

# 2018 FPF Legislative Wrap-Up

Legislative Session  
January 9 - March 9, 2018



The House and Senate met Friday evening, March 9<sup>th</sup>, to officially extend the 2018 Legislative Session through Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, by adopting a resolution which allows the chambers to vote on the budget bills (HBs 5001, 5003, and 5005, as well as the House's tax package, HB 7087.

Only the bills outlined in the resolution could be taken up, which meant bills that had not passed both chambers by midnight Friday were dead.

The 2018 Legislative Session ended Sunday at 4:16 p.m. sine die, with the approval of a record 88.7-billion-dollar state budget that includes \$170 million in tax cuts and provides \$400 million in school security measures. The Senate passed the proposal 31-5 and the House of Representatives, 95-12.

In summary, the House filed 2,260 bills including Proposed Committee Bills (PCBs) and the Senate filed 990 including PCBs. Out of the 3,250 bills, 2,853 were heard by one or more Committee, which resulted in 200 bills being passed by both the House and the Senate. Of the 200 bills that passed, 34 were Senate bills, and 166 were House bills.

In the process of bills moving through the House and the Senate, 51 bills from the Senate in messages died, while 19 died in messages from the House. A few bills died in returning messages where both sides were trying to find that ultimate sweet spot to pass the bill, but just ran out of time.

The Governor was sent 200 bills with his signature being applied to 176, 5 filed with the Secretary of State, 1 vetoed, and 18 still on his desk pending action.

Workers' compensation insurance was expanded to provide first responders with benefits for mental and nervous injuries, regardless of whether these injuries are accompanied by a physical injury. The Florida League of Cities initially opposed the bills, saying their members would suffer the burden of overbearing costs to cover first responders who are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder due to work-related trauma. Most of their data comes from Florida Municipal Insurance Trust or FMIT, which is owned and operated by the League of Cities. The League of Cities backed down after Jimmy Patronis, CFO, debunked their inflated calculations as to the cost of SB 376 and HB 227.

During the process of passing HB 227 by Representative Willhite, Representative Ingoglia offered an amendment on the House Floor to cite the new law as the "Stephen LaDue Hometown Heroes Act." He then withdrew the amendment to prevent issues with the bill bouncing in Senate messages.

Both bills, HB 227 and SB 376, passed all committees and the floors of the House and Senate without a single no vote. The Governor signed SB 376 Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, expanding PTSD benefits for first responders at the Tampa Firefighter Museum. The FPF Principal Officers, several DVPs, several firefighters from around the State, representatives from the PBA, FOP, and a large group of firefighters from our Tampa, Local 754, were in attendance.



The Governor was joined by Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran, Senate President Designate Bill Galvano, Senator Lauren Book, Senator Dana Young, Senator Kathleen Passidomo, Senator Doug Broxson, Senator George Gainer, Senator Debbie Mayfield, Representative Matt Willhite, Representative Jim Boyd, Representative Shawn Harrison, Representative Jamie Grant, Representative Chris Sprowls, Representative Wengay Newton, and Representative Jackie Toledo.



Senator Lauren Book offered an amendment to SB 382, a Transportation Facility Designations bill, naming a portion of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between Cypress Preserve Drive and Amberly Drive in Hillsborough County as "Stevie LaDue Giving Hope Highway." The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers. The Governor approved SB 382 on March 23<sup>rd</sup> as amended.

The Fire Safety bills, HB 309 and SB 394, requires the Division of State Fire Marshal to establish specified courses as a part of firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and certification. The bills require the division to adopt rules for training related to cancer and mental health risks within the fire service. SB 394 was signed by the Governor on March 19<sup>th</sup>, making the provision effective July 1, 2018.

Two local bills, HB 1141 Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pensacola, Escambia County by White and HB 1139 City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County by Cruz, both received approval by the Governor.

In the appropriations act approved by the Governor, funds are provided to grant a competitive pay adjustment and provide continued cancer research. Effective July 1, 2018, eligible firefighters within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Military Affairs, or the Department of Children and Families shall receive a base pay adjustment of \$2,500.

The appropriation also provides a nonrecurring amount of \$2,000,000 that shall be transferred to the University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center for the purpose of Firefighter Cancer Research. The funds shall be utilized to: expand firefighters access to cancer screenings across the

state, enable prevention and earlier detection of the disease, identify exposures that account for increased cancer risk, and field test new technology and methods that measure exposure in the field.

