

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WATER

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HB 2226 – Chapter 220 – property tax; algaculture

Modifies the definition of *agricultural real property* in Arizona’s property tax statutes to include lands of at least five acres and improvements that are designated for algaculture.

HB 2322 – Chapter 237 – watercraft; registration; fees

Aligns state law with federal regulations regarding nonresident boating registration fees by requiring residents and nonresidents to pay the same boating registration fee. Establishes a new fee for nonresidents who use Arizona waterways.

HB 2332 – Chapter 331 – healthy forest enterprise incentives; extension

Extends healthy forest enterprise incentives by providing sales, use, and income tax incentives for qualified businesses through December 31, 2024.

HB 2360 – Chapter 222 – flood control districts; immunity

Provides a flood control district and its employee’s immunity from damages that arise out of a plan for construction, maintenance, or improvement of certain structures if a reasonably adequate warning is given. Allows nonresident landowners to run for district board positions.

HB 2363 – Chapter 95 [E] – harvested water; committee

Establishes a Joint Legislative Study Committee on Macro-Harvested Water to analyze and evaluate issues arising from the collection and recovery of large scale harvested water.

HB 2372 – Chapter 118 – agricultural improvement districts; voting

Makes clarifying changes to the requirements for land held by estate trusts to vote in agricultural improvement district elections.

HB 2520 – Chapter 101 – pesticide buffer zones; health care

Requires health care institutions to be licensed in order to be subject to current buffer zone law, and expands notification of nearby pesticide application to child care group homes.

HB 2658 – Chapter 228 – flood control authority; relinquishment; districts

Makes clarifying changes to statute concerning liabilities of flood control authority transfers from cities or towns to county districts, and transfers from county districts to cities or towns.

HB 2780 – Chapter 258 – animal cruelty; ranching dogs

Prohibits adoption of a city, town, or county ordinance that prohibits or restricts an activity involving a dog, whether the dog is restrained or not, if the activity is directly related to the business of shepherding or herding livestock and the activity is necessary for the safety of a human, the dog, or livestock, or is permitted by the agriculture code.

SB 1231 – Chapter 346 – appropriation; attorney general; habitat destruction

Mandates that funds appropriated to ADOA for distribution to the Apache County Attorney’s Office shall be used to represent the interests of the people of Arizona and Apache County for legal action against the US Forest Service.

SB 1236 – Chapter 282 – *surface water management; pilot project

Creates an instream flow application process and a harvested water pilot project program.

SB 1297 – Chapter 292 – agricultural best management committee; continuation

Continues the Agricultural Best Management Practices Advisory Committee for 10 years until July 1, 2022.

SB 1342 – Chapter 181 – veterinarians; substance abuse treatment

Establishes a treatment and rehabilitation plan for veterinarians and veterinary technicians who are impaired by alcohol or drug abuse.

SB 1417 – Chapter 312 – mining operations; long-term storage credits

Instructs the director of DWR to exclude the amount of groundwater that was withdrawn during the year for mining activities if the storer was engaged in mineral extraction and metallurgical processing within an initial AMA on or before January 1, 2011.