## VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED

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# EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION STATE LEGISLATION PRO TEM ACTION PLAN FOR 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### **Eminent Domain Abuses**

Our members frequently own their own home and feel that property ownership is a basic right that should be guaranteed by our government. Recent decisions by the US Supreme Court have left in doubt our protection by the US Constitution. Efforts in the 2006 legislative session to insure that the Virginia Code provides the needed protection failed. We urge the Legislature to renew the effort and to pass legislation to protect our right to own property.

## **Aging Population / Government Action**

We urge the Legislature to review the information provided in JLARC Study 10 of 2006 dealing with the Impact of the Aging Population on State agencies and to make appropriate changes in the code and the budget to assure that the deficiencies revealed are addressed. We are particularly concerned with deficiencies in Geriatric Training and direct patient care. Legislation and an increase in budgeted funds are needed to support skilled training in many areas of patient care, including Geriatric Medicine, and direct patient care, and to assure that difficulties in seeking reimbursement do not drive service providers out of the State.

### **Inequitable Tax Burden on Seniors**

Recognizing that our members in the state are subject to a steady annual increase in the level of taxation imposed in the form of Real Estate Taxes and other excise taxes, NARFE supports all efforts to reduce the cost of governing which falls on seniors who no longer have the likelihood of annual raises that is experienced by working adults.

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