The University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center shall develop a report on cancer research outcomes and cancer mitigation efforts being examined. The report shall be submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Governor by June 15, 2019.

In addition to Vice President Rocco Salvatori and Secretary/Treasurer Gilbert Marsh, we had 5<sup>th</sup> DVP Watler, and 9<sup>th</sup> DVP Vroman that traveled to Tallahassee for the last week; their assistance is greatly appreciated.

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## **Retirement**

### **HB 251 Reemployment After Retirement (C. Clemons)**

#### **Companion Bill: SB 406 Retirement (Steube)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Reemployment After Retirement: Authorizes retiree of FRS to be reemployed under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/6/2017 HOUSE Filed. 10/18/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 10/18/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

### **HB 379 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System (Willhite)**

#### **Companion Bill: SB 606 (Steube)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System: Adds 911 public safety telecommunicators to class; requires such members to have retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifies required employer retirement contribution rates for new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declares that act fulfills important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/19/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 11/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

### **SB 406 Retirement (Steube)**

#### **Companion Bill: HB 251 (C. Clemons)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Retirement; Providing an exception to the reemployment after retirement limitations to authorize a retiree of the Florida Retirement System to be reemployed by an employer under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/3/2017 SENATE Filed. 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

### [HB 493 Special Risk Class \(Diaz\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1758 \(Montford\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Special Risk Class: Adds specified Florida State Hospital employees to the class; declares that act fulfills important state interest. Effective Date: January 1, 2019. 11/1/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 11/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

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### [HB 615 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System \(Raschein\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1778 \(Flores\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System: Adds certain pilots & registered nurses to Special Risk Class beginning on specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 11/9/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

### [HB 665 Retirement \(Clemons\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 722 \(Garcia\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Retirement: Specifies minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees & beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 11/14/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H – Workshop. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Workshopped by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

### [SB 722 Retirement \(Garcia\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 665 \(Clemons\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Retirement; Specifying the minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 11/1/2017 SENATE Filed. 11/15/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. 1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/16/18, 4:00 pm, 401 S. 1/16/2018 SENATE

Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.

### [HB 977 Retirement of Instructional Personnel & Administrative Personnel \(Fine\)](#)

[Companion Bills: HB 323 \(Fitzenhagen\), HB 495 \(Diaz\), SB 1240 \(Mayfield\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Watch](#)

Retirement of Instructional Personnel and Administrative Personnel: Revises limitations on maximum length of participation in DROP for certain instructional personnel & administrative personnel; requires employer to notify Division of Retirement of DMS regarding any change in termination date & program participation for each affected member. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 12/12/2017 HOUSE Filed. 12/20/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 12/20/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 1/19/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 17 H. 1/23/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/23/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee. 2/2/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 02/06/18, 3:00 pm, 212 K. 2/6/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 27 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee. 2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/22/18, 9:00 am, 17 H. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Government Accountability Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18. 3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18. 3/5/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/5/2018 SENATE In Messages. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Messages.

### [SB 980 Publicly Funded Retirement Programs \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 1363 \(McClure\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Oppose](#)

Publicly Funded Retirement Programs; Revising minimum requirements for actuarial reports for retirement systems or plans subject to part VII of ch. 112, F.S.; requiring the governing body responsible for the retirement system or plan to review the enrolled actuary's statement within a specified timeframe; requiring the unfunded liability of retirement systems or plans established on or after a certain date to be amortized within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018. 11/21/2017 SENATE Filed. 12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

### [HB 1209 The Florida Retirement System \(Asencio\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1692 \(Torres, Jr.\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

The Florida Retirement System: Revises definition of "normal retirement date"; revises provisions related to early retirement benefit calculation, deferred retirement option program, benefit commencement age, & years of service to conform to changes made by act; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 1/4/2018 HOUSE Filed. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

### [SB 1240 Retirement of Instructional Personnel and Administrative Personnel \(Mayfield\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 323 \(Fitzenhagen\), HB 495 \(Diaz\), HB 977 \(Fine\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Watch](#)

Retirement of Instructional Personnel and Administrative Personnel; Revising limitations on the maximum length of participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program for certain instructional personnel and administrative personnel; requiring an employer to notify the Division of Retirement of the Department of Management Services regarding any change in termination date and program participation for each affected member, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 12/11/2017 SENATE Filed. 1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education; Appropriations. 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S. 1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Education. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Education.

