



City of Glendale Legislative Link Update February 7th, 2025



Today marks the 26th day of session, with 1,603 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced so far. As we wrap up the third week and head into the fourth, committee agendas are getting longer, with some now stretching beyond three pages. Next Monday, the 10th, at 5:00 PM is the last chance to introduce bills in the Arizona House of Representatives—after that, no new bills can be filed without approval from the President or Speaker of the House. Last year, 1,798 bills, memorials, and resolutions were introduced, so if another 196 bills come in before the deadline, this session will set a new record. With only two weeks left for bills to be heard in their original chamber's committee, we can expect the number of active bills to start shrinking.

Below are bills that, if signed into law, would impact your communities.

HB2055 Immunizations; requirements; exemption

HB2055 would provide an exemption for an individual required to receive a

vaccination for any purpose if there is no vaccination available and certain, listed criteria are also met. It prohibits any other Arizona Department, agency, board or commission from requiring the individual with an exemption from a specific vaccination requirement from imposing other limits in addition to the criteria listed in this legislation. This bill was heard on January 28th in the House Regulatory Oversight Committee and passed 3-2. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

HB2437 Drug-free homeless zones

HB2437 aims to establish "drug-free homeless service zones" prohibiting the sale, transfer, possession, or use of dangerous drugs and narcotics within these areas. It increases penalties for drug-related offenses committed in these zones, adding an extra year to the sentence. Employees of homeless service facilities that receive government funding can face misdemeanor charges if they knowingly allow drug use or possession on-site. Facilities must post clear signs designating the area as a drug-free zone and implement formal policies prohibiting drug use. The goal of this bill is to enhance safety in homeless shelters and service areas by reducing drug activity. This bill was heard on Wednesday in the House Judiciary Committee and passed 5-3. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

HB2684 Pedestrians; congregating; medians; unsafe locations

HB2684 would prohibit a pedestrian from congregating or engaging in solicitation if the pedestrian is either on a painted or raised traffic island or median, or on an exit or entrance ramp or roadway of a controlled access highway, or in an unsafe location where there is not a sidewalk or a safe corridor for pedestrians. It allows a peace officer to issue a warning for the first violation, a civil traffic violation for a second violation, and for a third violation the person is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. It further provides that a person who is convicted of a violation is not eligible for nomination or election to and is not eligible to hold an elected public office in Arizona, and if holding office when convicted, shall resign from office and the office shall be deemed vacant. This bill was heard on Tuesday in the House Regulatory Oversight Committee and passed 3-2. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

SB1019 Photo enforcement systems; prohibition

SB1019 would the use of "photo enforcement systems" by law enforcement and local authorities to enforce traffic laws. Photo enforcement systems have been defined by this bill as a device substantially consisting of a radar unit or sensor linked to a camera or other recording device that produces one or more photographs, microphotographs, videotapes or digital or other recorded images of a vehicle's license plate for the purpose of identifying violators of this chapter or of a city or town ordinance for excessive speed or failure to obey a traffic control device. The bill was heard on Wednesday in the Senate Public Safety Committee and passed 4-3. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

SB1109 Designated countries; land ownership; prohibition

SB1109 would Prohibits a "foreign principle" from a designated country, directly or indirectly, from purchasing, owning, acquiring by grant or device, or have a "substantial interest" in real property in Arizona. Foreign principal has been defined by this bill as any of the following: the government or any official of the government from a designated country, a political party from a designated county, any person, business or other entity operating on its behalf. Those designated countries means a country that is identified by the United States Director of National Intelligence as a country that poses a risk to the National Security of the United States in each of the three most recent threat assessments. It requires the attorney general to enforce this section and outlines the actions a court and county must take if a violation of this

legislation is proven. It provides liability protection to a title insurer, title agent, escrow agent, or real estate licensee involved in the sale or purchase of real estate in violation of this legislation and stipulates that said violation is prohibited from being the basis for a title insurance claim for any title insurance policy issued for property in Arizona. It further defines criteria that must be met for a foreign principle to purchase, own, acquire by grant or deed, or have an interest in, real estate in Arizona. It stipulates that a foreign principle that directly or indirectly owns or acquires any interest in real property in Arizona on or before the effective date of this legislation may continue to own or hold such real property but may not purchase or acquire any additional real property in Arizona, except as provided for and permitted in state law. This bill was heard on Monday in the Senate Military Affairs and Border Security Committee and passed 4-3. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

Intergovernmental staff will begin reviewing all 892 bills introduced so far, and with the help of our different departments, we will begin monitoring those bills that, if voted on and signed into law, would impact your community.

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

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