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HB 2291 (Chapter 86): groundwater; waterlogged area exemption; date

Extends, through the fifth management period (2025), exemptions from irrigation or intermediate water duties, water conservation requirements and groundwater withdrawal fees for three irrigation districts located in the southwest portion of Maricopa County. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2326 (Chapter 361): agricultural feed; sales; tax exemption

Extends transaction privilege, use and municipal tax exemptions to include sales of livestock and poultry feed and other related items to anyone who feeds their own livestock or board livestock non-commercially. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2622 (Chapter 244): water; improvement districts; tax limit

Allows the governing body of a domestic water (DWID) or wastewater improvement district (DWWID) that levy taxes based on square footage of property to adopt a resolution to limit the taxes collected from any single parcel of property. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1189 (Chapter 145): department of forestry

Establishes the Department of Forestry and Fire Management and modifies the duties of the State Forester. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1191 (Chapter 217): water protection fund; conservation; supply

Expands the use of the Arizona Water Protection Fund to include projects that increase water supply and removes the 5% spending cap of fund monies for water conservation programs. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1243 (Chapter 152): Mexican wolf; G&F approval; reporting

Requires the Game and Fish Commission to attempt to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Mexican gray wolves and specifies information the Game and Fish Department must report to the Commission at each meeting regarding the wolf. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1248 (Chapter 351): pet store operators; dealers; regulations

Prohibits pet stores and dealers from acquiring dogs and cats from sources that are not licensed by the USDA or have violated animal welfare regulations; establishes penalties for violation of this Act; prevents municipalities and counties from adopting or enforcing ordinances that are inconsistent with this Act; and establishes a 9-member dog and cat breeder study committee. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1270 (Chapter 221): pest management division

Transfers pest management regulation statutes and authorities from Title 32 to Title 3 and establishes the Division of Pest Management in the Department of Agriculture. Effective: July 1, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1344 (Chapter 160): agriculture omnibus

Makes various changes to statute regarding inspections of livestock, reintroduction of predatory wildlife and the implementation of a Livestock Incident Response Team agreement. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1361 (Chapter 224): G&F; heritage fund; expenditures

Allows the Game and Fish Commission to use a portion of Heritage Fund monies on operations and maintenance of properties acquired with sensitive habitat. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1398 (Chapter 163): fuel taxes; streets and highways

Requires all counties that receive Highway User Revenue funds to publish an annual financial report for the prior fiscal year of funds received from fuel taxes. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1399 (Chapter 164): water storage; plan report

Requires the State Land Commissioner and the Director of the Department of Water Resources to develop a plan to construct a potential new water storage facility on state trust land. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1432 (Chapter 168): conservation easements; tax classification; registry

Establishes a separate classification for and requires all county assessors to establish a digital registry of properties burdened by a conservation easement. Effective: January 1, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1433 (Chapter 169): private lands; use; enjoyment

Modifies statute to prohibit the reclassification of state trust lands as suitable for conservation purposes from restricting or unreasonably limiting access to or use and enjoyment of private lands. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1459 (Chapter 227): water improvements program; grants; county

Allows a county BOS to establish a program that offers financial assistance to low-and fixed income homeowners for making improvements to an existing drinking water well or providing a water delivery system for the residence. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.