

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2019 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 1st Regular Session of the 54th Legislature convened on Monday, January 14th. Today is the 19th day of session and there have been over 975 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This was a very busy week for the House and Senate. Yesterday, both chambers passed, and the Governor signed, the Drought Contingency Plan, which is a state-wide agreement on how to conserve and protect water levels in Lake Mead. There was a federal requirement to have the bill approved by January 31 and we applaud our legislators for getting the bill passed before the deadline. So far, we have identified 30 bills that we have added to our Legislative Link Tracking List because we believe they may be of interest to you and your neighborhood.

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

HB 2139 CANDIDATE SIGNS; PROHIBITION; PRIMARY

HB 2139 would increase the period of time that political signs may be placed in a public right-of-way to 120 days before the primary election until 7 days after the general election, instead of 45 days before the primary election until 7 days after the general election. HB 2139 is scheduled to be heard in the House Elections Committee on Tuesday, February 5 at 2 p.m. in House Room 4.

HB 2522/ SB 1143 CONFORMITY; INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; RATES

HB 2522 and SB 1143 are companion bills that would conform Arizona's income tax calculation to the changes made by the federal government effective on January 1, 2018. For tax year 2018, the Department of Revenue is required to reduce the income tax rates provided in statute by 0.11 percentage points. SB 1143 was approved by both chambers but vetoed by Governor Ducey. In his veto message, Governor Ducey said that "any bill with a fiscal impact should be considered as part of budget discussions agreed to by the Legislature and Executive..."

You can read the entire veto letter here: <https://www.azleg.gov/govlettr/54leg/1r/sb1143.pdf>

SB 1165 PROHIBITION; TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

SB 1165 prohibits an individual from operating a motor vehicle while holding and manually operating a wireless communication device unless the vehicle is parked or stopped. An operator may use a wireless communication device in his or her hand while operating the motor vehicle only if both of the following conditions are met:

- Using the device if it is mounted on a vehicle windshield or affixed to a motor vehicle dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the operator's view of the road.
- An operator uses his or her hand to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the wireless communication device (that is mounted to the windshield or dashboard) with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the operator's finger.

SB 1165 has been referred to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee, but the bill has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

SB 1009 TOBACCO PRODUCTS; ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

SB 1009 adds electronic smoking devices to the definition of tobacco product as it relates to the sale and use of tobacco products by minors. A person who knowingly sells, gives or furnishes a tobacco product, vapor product or any instrument or paraphernalia that is designed for the smoking or ingestion of tobacco to a minor and a minor who accepts any tobacco product, vapor product or any instrument or paraphernalia that is designed for smoking or ingestion of tobacco are guilty of a petty offense. A minor who misrepresents their age to induce any person to sell, give or furnish a tobacco product, vapor product or any instrument or paraphernalia that is designed for smoking or ingestion of tobacco is guilty of a petty offense and is required to pay a fine up to \$500 (A.R.S. § 13-3622). SB 1009 was approved in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee, was cleared in the Senate Rules Committee and is now awaiting action by the Senate body.

Similar to previous years, 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=26231&listid=66612&print=true>

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

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