Days

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Virginia Legislature Votes to Expand Paid Sick Days for the First Time to cover 30,000+ Home Health Care Workers

Advocates Consider this a Key Step toward Expanding Paid Sick Days for all Virginians

RICHMOND, Va - Today the House of Delegates by a vote of 54-44, voted to support providing more than 30,000 home health care workers with paid sick days starting July 1, 2021. The bill requires employers to provide 5 paid sick days per year to home health care workers in Virginia. The bill, an amended version of Del. Elizabeth Guzman's [HB 2137](#) which passed the Senate yesterday, is now headed to the Governor's desk for signature.

[“The Virginians for Paid Sick Days coalition](#) members are grateful to the thousands of advocates who demanded action on this issue and to the legislative leaders who voted for our health and our economy. This is a key first step to ensuring that all Virginians have access to paid sick days,” said Kim Bobo, Executive Director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a member of the Virginians for Paid Sick Days coalition. **“This marks the first paid sick days bill to pass out of the General Assembly. We’re thrilled to see 30,000 hard-working home health care workers on their way to receiving paid sick days. And we look forward to continuing the fight to pass paid sick days for all Virginia workers.”**

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