

## Legislative Link Update

March 30, 2018

Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 82<sup>nd</sup> day of session and to date, 17 bills on our tracking list have passed out of both chambers. Of those bills, 12 have been signed by Governor Ducey and the other 5 bills await his signature or a veto.

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

### **HB 2159 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; TRAFFIC SURVIVAL SCHOOL (~~WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES; TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS~~)**

HB 2159 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; TRAFFIC SURVIVAL SCHOOL was amended on March 15 to include a ban on texting while driving. The bill prohibits the use of a device to read, write or send electronic messages while operating a vehicle, unless the vehicle is stopped. Violators of the law are subject to a fine of \$25-\$95 for a first offense and \$100-\$200 for a second or subsequent offense. The bill classifies a violation that causes serious bodily injury or death as a Class 2 misdemeanor (up to 4 months in jail) and allows a fine of up to \$4,000. HB 2159 was approved by the Senate 19-11. The amended version will now need to be approved by the House and there is no scheduled Floor action at this time.

### **HB 2169 DRIVING VIOLATIONS; RESTRICTED LICENSES; PENALTIES**

HB 2169 outlines permitted travel for a restricted driver license or permit resulting from a conviction of a violation of statute, adds the option to restrict a person's driving privilege, and limits mandatory license suspension for failure to appear to criminal complaints. The bill also allows the court to mitigate a required court-ordered civil penalty if the offender demonstrates that the payment would be a hardship on the offender or the offender's immediate family. HB 2169 was approved in the House by a vote of 56-0, passed out of the Senate 30-0 and now awaits a signature or veto from Governor Ducey.

### **SB 1376 LANDLORD TENANT ACT; PERSONAL PROPERTY**

SB 1376 requires a landlord to hold the tenant's personal property for 14 calendar days, instead of 10 days or 21 days if the landlord retakes possession of a dwelling unit and the tenant is evicted. The landlord is not required to store the tenant's perishable items, plants and animals, and is permitted to remove and dispose of any personal property in the unit that is contaminated or poses a health and safety risk, at the landlord's discretion. The tenant's abandoned animals may be immediately removed and released to a shelter or boarding facility, or the landlord is required to notify animal control. If after 14 days the tenant makes no reasonable effort to recover the personal property, the landlord is permitted to donate the personal property to a qualifying charitable organization (in addition to the current authorization to sell the personal property). A landlord that complies with statutory requirements for disposition of personal property is not liable for any loss to the tenant or any third party that results from moving, storing or donating any personal property left in the dwelling unit. If the tenant returns to the landlord the keys to the dwelling unit and there is personal property remaining in the unit, the landlord is permitted to immediately remove and dispose of the personal property without liability to the tenant or a third party unless the landlord and tenant have agreed in writing to some other treatment of the property. SB 1376 passed out of the Senate 21-9, passed out of the House 33-25 and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on March 28, 2018. The law takes effect 90 days after the session has adjourned.

Our bill tracking list is 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>

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