### [SB 1692 Florida Retirement System \(Torres, Jr.\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 1209 \(Asencio\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Florida Retirement System; Revising provisions related to the early retirement benefit calculation and the deferred retirement option program to conform to changes made by the act; revising provisions related to the benefit commencement age and creditable years of service for investment plan participants to conform to changes made by the act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

### [SB 1758 Special Risk Class \(Montford\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 493 \(Diaz\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Watch](#)

Special Risk Class; Adding specified Florida State Hospital employees to the class, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2019. 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S. 1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. 2/16/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, 02/21/18, 4:00 pm, 301 S. 2/21/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/23/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations.

### [SB 1778 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System \(Flores\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 615 \(Raschein\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Watch](#)

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System; Adding certain pilots and registered nurses to the class beginning on a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

### [HB 5007 State-Administered Retirement Systems \(Appropriations Committee\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 2500 \(Appropriations\), HB 5001 \(Appropriations Committee\),](#)

[SB 7014 \(Governmental Oversight and Accountability\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

State-Administered Retirement Systems: Revises required employer retirement contribution rates for members of certain membership classes & subclasses of FRS; provides finding of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB APC4). 2/1/2018 HOUSE Referred to Calendar. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/18. 2/7/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on

Third Reading, 02/08/18. 2/8/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference. 2/8/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/8/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Appropriations; Withdrawn from Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 7014; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 32 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified. 2/8/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled. 2/9/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/14/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/29/18). 3/16/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-012.

**[SB 7014 State-Administered Retirement Systems \(Governmental Oversight & Accountability Companion Bills: SB 2500 \(Appropriations\), HB 5007 \(Appropriations Committee\)](#)**

**FPF Position: Support**

State-administered Retirement Systems; Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/5/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/10/18, 9:00 am, 401 S. 1/10/2018 SENATE Submitted as Committee Bill by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/11/2018 SENATE Committee Bill Text Filed. 1/17/2018 SENATE Referred to Appropriations. 1/26/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 01/31/18, 1:00 pm, 412 K. 1/31/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/18. 2/7/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/08/18. 2/8/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 5007; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 5007.

## **Safety and Health**

**[HB 309 Fire Safety \(Antone\)](#)**

**Companion Bill: SB 394 (Bracy)**

**FPF Position: Support**

Fire Safety: Requires Division of State Fire Marshal to establish specified courses as part of firefighter & volunteer firefighter training & certification; revises firefighter certification requirements; specifies division's authority to adopt rules for training related to cancer & mental health risks within fire service. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/12/2017 HOUSE Filed. 10/18/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 10/18/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/31/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee. 2/2/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/06/18, 10:00 am, 17 H. 2/6/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/6/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee. 2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/22/18, 9:00 am, 17 H. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Government Accountability Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18. 3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18. 3/5/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Substituted for SB 0394; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0394.

**[HB 325 Public Service Announcements \(Santiago\)](#)**

**FPF Position: Support**

Public Service Announcements: Requires DEM to require future contracts that provide emergency alerts, to include a message concerning the potential hazards of generators. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/13/2017 HOUSE Filed. 10/26/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction.

## [SB 394 Fire Safety \(Bracy\)](#)

### [Companion Bill: HB 309 \(Antone\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Fire Safety; Requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal to establish specified courses as a part of firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and certification; specifying the division's authority to adopt rules for training related to cancer and mental health risks within the fire service, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/3/2017 SENATE Filed. 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health Policy; Rules. 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S. 1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Health Policy. 2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 02/06/18, 11:00 am, 412 K. 2/6/2018 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/6/2018 SENATE Now in Rules. 2/19/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/22/18, 10:00 am, 110 S. 2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/22/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/27/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/01/18. 3/1/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/02/18. 3/2/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/2/2018 HOUSE In Messages. 3/5/2018 HOUSE Received; Referred to Calendar; Substituted for HB 0309; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/5/2018 SENATE Ordered enrolled. 3/5/2018 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/12/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/27/18). 3/19/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-018.

