

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 22nd day of session and there have been over 1,556 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This is the most we have seen introduced in one session since 2006 when the legislature introduced 1,587 bills, memorials, and resolutions. Today was the last day for Senate bills to be introduced without special permission. With the House deadline scheduled for Friday, we may see more bills introduced this session than we have witnessed in the last 20+ years. Of the 81 bills on our neighborhood tracking list, 4 bills have passed out of committee. There is only 3 weeks before the February 21 deadline of 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 the a few bills that we believe may be of interest to you:

SB 1397 Insurance; Preexisting Condition Exclusions; Prohibition

SB 1397 requires every "health care insurer" that offers an "individual health plan" in Arizona to provide guaranteed availability of coverage to an eligible individual who desires to enroll in health insurance coverage and is prohibited from declining to offer that coverage to, or denying enrollment of, that individual. Every health care insurer that offers an individual health plan in Arizona is prohibited from imposing any "preexisting condition exclusion" (defined) with respect to the issuance, renewal or scope of benefits provided in such coverage. A health care insurer is permitted to restrict enrollment in individual health plans to open enrollment periods and special enrollment periods to the extent the periods are not inconsistent with applicable federal law. SB 1397 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Senate Hearing Rm 1.

HB 2285 Motorcycle Operation; Passing Vehicles

HB 2285 authorizes an operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle to overtake and pass another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel in the same lane. The rider is permitted to operate the motorcycle between the lanes of traffic on a street that is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel with a speed limit that does not exceed 45 miles per hour, if the motorcycle is traveling at a speed that does not exceed 15 miles per hour. HB 2285 has been dual assigned to the House Transportation Committee and the House Public Safety Committee.

HB 2028 Candidate Signs; Prohibition; Primary

HB 2028 increases the period of time that political signs may be placed in a public right-of-way to 120 days before the primary election instead of 60 days prior. The Supreme Court ruled in 2016 (Reed v. Town of Gilbert) that cities cannot regulate signs based on content so an increase to the amount of days that signs can be placed in the public right-of-way can mean an increase in signs displaying other content throughout our community. HB 2028 is scheduled to be heard in the House Election Committee tomorrow at 2 p.m. in House Hearing Rm 4.

HB 2254/SB 1057 Lyme; Vector-Borne Diseases; Treatment

HB 2254 and SB 1057 are mirroring bills that authorizes a licensed prescribing health professional to prescribe, administer or dispense "long-term antimicrobial therapy" (defined) for a therapeutic purpose

to eliminate pathogens or control a patient's symptoms after making a clinical diagnosis that the patient has "Lyme or a vector-borne disease" (defined) or displays symptoms consistent with a clinical diagnosis of Lyme or a vector-borne disease. HB 2254 is scheduled to be heard in the House Health & Human Services committee on Thursday at 9 a.m. in House Hearing Rm 4. SB 1057 was assigned to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and passed out of committee on January 23. SB 1057 now awaits consideration by the Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1441 Protection Orders; Modification; Residence Possession

SB 1441 mandates that while an order of protection is in effect, if a party was granted the use and exclusive possession of the parties' residence and subsequently moves out of the house, the party is required to notify the court within five days after moving out of the residence. The court is authorized to hold additional order of protection hearings at any time if there is a change in circumstances related to the primary residence. SB 1441 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday at 9 a.m. in Senate Hearing Rm 109.

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=26403&listid=68786&print=true>

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

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Best regards,

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