

Legislative Link Update January 12, 2018

Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 2nd Regular Session of the 53rd Legislature convened on Monday, January 8, 2018. Today is the 5th day of session and there have been over 600 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. For comparison, last session there were over 1,150 bills introduced and of those 353 were passed by the Legislature and 342 were ultimately signed into law. We are in the process of reading through those bills and the hundreds more that will be introduced in the coming weeks. So far, we have identified 91 bills that we have added to our Legislative Link Tracking List because we believe they may be of interest to you and your neighborhood.

The session began with Governor Ducey giving his fourth State of the State address. You can watch his speech here: <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2018/01/arizona-state-state-2018>. Several priorities outlined by Governor Ducey include addressing the state's opioid epidemic, prison recidivism, education, adoption services, emerging technologies, and regulatory reform. The Governor also called a concurrent special session to address the opioid crisis in the state. A legislative package will be released next week, along with a formal call for the special session. The package is expected to include more than a dozen new laws, with efforts focused on reducing the illicit use of opioids, promoting safe prescribing from doctors and improving access to treatment.

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.

Arizona State Legislature Website: www.azleg.gov

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