## [HB 637 Fire Safety and Prevention \(Jacquet\)](#)

### [Companion Bill: SB 820 \(Powell\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Fire Safety and Prevention: Prohibits person from committing or attempting to commit certain acts to influence fire safety inspectors; provides criminal penalties. Effective Date: October 1, 2018. 11/13/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

## [HB 695 Firefighters \(C. Latvala\)](#)

### [Companion Bill: SB 900 \(Flores\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Firefighters: Grants certain benefits to firefighter upon receiving diagnosis of cancer if certain conditions are met; requires employer to make certain disability payments to firefighter in the event of total and permanent disability; provides death benefits; specifies costs associated with benefits are to be borne by the employer; requires Division of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 11/14/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H – Workshop. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Workshopped by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

## [SB 820 Fire Safety Inspectors \(Powell\)](#)

### [Companion Bill: HB 637 \(Jacquet\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Firesafety Inspectors; Prohibiting certain actions to influence a firesafety inspector to violate the Florida Fire Prevention Code, other rules of the State Fire Marshal, or ch. 633, F.S., etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018. 11/8/2017 SENATE Filed. 11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability;



Criminal Justice; Rules. 01/18/18 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S. 1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice. 2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/06/18, 9:00 am, 37 S. 2/6/2018 SENATE Favorable by Criminal Justice; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/6/2018 SENATE Now in Rules. 2/21/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/26/18, 2:30 pm, 412 K. 2/26/2018 SENATE Not Considered by Rules. 2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K. 3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 3/6/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/08/18. 3/8/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/09/18. 3/9/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/9/2018 HOUSE In Messages. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Messages.

### [SB 900 Firefighters \(Flores\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 695 \(C. Latvala\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Firefighters; Granting certain benefits to a firefighter upon receiving a diagnosis of cancer if certain conditions are met; requiring an employer to make certain disability payments to a firefighter in the event of a total and permanent disability; providing for death benefits to a firefighter's beneficiary if a firefighter died as a result of cancer or cancer treatments; specifying that any costs associated with benefits granted by the act are to be borne by the employer, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 11/15/2017 SENATE Filed. 12/4/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. 1/25/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 401 S. 1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/30/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 2/1/2018 SENATE Now in Community Affairs. 2/8/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/13/18, 10:00 am, 301 S. 2/13/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/13/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed. 2/15/2018 SENATE Reference to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government removed; Remaining reference: Appropriations. 2/15/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations.

### [HB 1061 Community Association Fire and Life Safety Systems \(Moraitis\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1432 \(Farmer\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Oppose](#)

Community Association Fire and Life Safety Systems: Requires certain condominium or cooperative associations to post certain signs or symbols on buildings; requires State Fire Marshal to adopt rules governing such signs or symbols; revises provisions relating to evidence of condominium & cooperative association compliance with fire & life safety code; revises unit & common elements required to be retrofitted; revising provisions relating to association vote to forego retrofitting. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 12/21/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. 1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee. 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Careers & Competition Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 1:00 pm, 212 K. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Careers & Competition Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 7 Nays. 1/31/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 2/5/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

### [SB 1432 Community Association Fire and Life Safety Systems \(Farmer\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 1061 \(Moraitis\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Oppose](#)

Community Association Fire and Life Safety Systems; Requiring certain condominium or cooperative associations to post certain signs or symbols on buildings; revising provisions relating to evidence of condominium and cooperative association compliance with the fire and life safety code; revising unit and common elements required to be retrofitted, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/2/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Community Affairs.

### [HB 8029 Mental Health Awareness Week \(Slosberg\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1910 \(Farmer, Jr.\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week; Designates February 3-10, 2018, as "Mental Health Awareness Week" in Florida. 1/26/2018 HOUSE Filed. 2/8/2018 HOUSE Adopted by Publication.

## [Collective Bargaining Representation](#)

### [HB 25 Labor Organizations \(Plakon\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1036 Labor Organizations \(Steube\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Oppose](#)

Labor Organizations: Revises required information to be included in application for renewal of registration of employee organization; provides for revocation of certification under certain conditions; requires certain employee organizations to recertify as certified bargaining agents; provides nonapplicability with respect to employee organizations that represent or seek to represent certain employees; provides appropriation & authorizes positions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/31/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Government Accountability Committee. 11/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee. 11/28/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 12/05/17, 10:30 am, 17 H (PCS). 12/5/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 14 Yeas, 9 Nays. 12/6/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 12/7/2017 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 1/18/2018 HOUSE Place on Special Order Calendar; 01/24/18. 1/24/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/25/18. 1/25/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 65 Yeas / 41 Nays). 1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Commerce and Tourism.

