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LTAA-SPONSORED BILLS

Bill Summaries

H2146: HOAS; DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS; AGENT

Homeowner's associations and condo associations are required to deliver copies of the bylaws, rules, declaration and other specified documents to a purchaser and the purchaser's authorized agent, if any. Previously the association was required to deliver the documents to the purchaser or the agent.

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2146 Daily History   Date Action
HOAS; DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS; AGENT 1/12 referred to House com.

NEW BILLS TO REVIEW

Bill Summaries

H2332: PROPERTY TAX VALUATION APPEALS
Establishes requirements for a court appeal that asserts that the taxing authority's valuation is excessive for a property whose full cash value exceeds $4 million, including requiring the appellant to serve a preliminary expert opinion affidavit that includes specified information on the value of the property.

First sponsor: Rep. Campbell

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**H2355: MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANY REORGANIZATION**

Adds an article of statute to Title 20 (Insurance) regulating mutual holding company reorganization. Requires the Director of the Department of Insurance to approve reorganization plans. Establishes requirements for the contents of reorganization plans and a process for plan review and approval, including a hearing.

First sponsor: Rep. Livingston

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**S1175: REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES; DEFINITION**

For the purpose of statute prohibiting certain real estate transfer fees, the definition of "association" is expanded to include a nonprofit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contains a legislative intent section. Retroactive to July 29, 2010.

First sponsor: Sen. Lesko

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**S1183: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; OMNIBUS**

Various rules the Department of Environmental Quality is required to adopt are eliminated, and several rules are permitted, instead of required, to be adopted.

First sponsor: Sen. Petersen

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**S1192: TECH CORRECTION; PROPERTY TAX**

Minor change in Title 42 (Taxation) related to property tax exemptions. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee

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**S1197: REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL**

Eliminates the State Board of Appraisal and the Executive Director of the Board and transfers their duties to the Superintendent of Financial Institutions. Repeals the Board of Appraisal Fund and transfers any unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Fund to the general fund on the effective date of this legislation. The Superintendent is authorized to charge a one-year national registry fee for appraisal management companies, to be deposited in the newly established Appraisal Subcommittee Fund and administered by the Department of Financial Institutions. Modifies definitions.

First sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee

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REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL 1/24 referred to Senate com-pub safety.

S1240: HOAS; STREETS; AUTHORITY

Statute declaring that a homeowners' association has no authority over and cannot regulate any roadway for which the ownership has been dedicated to or is otherwise held by a governmental entity applies to all planned communities without regard to whether the declaration is recorded before or after the effective date of this legislation. Previously, these provisions applied only to planned communities for which the declaration was recorded after December 31, 2014.

First sponsor: Sen. Kavanagh

S1240 Daily History Date Action
HOAS; STREETS; AUTHORITY 1/24 referred to Senate gov.

S1245: STATE LANDS; PERPETUAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The State Land Department is required to grant a perpetual right-of-way, after conducting an appraisal, at public auction to the highest and best bidder if the grant is for the purpose of providing legal access to private property to which access across state land is the historic access or is necessary because state or federal land surrounds the private property.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin

S1245 Daily History Date Action
STATE LANDS; PERPETUAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY 1/25 referred to Senate nat res-energy.

S1270: AUTHORIZED THIRD PARTIES; ELECTRONIC TITLE

If the Department of Transportation establishes a system to require recording of certificate of title information through electronic media, the Dept must implement the system no sooner than January 1, 2018 and no later than January 1, 2023. The Dept is required to notify authorized third party electronic service providers and partners of the system’s establishment and implementation. The Dept is prohibited from authorizing a government entity to be a third party electronic service provider or partner.

First sponsor: Sen. Worsley

S1270 Daily History Date Action
AUTHORIZED THIRD PARTIES; ELECTRONIC TITLE 1/25 referred to Senate trans-tech.

S1288: HOAS; BOARD CONFLICTS

Expands the list of reasons a condo or HOA board member is required to declare a conflict of interest to include any contract, decision or other action for compensation taken by the board that would benefit any employer or employee of that member. For all circumstances where a condo or HOA board member declares a conflict of interest, the board member is prohibited from playing a part directly or indirectly in the board's deliberations or vote on that issue, instead of being permitted to vote after the declaration.

First sponsor: Sen. D. Farnsworth

S1288 Daily History Date Action
HOAS; BOARD CONFLICTS 1/26 referred to Senate gov.

