

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2019 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 96th 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 1,350 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced this legislative session, 138 bills have passed the Legislature. The Governor has now signed 110 of those bills, vetoed 3, and the remaining 25 await either his signature or veto. Tuesday, April 23rd will mark the 100th day of the legislative session; however, it is clear the Legislature will not adjourn sine die by this date.

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

HB 2318: S/E Texting While Driving; Prohibition; Enforcement

Yesterday the Arizona House of Representatives voted 44-16 to approve HB 2318 prohibiting the act of using a wireless device while driving and establishing the violation as a primary offense. Violations are a petty offense and are subject to a civil penalty of \$75 to \$149 for a first violation, and \$150 to \$250 for a second or subsequent violation, except that a violation that causes the death of or serious physical injury to another person is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. The bill is now on the Governor's desk and he has indicated publicly that he will sign this measure. The law becomes effective January 1, 2021 and local ordinances such as Glendale's remains in effect until December 31, 2020.

SB 1141 Distracted Driving

SB 1141 was also approved yesterday by the Arizona House 31-29. SB 1141 prohibits drivers from engaging in any activity that interferes with the safe operation of a vehicle. A person commits distracted driving if, while driving a motor vehicle, the person engages in any activity that is not related to the actual driving of the vehicle in a manner that visibly interferes with safely driving the vehicle, and drives the vehicle in a manner that is an immediate hazard to a person or property or does not exercise reasonable control of the vehicle as necessary to avoid colliding with any object, person, vehicle or other conveyance on, entering or adjacent to the highway.

HB 2569 Occupational Licensing; Reciprocity

Hb 2569 requires a regulating entity to issue an occupational or professional license or certificate to a person who establishes residence in Arizona if the person is currently licensed or certified in good standing in at least one other state in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity and if the person meets a list of other specified requirements. A license or certificate issued under this circumstance is valid only in Arizona and does not make the person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. A regulating entity is authorized to determine eligibility for an applicant to be licensed or certified under these circumstances if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact. HB 2569 was signed into law by Governor Ducey on April 10, 2019.

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.

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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