### [SB 1036 Labor Organizations \(Steube\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 25 Labor Organizations \(Plakon\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Oppose](#)

Labor Organizations; Revising the information required to be included in an application for renewal of registration of an employee organization; providing for the revocation of certification under certain conditions; requiring certain employee organizations to recertify as bargaining agents, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 11/29/2017 SENATE Filed. 12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Commerce and Tourism.

## [EMS Issues](#)

### [HB 285 Emergency Medical Services \(Pigman\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 488 Emergency Medical Services \(Grimsley\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Emergency Medical Services: Exempts certain governmental entities from requirement to obtain certificate of public convenience & necessity to provide advanced life support **nontransport** services under specified conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/10/2017 HOUSE Filed. 10/18/2017 HOUSE Referred to Health

Quality Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 10/18/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Quality Subcommittee.

### [SB 488 Emergency Medical Services \(Grimsley\)](#)

#### [Companion Bill: HB 285 Emergency Medical Services \(Pigman\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Emergency Medical Services; Exempting certain governmental entities from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain **nontransport** emergency services under specified conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/10/2017 SENATE Filed. 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Community Affairs; Rules. 11/27/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 12/05/17, 10:00 am, 412 K. 12/5/2017 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Policy; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. 12/6/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 12/13/2017 SENATE Now in Community Affairs. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Community Affairs.

## [Governmental Operations](#)

### [HB 225 Employment Discrimination \(Davis\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Employment Discrimination: Prohibits employer from taking retaliatory personnel action against employee for evacuating under emergency evacuation order; provides exceptions; provides for remedies, relief, & attorney fees & costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/3/2017 HOUSE Filed. 10/12/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. 10/12/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Careers & Competition Subcommittee.

## [Local Bills](#)

### [HB 1139 City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County \(Cruz\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County: Authorizes city to enter into supplemental contract with certain firefighters & police officers to increase amount of pension under certain circumstances. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. 1/30/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/01/18, 12:00 pm, 17 H. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Government Accountability Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/15/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 2/20/2018. 2/20/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/21/18. 2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays). 2/21/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/21/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Rules. 3/6/2018 SENATE Placed on Local Calendar, 03/08/18. 3/8/2018 SENATE Withdrawn from Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/8/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled. 3/8/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/16/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/31/18). 3/23/2018 Approved by Governor.

### [HB 1141 Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pensacola, Escambia Co \(White\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pensacola, Escambia County: Creates defined contribution plan to be entitled Firefighters' Relief & Pension Fund Defined Contribution Plan as required by general law. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. 1/30/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/01/18, 12:00 pm, 17 H. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Government Accountability Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/15/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special

Order Calendar, 2/20/2018. 2/20/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/21/18. 2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays). 2/21/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/21/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Rules. 3/6/2018 SENATE Placed on Local Calendar, 03/08/18. 3/8/2018 SENATE Withdrawn from Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/8/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled. 3/8/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/16/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/31/18). 3/23/2018 Approved by Governor.

## **State Employees**

### **SB 2504 State Employees (Appropriations)**

**Companion Bills: SB 2500 (Appropriations), HB 5005 (Appropriations Committee)**

#### **FPF Position: Watch**

State Employees; Providing for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified bargaining units of state employees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 2/1/2018 SENATE Committee Bill Text Filed. 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/18. 2/7/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/08/18. 2/8/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 5005; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 5005.

### **HB 5005 Collective Bargaining (Appropriations Committee)**

**Companion Bills: SB 2500 (Appropriations), HB 5001 (Appropriations Committee), SB 2504 (Appropriations)**

#### **FPF Position: Watch**

Collective Bargaining; Provides for resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between State of Florida & certified bargaining units for state employees pursuant to specified instructions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 2/1/2018 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB APC3), 2/1/2018 HOUSE Referred to Calendar, 2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/18. 2/7/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/08/18. 2/8/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference. 2/8/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/8/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 2504; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (926324); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 33 Yeas / 0 Nays); The Senate having refused to pass the bill as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a conference; Immediately certified. 2/8/2018 HOUSE In returning messages. 2/27/2018 SENATE Bill placed in Conference (Appropriations Conference Committee). 2/27/2018 HOUSE Bill placed in Conference (Appropriations Conference Committee). 3/11/2018 HOUSE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (217001); Passed (Vote: 108 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/11/2018 SENATE In returning messages. 3/11/2018 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (217001); Passed (Vote: 34 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/11/2018 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled. 3/12/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed. 3/13/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/14/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/29/18). 3/16/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-011.

