

Legislative Link Update

February 2, 2018

Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 26th day of session and there have been over 1100 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. To date, we have identified 159 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 Senate deadline to introduce a bill has officially passed and the deadline in the House is next Monday, February 5th.

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

Municipalities; Parking; Public Vehicles

Over the years, cities and towns have established restrictions for on street parking. SB 1136 and HB 2209 restrict municipalities from prohibiting a resident from parking a motor vehicle on a street or driveway in the municipality if the vehicle is required to be available at designated periods at the person's residence as a condition of the person's employment and the resident is employed by either a public service corporation or a public safety agency. SB 1136 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on Tuesday at 2 p.m. **Write about the result of the 1/31 Senate Government Hearing.** HB 2209 received a do pass from the House Local and International Affairs Committee and now awaits a hearing from the House Rules Committee.

HB 2243 WRONG-WAY DRIVING; VIOLATION; DUI

A person who drives the wrong way on a controlled access highway commits wrong-way driving, is subject to a civil penalty of \$500, and is required to attend and successfully complete approved traffic survival school educational sessions. A person who commits a violation of driving under the influence (DUI) while driving the wrong way on a highway is guilty of aggravated DUI. HB 2243 was assigned to the House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee where it passed with an amendment. HB 2243 was also assigned to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where it is awaiting a committee hearing.

SB 1261 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING; PROHIBITION

A motor vehicle operator is prohibited from using a portable wireless communication device to read, write or send an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is stopped. Establishes a list of circumstances that constitute an affirmative defense to a prosecution of this prohibition. Violations are subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for a first violation, \$300 for a second or subsequent violation, or \$500 if the person is involved in a motor vehicle accident. Violations are a petty offense subject to a fine of \$25-\$99 for a first offense, and \$100-\$200 for a second or subsequent offense, except that a violation that causes the death of or serious bodily injury to another person is a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to \$4,000. SB 1261 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

SB 1146 VEHICLE FEES; ALTERNATIVE FUEL VLT

Repeals the separate vehicle license tax classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels. 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. SB 1146 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

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"Your Legislative Link" - New TV Program

The Glendale Public Affairs Department strives to work collaboratively with our legislative delegation in order to better serve our shared constituents. In an effort to further increase these partnerships and to help keep you informed of legislative issues, last year we created a new television show that is aired on Glendale Channel 11 called "Your Legislative Link." This 30 minute program connects you with your legislators, as the interview highlights their background, interests, and legislative priorities, while also addressing current topics that are of interest at the State Capital. "Your Legislative Link" will feature each of your Glendale legislators alphabetically, on a monthly rotation, over the coming months. The episodes are available on Channel 11 on Cox Cable and Century Link or on Glendale's YouTube channel, [MyGlendale11](#).

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

To determine who your state legislators are, [click here](#)

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