

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 54th day of session and there have been over 1,270 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced during this legislative session. A number of bills on our tracking list cleared their chamber of origin and are now awaiting committee hearings in the opposite chamber. To date, 198 bills on our tracking list have cleared the House of which 188 have been assigned to a Senate committee. Of those 188 bills, 19 have received a do pass in committee and now await a Rules committee hearing in the Senate. For the Senate, 87 bills on our tracking list have cleared the chamber of which 80 have been assigned to a House committee. Of those 80 bills, 22 have received a do pass in committee and now await a Rules committee hearing in the House.

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

SB 1295 ANIMAL CRUELTY; DOMESTIC ANIMALS; CLASSIFICATION

The list of acts constituting cruelty to animals is expanded to include intentionally or knowingly subjecting a "domestic animal" to cruel mistreatment and intentionally or knowingly killing a domestic animal without either legal privilege or consent of the domestic animal's owner or handler. Cruelty to animals under these circumstances is a class 5 (second-lowest) felony. SB 1295 passed out of the Senate 16-13 and was referred to the House Judicial and Public Safety 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 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 passed out of the House 45-14 and has been referred to the Senate Finance and Senate Appropriations Committees.

HB 2166 VEHICLE FEES: ALTERNATIVE FUEL VLT

HB 2166 establishes a highway safety fee in an amount to be determined by the Director of the Department of Transportation annually. The fee will be collected at the time of application for vehicle registration. The fee is required to fully fund 110 percent of the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol budget for each fiscal year. For the separate vehicle license tax classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels that are purchased before January 1, 2020, the motor vehicle value for the first 12 months of the life of the motor vehicle is a percentage of the manufacturer's base retail price of the motor vehicle as set by the department, instead of one percent. For the separate vehicle license tax classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels that are purchased on or after January 1, 2020, the motor vehicle value for the first 12 months of the life of the motor vehicle is 30 percent of the manufacturer's base retail price of the motor vehicle, and during each succeeding twelve-month period, the value of the motor vehicle is 15 percent less than the value for the preceding 12-month period. Changes to the vehicle license tax classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels are

effective January 1, 2020. Contains a legislative intent section. HB 2166 passed out of the House 35-24 and now awaits committee reference in the Senate.

HB 2527 DRIVER LICENSE TESTING; REQUIRED QUESTION

HB 2527 requires applicants for a driver license to pass a test regarding what a driver should do if stopped by a law enforcement officer, and are required to correctly answer every question that covers pulling over to the right side of the road when it is safe to do so. Defensive driving school class curriculum is required to include what a driver should do if stopped by a law enforcement officer. HB 2527 passed out of the House 59-1 and is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

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.

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