S1289: HOAS; HEARINGS; ATTORNEY FEES

An administrative law judge is prohibited from awarding attorney fees to the association in a dispute between an owner and a condo association or homeowners' association.

First sponsor: Sen. D. Farnsworth
S1289 Daily History    Date Action
HOAS; HEARINGS; ATTORNEY FEES 1/26 referred to Senate gov.

**S1298: ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS; SIGNATURES; WILLS; TRUSTS**

For the purpose of statutes governing wills and trusts, "executed" or "signed" includes the use of an "electronic signature" (defined elsewhere in statute). Establishes requirements for electronic wills and electronic trust instruments, including authentication method requirements. A video recording or other electronic record is admissible as evidence of the proper execution of a will or trust, subject to court rule. The signature or acknowledgement on a will may be witnessed in person or by means of a two-way audio and video conference.

First sponsor: Sen. Worsley

S1298 Daily History    Date Action
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS; SIGNATURES; WILLS; TRUSTS 1/26 referred to Senate jud.

**S1308: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS; EASEMENTS, LEASES**

Statute allowing a municipality to sell and convey all or any part of its real or personal property does not apply to the grant of an easement on or a lease of county flood control district property. A county flood control district is permitted to authorize the grant of an easement on or a lease of the district real property without public auction if a list of specified conditions is met.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin
Others: Rep. Bowers

S1308 Daily History    Date Action
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS; EASEMENTS, LEASES 1/26 referred to Senate nat res-energy.

**SUPPORT**

**Bill Summaries**

**H2095: STATE LANDS; PERPETUAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

The State Land Department is required to grant a perpetual right-of-way, after conducting an appraisal, at public auction to the highest and best bidder if the grant is for the purpose of providing legal access to private property to which access across state land is the historic access or is necessary because state or federal land surrounds the private property.

First sponsor: Rep. Bowers

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2095 Daily History    Date Action
STATE LANDS; PERPETUAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY 1/17 referred to House land-agri-rural.

**MONITOR**

**Bill Summaries**

**H2013: NEWSPAPERS; PUBLIC NOTICES; PUBLICATION**

For the purpose of publication of public notices, a "newspaper" is no longer required to be admitted under federal law as second-class matter in the United States mails for at least one year.

First sponsor: Rep. Finchem

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2013 Daily History    Date Action
H2014: LEGAL TENDER EXCHANGE; TAX EFFECT

The lists of subtractions from Arizona gross income for individual and corporate income tax purposes are expanded to include the amount of any net capital gain included in Arizona adjusted gross income for the tax year that is derived from the exchange of one kind of legal tender for another kind of legal tender. The list of additions to Arizona gross income for individual and corporate income tax purposes is expanded to include the amount of any net capital loss included in Arizona adjusted gross income for the tax year that is derived from the exchange of one kind of legal tender for another kind of legal tender. For these purposes, “legal tender” is defined as a medium of exchange, including "specie" (defined as coins having precious metal content), that is authorized by the U.S. Constitution or Congress for the payment of debts, public charges, taxes and dues. Effective for tax years beginning with 2018.

First sponsor: Rep. Finch

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2015: GOLD BONDS; STUDY COMMITTEE

Establishe the 11-member Joint Study Committee on Gold Bonds to study the use of gold bonds as hard asset-backed instruments to reduce state debt and protect public pension obligations of the state. The Committee is required to submit a report of its recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2017 and self-repeals October 1, 2018.

First sponsor: Rep. Finch

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2067: REAL ESTATE LICENSING; EXCEPTION; ASSISTANTS

Real estate licensing regulations do not apply to an individual who is hired by a real estate licensee as an assistant, transaction coordinator or other administrator if the individual is not engaging in any activity for which a license is required.

First sponsor: Rep. Shope

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2069: INSURANCE TAXES; INSTALLMENTS; ELECTRONIC FILING

An insurer is required to file monthly insurance premium tax reports and payments from March through August if that insurer paid or is required to pay a tax of $50,000 or more during the preceding calendar year, increased from $2,000 or more. Beginning January 1, 2018, the Department of Insurance is
permitted to require insurance premium tax reports and payments to be submitted electronically. Effective January 1, 2018.

First sponsor: Rep. Livingston

**Single List Comments:**

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**H2072: MANUFACTURED HOMES; REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

The list of transactions where licensed real estate brokers and licensed real estate salesmen are exempt from the requirements of specified housing regulations is expanded to include transactions with respect to manufactured homes and mobile homes that are located in mobile home parks.

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger

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**H2158: TAX LIEN FORECLOSURES; SUBDIVISIONS; EXEMPTION**

Lots, parcels or fractional interests that are the result of a foreclosure of the right to redeem are added to the list of lands that are exempt from statutes regulating the sale of subdivided lands. Does not apply to a tax lien purchaser if the deed described in the judgment is not recorded in the office of the county recorder and does not exempt a tax lien purchase who actually subdivides or intents to subdivide land or create a subdivision.

First sponsor: Rep. Shope

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**H2165: AUTHORIZED THIRD PARTIES; ELECTRONIC TITLE**

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First sponsor: Rep. Campbell

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**H2220: ELECTRONIC FILES; ACCESS; OFFICIAL RECORD**
The Supreme Court and any justice or judge in Arizona is prohibited from
designating a paper transcript of a hearing or other proceeding as the only official
record if the hearing or other proceeding is electronically recorded and the
recording is audible. If the presiding judge of the superior court provides
electronic file access or filing privileges to attorneys, the privileges must also be
provided to clients and pro se litigants.

First sponsor: Rep. Bowers

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2220 Daily History Date Action
ELECTRONIC FILES; ACCESS; OFFICIAL RECORD 1/26 from House jud-pub safety with amend #4027.
ELECTRONIC FILES; ACCESS; OFFICIAL RECORD 1/25 House jud-pub safety amended; report awaited.
ELECTRONIC FILES; ACCESS; OFFICIAL RECORD 1/17 referred to House jud-pub safety.

H2233: REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS; SECURITIES

The list of exempt transactions for the purposes of securities registration is
modified to declare that a sale is not considered to be made in the course of
repeated or successive transactions if at least six months, reduced from nine
months, have passed after the date of the last sale of the security by the issuer
to an Arizona resident. The list of qualifications that must be met for an offer or
sale of a security by the issuer to be exempt from specified securities regulations
is expanded to include that the issuer is an Arizona resident.

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2233 Daily History Date Action
REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS; SECURITIES 1/12 referred to House bank-ins.

H2321: HOAS; CUMULATIVE VOTING; PROHIBITION

Condominium associations and HOAs are prohibited from using cumulative
voting.

First sponsor: Rep. Clark
Others: Rep. Finchem

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

H2321 Daily History Date Action
HOAS; CUMULATIVE VOTING; PROHIBITION 1/23 referred to House local-intl.

S1013: TECH CORRECTION; DEFRAUDING SECURED CREDITORS

Minor change in Title 13 (Criminal Code) related to defrauding secured creditors.
Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Burges

Single List Comments:

1/24/17 - Reviewed by Legislative Committee

S1013 Daily History Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; DEFRAUDING SECURED CREDITORS 1/9 referred to Senate rules only.

S1019: PUBLIC RECORDS; UNDULY BURdensome REQUESTS

It is a defense to any action under public records law that the request for access
to public records is unduly burdensome or harassing.
First sponsor: Sen. Kavanagh

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S1058: REPEAL; REGIONAL ATTRACTION DISTRICTS

Repeals Chapter 38 of Title 48 (Special Taxing Districts), which establishes and governs regional attraction districts.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin

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S1060: HOAS; DISPUTE PROCESS

Jurisdiction over administrative hearings for disputes between condo or homeowners’ associations and unit owners or members is moved to the State Real Estate Department, from the Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin

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S1081: MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANY REORGANIZATION

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First sponsor: Sen. Fann
Others: Rep. Livingston

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S1113: HOAS; ARTIFICIAL GRASS BAN PROHIBITED

In any planned community that allows grass on a member’s property, a homeowner’s association cannot prohibit the installation or use of artificial grass on any member’s property.
 Counties and municipalities are no longer prohibited from requiring as part of a subdivision approval or regulation or a zoning ordinance that a subdivider or developer establish a homeowner's association, and are instead required to provide for the establishment of single-family residential property developments that do not include property held in common ownership and that are required to be included in an improvement district for the limited purpose of owning, operating and maintaining any detention and retention basins, landscaping, open spaces, parks, entryways, street rights-of-way, recreational facilities and other improvements for the benefit of the private property owners within the development and the improvement district. Does not prohibit a subdivider or developer from obtaining approval for a residential property development that does not include property held in common ownership without an improvement district.

First sponsor: Sen. D. Farnsworth
Others: Sen. Meza, Sen. Miranda