## **Taxing Authority**

### **SB 1284 The Homestead Exemption For Disabled First Responders (Simmons)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Homestead Exemption for Disabled First Responders; Revising the definition of the term "first responder" to include law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, or paramedics whose injuries are certified by their employing organizations to be caused by service in the line of duty on September 11, 2001, in New York City while responding to terrorist attacks, etc. Effective Date:

7/1/2018. 12/18/2017 SENATE Filed. 1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Community Affairs.

## **Workers Compensation**

### **SB 126 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Torres, Jr.)**

**Companion Bills: HB 227 (Willhite), SB 376 (Book), HB 629 (Asencio)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Workers' Compensation for First Responders; Revising the standard by which a mental or nervous injury must be demonstrated for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits for employment-related accidents and injuries; removing the limitation that only medical benefits are payable for a mental or nervous injury unaccompanied by a physical injury; revising eligibility for certain payments provided under the Workers' Compensation Law, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed. 8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance.

### **HB 227 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders (Willhite)**

**Companion Bills: SB 126 (Torres, Jr.), HB 629 (Asencio), SB 376 (Book)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders: Deletes certain limitations relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; provides first responders are entitled to workers' compensation benefits for mental or nervous injuries regardless of whether such injuries are accompanied by physical injuries. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 10/3/2017 HOUSE Filed. 10/12/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 10/12/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/31/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 2/9/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/13/18, 9:30 am, 17 H. 2/9/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/13/18, 9:30 am, 17 H. 2/13/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/16/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed. 2/19/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee. 2/26/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/27/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed. 2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18. 3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (400609); Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18. 3/5/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Substituted for SB 0376; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0376.

### **SB 376 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders (Book)**

**Companion Bills: SB 126 (Torres, Jr.), HB 629 (Asencio), HB 227 (Willhite)**

#### **FPF Position: Support**

Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders; Revising the evidentiary standard for demonstrating mental and nervous injuries of first responders; deleting certain limitations relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; providing that law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics are entitled to benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law for mental or nervous injuries, regardless of whether such injuries are accompanied by physical injuries requiring medical treatment, under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/2/2017 SENATE Filed. 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; Rules. 11/27/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 12/05/17, 10:00 am, 110 S. 12/5/2017 SENATE

Favorable with CS by Banking and Insurance; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. 12/7/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 12/13/2017 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism. 1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 01/16/18, 1:30 pm, 110 S. 01/16/18 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 01/17/18 SENATE Now in Appropriations. 2/22/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/27/18, 11:00 am, 412 K. 2/27/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/28/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed. 2/28/2018 SENATE Now in Rules. 2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K. 3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 3/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18. 3/2/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading. 3/3/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 33 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/3/2018 HOUSE In Messages. 3/5/2018 HOUSE Received; Referred to Calendar; Substituted for HB 0227; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/5/2018 SENATE Ordered enrolled. 3/5/2018 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/12/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/27/18). 3/27/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-124.

### [HB 629 Workers' Compensation for First Responders \(Asencio\)](#)

[HB 227 \(Willhite\), SB 376 \(Book\), SB 126 \(Torres, Jr.\)](#)

#### [FPF Position: Support](#)

Workers' Compensation for First Responders: Revises burden of proof to demonstrate mental or nervous injury involving first responders for workers' compensation claims; provides that benefits may be paid even if there is no physical injury. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 11/13/2017 HOUSE Filed. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

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## **Watch Bills**

### [SB 106 Firesafety Standards \(Campbell\)](#)

Firesafety Standards; Authorizing certain buildings to have specified balcony guard openings, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed. 8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Community Affairs.

