

## Legislative Link Update

### January 19, 2018

Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature convened on Monday, January 8, 2018. Today is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of session and there have been over 760 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This was the first week of House and Senate Committee Hearings and to date, 43 bills in the House and 20 bills in the Senate have received a do pass from their assigned committees. House and Senate Committees will be very busy over the next several weeks as the remaining 700 bills are awaiting a committee assignment or hearing. So far, we have identified 113 bills that we have added to our Legislative Link Tracking List because we believe they may be of interest to you and your neighborhood.

#### **SPECIAL SESSION ON OPIOIDS**

On Monday Governor Ducey will officially call for a special session to address the opioid epidemic. The Governor's Office has worked with legislative leaders of both parties to develop the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act which includes improving access to substance abuse treatment, expanding access to the overdose reversal drug Naloxone, increasing oversight and penalties for bad actors, enhancing education for medical professionals, enacting a Good Samaritan law, requiring e-prescribing, requiring pharmacies to check a prescription monitoring program, and limiting the number and dosage of medication that can be prescribed. The Governor's Office hopes that committee hearings will be held on Tuesday and that an approved bill will be on his desk by Friday. Additional information can be found here: <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2018/01/arizona-opioid-epidemic-act-outlines-comprehensive-solutions>

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

#### **Home-Based Businesses**

One topic that is being discussed at the Legislature this session is a city's ability to regulate which businesses can operate within neighborhoods. Cities across the state work to find the balance between encouraging small business job growth while ensuring that only appropriate business activities are taking place so as not to impact the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods. In many instances, municipalities are alerted by residents who feel as though their quality of life is being obstructed by loud or obnoxious noises, traffic congestion, on-street parking, and blight caused by businesses operating out of residential property. Four different bills have been introduced with language that would remove a city's ability to protect the interests of neighbors by right of the property owner whose home is being used to house a business. At this time, none of the four bills are scheduled for committee hearings next week. Additional information about the home-based businesses legislation will be shared in future Legislative Link Updates if the bills are debated and voted on by the legislature.

#### **HB 2071 REAR-FACING CAR SEATS**

When transporting a child who is under two years of age in a motor vehicle, the child is required to be in a rear-facing restraint system unless the child weighs at least 40 pounds or is at least 40 inches tall. HB 2071 received a do pass from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Wednesday and is now awaiting a hearing from the House Rules Committee.

#### **HB 2087 FAMILY CAREGIVER INCOME TAX CREDIT**

For tax years beginning with 2019, an individual income tax credit is established for taxpayers who incur "qualifying expenses" (defined) for the care and support of "qualifying family members" (defined) in the

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taxpayer's home. The amount of the credit is equal to 50 percent of the qualifying expenses incurred, up to \$1,000. To qualify for the credit, the taxpayer's Arizona gross income in the tax year cannot exceed \$75,000 for a single person or a married person filing separately, or \$150,000 for a married couple filing jointly. If the allowable amount of the credit exceeds taxes due, the unused amount of the credit is waived and cannot be refunded or carried forward. HB 2087 received a do pass from the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday and is now awaiting a hearing from the House Rules Committee.

**SB 1016 DUTY TO REPORT: LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY**

A person who knows that another person is exposed to or has suffered a life-threatening emergency is required to report the emergency and its location to a peace officer, fire department or other governmental entity responsible for public safety, to the extent the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others. SB 1016 received a do pass from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday and is now awaiting a hearing from the Senate Rules Committee.

**SB 1075 VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE; MINIMUM LIMITS**

For motor vehicle liability insurance policies that are issued or renewed beginning on June 1, 2019, the minimum amounts of coverage required are increased to \$25,000 for bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, from \$15,000, to \$50,000 for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, from \$30,000, and to \$25,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident, from \$10,000. Does not apply to a policy issued to a person with a valid certificate of self-insurance or partial self-insurance. SB 1075 received a do pass from the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on Tuesday and is now awaiting a hearing from the Senate Rules Committee.

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=25998&listid=63263&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.

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