

Legislative Link Update

February 5, 2021

Hello and welcome to the 2021 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 26th day of session and there have been over 1,700 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This number officially passes last year's record for bill introduced in a single session. Due to this extreme number of bills introduced, it has become difficult for members of the legislators to meet with all of their constituencies; however, Glendale's legislators have done a fantastic job of touching base with the city and asking for our feedback. Our next session deadline is Monday, February 8, which is the last day for House bills to be introduced without special permission from the Speaker. There is only 2 weeks before the February 19 deadline for bills to be heard in their chamber of origin, so we expect a lot of bills to be heard these next few weeks.

Below are updates on a few bills that we believe may be of interest to you:

SB 1451 Workers' Compensation; Rates; Firefighters; Cancer

SB 1451 Workers' Compensation; Rates; Firefighters; Cancer proposes to add breast and ovarian cancer to the list of covered cancers as part of the workers' compensation statutes. The bill also proposes adding Fire Inspectors to the list of eligible workers' compensation claimants. SB 1451 passed out of the Senate Commerce Committee this week and is now awaiting a Senate Rules Hearing.

SCR 1014 Automatic Termination; State of Emergency

If passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, the 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to terminate a state of emergency declared by the Governor 21 days after the date on which the state of emergency is proclaimed, unless the Legislature extends the state of emergency by concurrent resolution. A state of emergency may be terminated earlier than the 21-day period by proclamation of the Governor or by concurrent resolution of the Legislature. If a state of emergency is not extended by the Legislature, the Governor is prohibited from proclaiming a new state of emergency based on the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances without the passage of a concurrent resolution by the Legislature consenting to the new state of emergency. If the Governor fails to comply with this prohibition, any citizen is authorized to apply to the superior court for a writ of mandamus to compel the Governor to comply. SCR 1014 passed out of the Senate and is now being sent to the Arizona House of Representatives where it will undergo the same approval process.

SB 1180 Civil Rights; Amendments

For the purpose of employment discrimination statutes, the terms "because of sex" and "on the basis of sex" includes because of or on the basis of pregnancy or childbirth or related medical conditions.

Women who are affected by pregnancy or childbirth or related medical conditions must be treated the same for all employment-related purposes, including receipt of benefits under fringe benefit programs, as other persons not so affected but similar in their ability or inability to work. SB 1180 is awaiting a final vote from the Senate and if approved, will be sent to the Arizona House of Representatives where it will undergo the same approval process.

HB 2294 Yielding to Emergency Vehicles; Penalties

HB 2294 sets civil penalties for vehicle operators who do not move over or slow down when approaching a first responder vehicle. A person who violates the requirement to move over to slow down when approaching a stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights or warning lights is subject to a civil penalty of \$275 for a first violation, \$500 for a second violation, and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent violation. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to educate the public about the requirement to move over or slow down periodically throughout the year and maintain information about the requirement on the ADOT website. HB 2294 passed out of the Senate 50-9 and is now being sent to the Arizona Senate where it will undergo the same approval process.

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. <https://azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=26568&listid=72498&print=true>

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

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