### [SB 272 Local Tax Referenda \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 317 \(Ingoglia\)](#)

Local Tax Referenda; Revising the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/24/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 10/30/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. 12/7/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/08/17, 9:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken). 1/11/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/16/18, 10:00 am, 401 S. 1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/18/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations. 3/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/02/18, 9:00 am, 412 K – PCS. 3/2/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 11 Yeas, 7 Nays. 3/5/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed. 3/6/2018 SENATE Now in Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Rules.

### [HB 317 Local Tax Referenda \(Ingoglia\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 272 \(Brandes\)](#)

Local Tax Referenda: Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 11/29/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 11/30/17, 8:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken). 12/5/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays. 12/5/2017 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee. 1/16/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 01/18/18, 10:30 am, 17 H. 1/18/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 17 Yeas, 3 Nays. 1/19/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed. 1/23/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 1/25/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/31/18. 1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 84 Yeas / 27 Nays). 2/7/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/8/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Community Affairs.

### **SB 474 Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment (Brandes)**

#### **Companion Bill: SB 476 (Brandes)**

Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment; Establishing the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program within the Department of Health; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish and maintain a database of compassionate and palliative care plans by a specified date; authorizing specified personnel to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with a POLST form that contains an order not to resuscitate the patient; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs, in consultation with the agency, to adopt by rule procedures for the implementation of POLST forms in hospice care, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/10/2017 SENATE Filed. 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations. 1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 01/16/18, 4:00 pm, 412 K. 1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays. 1/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. 2/9/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, 02/14/18, 4:00 pm, 401 S. 2/14/2018 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

### **SB 476 Public Records/Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans/Agency for Health Care Administration (Brandes)**

#### **Companion Bill: SB 474 (Brandes)**

Public Records/Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans/Agency for Health Care Administration; Creating an exemption from public records for personal identifying information in compassionate and palliative care plans filed with the Clearinghouse for Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans managed by the Agency for Health Care Administration or its designee; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 474 or similar legislation takes effect if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law. 10/10/2017 SENATE Filed. 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules. 1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 01/16/18, 4:00 pm, 412 K. 1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Policy; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/17/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/19/2018 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

### **HB 529 Florida Fire Prevention Code (Diaz)**

#### **Companion Bill: SB 746 (Bean)**

Florida Fire Prevention Code: Requires specified containers be allowed in exit corridors of certain apartment occupancies under certain circumstances; authorizes authorities having jurisdiction to approve alternative containers; requires such authorities to allow phase-in period to comply; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce

Committee. 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee. 1/5/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Careers & Competition Subcommittee, 01/09/18, 1:00 pm, 212 K. 1/9/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Careers & Competition Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/11/2018 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee. 01/16/18 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 01/18/18, 10:30 am, 212 K. 01/18/18 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays. HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/22/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/23/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 1/25/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/31/18. 1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays). 2/7/2018 SENATE In Messages. 2/8/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; Rules. 3/8/2018 SENATE Withdrawn from Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0746; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/09/18. 3/9/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 1 Nay). 3/9/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled. 3/9/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/26/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 04/10/18).

### **[SB 556 Emergency Medical Air Transportation Services \(Stewart\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bill: HB 943 \(C. Watson\)](#)**

Emergency Medical Air Transportation Services; Creating the "Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act"; directing the Department of Health to establish the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act Account within the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; providing conditions for the department to increase Florida Medicaid reimbursement payments to emergency medical air transportation services providers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 10/18/2017 SENATE Filed. 11/2/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Health Policy.

### **[SB 746 Florida Fire Prevention Code \(Bean\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bill: HB 529 \(Diaz\)](#)**

Florida Fire Prevention Code; Requiring that doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers be allowed in exit corridors of certain apartment occupancies under certain circumstances; authorizing authorities having jurisdiction to approve certain alternative containers and storage arrangements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 11/3/2017 SENATE Filed. 11/15/2017 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; Rules. 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 110 S. 01/22/18. 1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Banking and Insurance; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay. 1/25/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Regulated Industries. 2/8/2018 SENATE Favorable by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/8/2018 SENATE Now in Rules. 2/19/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/22/18, 10:00 am, 110 S. 2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/22/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 3/6/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/08/18. 3/8/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0529; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0529.

### **[HB 943 Emergency Medical Air Transportation Services \(C. