

Natural Resources & Energy Committee

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LEGISLATION ENACTED

racetracks; ejection; exclusion; process (S.B. 1144) – Chapter 197

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weights and measures; licensing periods (S.B. 1185) – Chapter 248

Allows the Arizona Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures Division to issue or renew a commercial device license for two or three years at the option of the licensee. The licensee must pay the total applicable fees for the multiyear license at the time of license issuance or renewal.

state parks board; heritage fund (S.B. 1241) – Chapter 304

Establishes the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund (Heritage Fund) consisting of legislative appropriations, grants and donations and administered by the Arizona State Parks Board (ASPB). The ASPB must establish the application process and criteria. Prescribes requirements and prohibitions for use of Heritage Fund monies. The ASPB must annually report to the Legislature on Heritage Fund activities and projects for the preceding year by December 31. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the Heritage Fund concurrently with the ASPB performance audit.

~~parks board; financial audit~~ (NOW: bullhead city; state land transfer) (S.B. 1443) – Chapter 146

Transfers a specified area of state sovereign land in Mohave County that is located along the Colorado River to the City of Bullhead City to be held and managed for the public trust purposes of recreation and access to and enjoyment of the Colorado River. The City of Bullhead City may charge a reasonable fee for land management costs and must use any collected monies exclusively for public trust purposes. The land immediately and automatically reverts to the state if it is no longer held exclusively for the outlined purposes.

~~agriculture advisory council; membership~~ (NOW: pest management division; notification requirement) (S.B. 1529) – Chapter 68

Requires the Agriculture Advisory Council to notify any Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) division council before an Agriculture Advisory Council meeting of noticed agenda items that impact that division. Prescribes requirements and duties for the Pest Management Division Council. The Pest Management Division Council must advise the Director of AZDA and the Associate Director of the Pest Management Division and review proposed changes to statute or rule that pertain to the pest management industry, excluding individual cases, investigations or applications for pest management certification or licensure.

nuclear management fund; appropriation; assessment (H.B. 2004) – Chapter 24 E

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public lands day; holiday (H.B. 2271) – Chapter 151

Designates the first Saturday in April of each year as *Public Lands Day*, which is not a legal holiday.

G&F; resident; definition (H.B. 2272) – Chapter 77

Allows a person under 18 years old who resides with and is under the guardianship of an Arizona resident to obtain a resident hunting and fishing license, permit-tag, nonpermit-tag or a migratory bird or federal waterfowl stamp.

Arizona power authority (H.B. 2274) – Chapter 41

Aligns the Arizona Power Authority (APA) budget and audit fiscal years to the federal fiscal year of October 1 through September 1 and modifies budget and reporting timeframes accordingly. Removes the \$75,000 limit for the APA administrative budget and certain reporting and itemization requirements for the APA operating budget. Requires a power organization, water organization or state agency to audit operation funds on request of the APA, rather than annually.

regulated water company; violations; enforcement (H.B. 2405) – Chapter 254

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G&F; trophy definition; repeal (H.B. 2433) – Chapter 210

Removes the wildlife classification of a *trophy* and removes the increased minimum civil penalty for unlawfully taking, killing, wounding or possessing a deer buck, bull elk or pronghorn buck that, based on the number of points on the animal's antlers, is classified as a *trophy*. This legislation does not relieve or affect previously assessed civil penalties for illegally taking, killing, wounding or possessing a trophy animal.

vehicle emissions program; remote inspections (H.B. 2452) – Chapter 141

Authorizes the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (Emissions Program) to provide for remote vehicle inspection. Prior to full-scale program implementation, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (Director) must establish a minimum three-year Remote Vehicle Inspection Pilot Program before July 1, 2025, and certify that, based on reported results and data, full-scale implementation would increase efficiency and reduce costs of the Emissions Program. Allows an early emissions test to satisfy the emissions requirement for vehicle registration if the test meets conditions prescribed by the Director and allows a contractor agreement to provide emissions inspections to be for up to seven years, rather than between five and seven years.

land use plans; contents; aggregates (H.B. 2453) – Chapter 212

Requires the comprehensive, long-range land use general plan for the development of a municipality or county to include information on how to locate existing aggregate mines from the Arizona Geological Survey and consideration of existing mining operations and suitable geologic resources. The Arizona Geological Survey must keep an annually updated database of mineral and aggregate mines that is accessible to municipalities and counties for required planning purposes.

real property disclosure; solar; disposal (H.B. 2485) – Chapter 131

Requires the affidavit of disclosure for the sale of five or fewer parcels of land in an unincorporated area of a county to include prescribed language stating whether the property has a solar energy device, whether the device is leased or owned and replacement, disposal and leasing requirements for the device.

~~public lands; management department; committee~~ (NOW: racing commission; simulcasting; wagering facilities) (H.B. 2547) – Chapter 293

Allows a commercial live-racing permittee in a county with a population between 700,000 persons and 1,500,000 persons to conduct wagering on dark day simulcasts for more than 20 days without meeting the seven required posted races on 140 racing days, subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Gaming, if the permittee enters into a written agreement with the recognized horsemen's association that represents the participants at the racetrack enclosure. A permittee in a county with a population between 700,000 persons and 1,500,000 persons may not own or lease more than six new additional wagering facilities in that county between August 27, 2019, and June 30, 2022.

Prescribes requirements for simulcasts that originate from within and outside Arizona. Each commercial live-racing permittee in Arizona must enter into a simulcast agreement, subject to approval by the Arizona Racing Commission (Commission). All simulcasts must be offered to each permittee and each additional wagering facility in Arizona. Simulcast providers may not engage in anticompetitive or deceptive practices, including charging excessive or unreasonable fees, bundling signals to secure excessive or unreasonable fees for any simulcast signal in the bundle or any other activity that inflates simulcast prices beyond reasonable market rates. The Commission must consider previous comparable simulcast rates, simulcast rates paid outside Arizona, and whether there is commonality of ownership or revenue between the permittee and the entity that receives the simulcast fee.

~~department of agriculture; application review~~ (NOW: commerce authority; application review) (H.B. 2646) – Chapter 295 E

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~~law enforcement integrity database; appeal~~ (NOW: animal cruelty; domestic animals; classification) (H.B. 2671) – Chapter 188

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underground storage tanks; process (H.B. 2704) – Chapter 114

Outlines conditions under which underground storage tank (UST) corrective actions that were completed between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2019, and related costs, are eligible for reimbursement from the UST Revolving Fund if the activities were otherwise compliant, completed before approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and approval could not have been reasonably incurred through the preapproval process. Directs ADEQ to develop an expedited preapproval process for UST reimbursement for corrective actions by December 31, 2019.

Requires ADEQ's lien against a party responsible for a UST release for unrecovered corrective action costs to be in the amount of the estimated increase in the property's appraised market value after the completed corrective action, and directs ADEQ to decrease the amount of the lien in outlined circumstances.

Increases maximum reimbursement amounts for UST noncorrective actions and the total reimbursable amount per site. A person may file an application for noncorrective actions funding at any time during the actions. Only costs incurred after application approval are eligible for reimbursement. The maximum reimbursement increases apply to applications approved before or after August 27, 2019.

environment; appropriation; 2019-2020. (H.B. 2753/S.B. 1556) – Chapter 269

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uranium pollution; remediation (H.C.M. 2003)

Urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to take necessary and additional steps to implement the remediation and cleanup of uranium and related air and water pollution resulting from improperly reclaimed former and abandoned uranium mines in Arizona. Urges the Attorney General to review and consider appropriate legal actions to compel remediation actions and additional actions by the U.S. EPA.

national monument designation; opposition (H.C.M. 2005)

Urges the U.S. Congress to decline to designate the Great Bend of the Gila River and the surrounding areas as a national monument. Requests that the U.S. Congress accept public input and that the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress allow the State of Arizona to provide express approval before federal designation of any new monuments in Arizona.

administratively recommended wilderness; urging Congress (H.C.M. 2007)

Urges the U.S. Congress to prohibit federal agencies from recommending and identifying Arizona's public lands as *wilderness areas* without express congressional, state and local consent.

~~supporting proper forest management~~ (NOW: support; water management policies) ([H.C.R. 2019](#))

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Grand Canyon park; 100th anniversary. ([H.R. 2001](#))

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federal lands; forgone revenue; education. ([S.C.M. 1002](#))

Urges the U.S. Congress, in coordination with the State of Arizona, to establish an objective standard for calculating the value of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) equivalent to the tax revenue that the state would have been able to generate if the lands were not federally controlled. Additionally, urges the U.S. Congress to provide full, timely and sustainable long-term funding for the PILT Program to help create financial stability within Arizona's counties and public-school system.

Grand Canyon park; 100th anniversary ([S.R. 1001](#))

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LEGISLATION VETOED

~~racine; handle; breeders' award fund~~ (NOW: breeders' award fund; racing; handle) ([H.B. 2576](#)) – VETOED

Allocates one percent of in-state racing handle monies to a qualifying nonprofit organization that represents a majority of Arizona horse breeders to add to purses and provide purse awards for Arizona-bred horses that finish in first, second or third place in races held in Arizona. The organization must contribute a portion of the monies to the Retired Racehorse Adoption Fund to distribute to nonprofit enterprises that promote the adoption of retired racehorses.

The Governor indicates in his [veto message](#) that he is concerned that H.B. 2576 does not define *in-state handle*, leaving the Arizona Department of Gaming without legislative authority to implement the bill.

public land management; sovereign immunity ([H.B. 2596](#)) – VETOED

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renewable energy storage equipment; valuation ([H.B. 2617](#)) – VETOED

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