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ARIZONA FUNERAL, CEMETERY & CREMATION ASSOCIATION Legislative Report January 22, 2016

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Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

H2084: VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; DEATH RECORDS

Hearing: House Elections (Thursday 01/28/16 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

H2325: ENVIRONMENT; WATER QUALITY AMENDMENTS

Hearing: House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources (Monday 01/25/16 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)

S1191: WATER PROTECTION FUND; CONSERVATION; SUPPLY

Hearing: Senate Water & Energy (Monday 01/25/16 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)

S1192: ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND; APPROPRIATION

Hearing: Senate Water & Energy (Monday 01/25/16 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)

Bill Summaries

H2084: VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; DEATH RECORDS

The Department of Health Services is required to annually provide the Secretary of State with access to the statewide system of all records of all deaths and the Secretary of State may compare the records of deaths with the statewide voter registration database.

First sponsor: Rep. Stevens

H2084 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; DEATH RECORDS	1/13	referred to House elect.

H2217: TECH CORRECTION; WATER PROTECTION

Minor change in Title 45 (Waters) related to water protection. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Rep. Kern

H2217 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2281: PROHIBITED PESTICIDES

It is unlawful for a person to sell or use the pesticides clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam in Arizona.

First sponsor: Rep. Mendez
Others: Rep. Andrade, Rep. Cardenas, Rep. Clark, Rep. Gabaldon, Rep. Hale, Rep. Larkin, Rep. Plumlee, Rep. Velasquez

H2281 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2291: GROUNDWATER; WATERLOGGED AREA EXEMPTION; DATE

The exemption from any irrigation water duties or intermediate water duties for a person with an irrigation grandfathered right on irrigation acres in the management plans for the first through fourth management periods for the Phoenix Active Management Area (AMA) is extended to the fifth management period and terminates on December 31, 2024. The exemption from conservation requirements for the distribution of groundwater for specified companies and districts is also extended to the fifth management period for the Phoenix AMA and terminates on December 31, 2024. The exemption from groundwater withdrawal fees and water quality assurance fees for these areas is extended five years through 2024, from 2019.

First sponsor: Rep. Mitchell

H2291 Daily History	Date	Action
GROUNDWATER; WATERLOGGED AREA EXEMPTION; DATE 1/21 referred to House agri-water-land.		

H2307: ANATOMICAL GIFTS; PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS; LICENSURE

A person acting as an anatomical gift procurement organization in Arizona is required to be licensed by the Department of Health Services and pay all applicable license fees as prescribed by the Dept. Requirements for licensure and record keeping are established. The Dept is authorized to take various enforcement actions against a licensee in violation of statutory requirements and related rules adopted by the Dept.

First sponsor: Rep. Cobb
Others: Rep. Borrelli, Rep. Shope

H2307 Daily History	Date	Action
ANATOMICAL GIFTS; PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS; LICENSURE 1/21 referred to House hel.		

H2318: CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT BOARD; MEMBERSHIP

The board of directors of a multi-county water conservation district is required to include one nonvoting member who is appointed by the Governor from a list of three persons holding elected tribal office for an Indian tribe in Arizona. This member serves a four-year term or until s/he is no longer holding an elected tribal office, whichever occurs earlier. The initial term of this member begins on January 1, 2017.

First sponsor: Rep. Hale
Others: Rep. Alston, Rep. Andrade, Rep. Benally, Rep. Bolding, Sen. Bradley, Rep. Cardenas, Rep. Clark, Rep. Fernandez, Rep. Gabaldon, Rep. Gonzales, Rep. Larkin, Rep. McCune Davis, Rep. Mendez, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Rios, Rep. Saldade, Rep. Velasquez, Rep. Wheeler

H2318 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2325: ENVIRONMENT; WATER QUALITY AMENDMENTS

Various changes to statutes relating to water quality. The maximum lead content for pipes, pipe fittings, and plumbing fittings and fixtures is set at a weighted average of 0.25 percent when used with respect to wetted surfaces, and must be calculated using a specified formula. The list of exemptions from the maximum lead content standards is expanded to include specified uses where water is not anticipated to be used for human consumption. Monies from fees for certification of operators of potable water systems and sewage treatment plants are deposited in the Water Quality Fee Fund, instead of the general fund.

First sponsor: Rep. Pratt
Others: Rep. Bowers, Rep. Shope

H2325 Daily History	Date	Action
ENVIRONMENT; WATER QUALITY AMENDMENTS 1/21 referred to House energy-env.		

H2331: SMALL WATER SYSTEMS FUND; APPROPRIATION

Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2016-17 to the Small Water Systems Fund for emergency grants to interim operators of small water systems.

First sponsor: Rep. Barton
Others: Sen. S. Allen, Sen. Begay, Rep. Borrelli, Rep. Bowers, Rep. Fann, Rep. Gabaldon, Rep. Gray, Sen. Griffin, Rep. Livingston, Rep. Mitchell, Sen. Pancrazi, Rep. Pratt, Rep. Thorpe

H2331 Daily History	Date	Action
SMALL WATER SYSTEMS FUND; APPROPRIATION 1/21 referred to House agri-water-land, appro.		

