

Legislative Link Update

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Today is the 110th day of session and almost all activity was on the floor this week as both chambers continue to act on bills already passed in the opposite chamber. Of the 1,150 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced this legislative session, 283 bills have passed the Legislature. The Governor has now signed 211 of those bills, vetoed 4, and the remaining 68 await either his signature or veto.

Below are updates on a few bills we think might be of interest to you:

SB 1080 Teenage Drivers; Communication Devices Prohibited

One bill that garnered much attention at the legislature this week was SB 1080 which prohibits a class G driver licensee from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device for any reason for the first six months of receiving a license. Exceptions to this law include the use of a communication device during an emergency in which stopping the vehicle is impossible or will create an additional hazard, or when using an audible turn-by-turn navigation system if the licensee does not manually enter or adjust the device while driving. The same law also applies to instruction permit holders for a class D or G driver license. The bill passed out of both chambers and was signed by Governor Ducey earlier this week. In his signing message, Governor Ducey wrote that distracted driving is a growing problem and believes that "if we can use the early years of their [teens] driving experience as an opportunity to guide them toward safe and responsible habits, that's a good thing." The full letter can be found here: <http://www.azcapitolreports.com/media/archives/documents/53rd-1st-Regular/Governor%20Messages/S1080.pdf>

HB 2134 Schools; Children's Camps; Sunscreen Use

HB 2134 permits a student who attends any public school in Arizona and a school-age child who attends a children's camp, child care facility or child care group home in Arizona to possess and use an FDA approved topical sunscreen product without a note or prescription from a licensed health care professional. The new bills also allows an employee or volunteer of a child care facility or child care group home to assist in the application of a topical sunscreen if written parental consent is given. The bill passed out of both chambers and was signed by Governor Ducey earlier this week.

"Your Legislative Link" - TV Program

The Glendale Public Affairs Department strives to work collaboratively with our legislative delegation in order to better serve our shared constituents. In an effort to further increase these partnerships and to help keep our residents informed of legislative issues, we have created a television show that will air on Glendale Channel 11 called "Your Legislative Link." This 30 minute program connects Glendale residents with their legislators, as the interview highlights their background, interests, and legislative priorities, while also addressing current topics that are of interest at the State Capital. "Your Legislative Link" will feature each of the Glendale legislators alphabetically, on a monthly rotation, over the coming months. The third episode, featuring Representative César Chávez of District 29, is now airing on Channel 11 and can be accessed on Glendale's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kb6g9qPx14>

New House Member Representing Legislative District 22

On Monday, April 10th Representative Phil Lovas, who has represented District 22 since 2012, announced that he was resigning effective Monday, April 17th, to join the US Small Business Administration. District 22 represents Glendale, Peoria and Sun City. Under state law, the Arizona Republican Party had three days, following the Secretary of State's office declaring the seat vacant, to notify the District 22 Precinct Committee (PC) members of a meeting to select his replacement. The committee then had five days to call a meeting to select three qualified candidates for the appointment and then to forward those names to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Within five days of receiving the list of nominees, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors was required to appoint one of the Precinct Committee recommendations to fill the vacancy. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appointed Ben Toma, a

former appointed Peoria City Councilmember, who was sworn into office earlier this week. We look forward to working with Representative Toma in his new role representing District 22 and northern Glendale.

This year, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25823&listid=61088&print=true>

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

Remember, you can watch committee hearings via the internet by going to the [legislature's website](#) and clicking on the live proceedings hyperlink located in the column on the left side of the page.

Arizona State Legislature Website: www.azleg.gov.

To determine who your state legislators are, [click here](#).

You can also visit the Intergovernmental Programs Department's webpage for additional information by [clicking here](#).

Please note that the bills included on the Legislative Link tracking list are those that we believe might be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Legislative Link tracking list does not include every bill being monitored by the City and the City does not have a formal position on all of the bills included on the list.

The information being emailed to you is a result of your subscription to the City of Glendale Legislative Link Program. We hope to grow this email distribution list to ensure that our neighbors and friends can be aware of the important issues being discussed at the legislature. To add an additional user or to unsubscribe, please email dburt@glendaleaz.com.

Best regards,

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