

# Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 15th day of session and there have been over 1,000 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. The next session deadline is February 3rd which is the last day for Senate bills to be introduced without special permission. Committee schedules last week consisted of state agency reports and committee procedures. While the number of bills acted on by committees last week were few, we expect the number of bills that are assigned to a committee to begin to increase as there are now four weeks left for House consideration of House bills and Senate consideration of Senate bills. Staff throughout the city continue to review legislation to provide feedback on the potential impact of proposed legislation and we are grateful for their assistance.

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

## **HB 2173 Smoking Regulation; Electronic Smoking Devices**

For the purposes of the statutes prohibiting smoking in all public places and places of employment in Arizona, HB 2173 proposes to expand the definition of "smoking" to include marijuana and the use of an "electronic smoking device." The list of places exempt from the prohibition on smoking in public places is modified to remove veterans and fraternal clubs when they are not open to the public and smoking as part of a theatrical performance on a stage or in the course of a film or television production. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage. HB 2173 has been assigned to the House Health and Human Services Committee and is currently awaiting consideration by the committee.

## **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 has been assigned to the House Health and Human Services Committee and is currently awaiting a hearing. 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.

## **HB 2036 Fentanyl; Heroin; Carfentanil; Mandatory Sentencing**

HB 2036 establishes a minimum sentencing of 5 calendar years to any person convicted of a violation of possession or use, possession or use for sale, manufacture or transport for sale of fentanyl, heroin, carfentanil or fentanyl mimetic substances. The person must be sentenced to a minimum sentence of 5 calendar years, with a presumptive sentence of 10 calendar years and a maximum sentence of 15 calendar years. A person with a previous conviction of the same list of offenses for these drugs must be sentenced to a minimum sentence of 10 calendar years, with a presumptive sentence of 15 calendar years and a maximum sentence of 20 calendar years. A person convicted of these violations is not eligible for suspension of sentence, probation, pardon or release from confinement on any basis until the person has served the sentence imposed by the court or the sentence is commuted. HB 2036 was

assigned to the House Judiciary Committee and passed out of committee on January 22 on a party line vote.

**HB 2048 Executive Session; School Safety Plans**

HB 2048 expands the list of purposes for which a public body is authorized to hold an executive session to include discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs. HB 2048 was dual assigned to the House Education Committee and the House Public Safety Committee. The bills is now awaiting consideration by both committees separately.

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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