H2337: REGULATION; DEFICIENCIES; OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT

The opportunity to correct deficiencies identified during an inspection is required to be granted liberally in order for the regulated person to achieve successful compliance with the rules rather than receiving sanctions.

First sponsor: Rep. Norgaard
Others: Rep. Livingston

H2337 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2391: MUNICIPALITIES; WATER RATES; REQUIREMENTS

Every fee or service charge demanded or received by municipalities for water and wastewater services is required to be attributable to and defray or cover the expense of service for which the fee or service charge is assessed. A fee or charge may not be assessed or collected for the purpose of defraying or covering the municipality's cost of purchasing or otherwise acquiring a water or wastewater corporation or business. Any water or wastewater rate, rate component, fee or service charge assessed to fund new infrastructure or capital improvements is required to comply with statute regulating municipal development fees.

First sponsor: Rep. Bowers
Others: Sen. Griffin

H2391 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2475: FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS; PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS

It is a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor for a funeral establishment or Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers licensee to hold a pecuniary or proprietary interest in a procurement organization. Some exceptions.

First sponsor: Rep. Norgaard
Others: Rep. Bowers, Rep. Cobb, Rep. Livingston, Rep. Mendez, Rep. Mitchell

H2475 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

HCR2031: PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; EXEMPTION

The 2016 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from levying a tax on the first \$2.4 million of full cash value of personal property that is initially acquired during or after tax year 2016 and that is used for agricultural purposes or in trade or business. The Legislature is permitted to provide by law for increasing \$2.4 million exempt amount.

First sponsor: Rep. Mesnard

HCR2031 Daily History	Date	Action
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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; EXEMPTION 1/21 referred to House gov-higher ed, appro.

S1016: WATER & ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Adds a new article to Title 48 (Special Taxing Districts) establishing and regulating water and energy improvement districts. The governing body of a local government is authorized to adopt a resolution establishing a district after following specified steps. Once a district is formed, the local government is authorized to hire a program administrator and staff, contract for professional services, impose fees and assessments to offset the costs of administering a program, and issue bonds or notes to finance qualified projects. Contains a legislative intent section.

First sponsor: Sen. Sherwood
Others: Sen. Quezada

S1016 Daily History Date Action
WATER & ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS 1/11 referred to Senate water-energy, fin.

S1086: TECH CORRECTION; ASSISTANT FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Minor change in Title 32 (Professions and Occupations) related to assistant funeral directors. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Shooter

S1086 Daily History Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; ASSISTANT FUNERAL DIRECTOR 1/12 referred to Senate rules only.

S1099: TECH CORRECTION; INDIGENT CARE; RECORDS

Minor change in Title 11 (Counties) related to records of indigent care. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Barto

S1099 Daily History Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; INDIGENT CARE; RECORDS 1/13 referred to Senate rules only.

S1145: TECH CORRECTION; WATER RESOURCES

Minor change in Title 45 (Waters) related to the Department of Water Resources. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Pierce

S1145 Daily History Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; WATER RESOURCES 1/19 referred to Senate rules only.

S1146: TECH CORRECTION; ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Minor change in Title 45 (Waters) related to Active Management Areas. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Pierce

S1146 Daily History Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS 1/19 referred to Senate rules only.

S1191: WATER PROTECTION FUND; CONSERVATION; SUPPLY

The list of projects that the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission is required to give priority in funding to is expanded to include projects that increase the supply of water. Removes the cap of five percent of the monies spent in any fiscal year being spent in water conservation programs outside of active management areas.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin
Others: Sen. McGuire

S1191 Daily History Date Action
WATER PROTECTION FUND; CONSERVATION; SUPPLY 1/20 referred to Senate water-energy.

S1192: ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND; APPROPRIATION

Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2016-17 to the Arizona Water Protection Fund.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin

S1192 Daily History	Date	Action
ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND; APPROPRIATION 1/20 referred to Senate water-energy, appro.		

S1248: BODY OF WATER; AGGREGATE MINING

The list of bodies of water exempt from the prohibition on using any water to fill or refill all or a portion of a body of water is expanded to include a body of water within the boundaries of the exempted area delineated on the map of the Phoenix Active Management Area filed with the Secretary of State's office and the body of water meets all of a list of specified requirements, including that the body of water is established as the result of aggregate mining.

First sponsor: Sen. Shooter

S1248 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

SCR1004: CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

The 2016 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to consolidate and reorganize provisions relating to exemptions from property taxation. Sections of the state Constitution relating to property tax exemptions are repealed and replaced. Impossible to determine new provisions without a line by line comparison.

First sponsor: Sen. Burges

SCR1004 Daily History	Date	Action
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS 1/20 referred to Senate fin.		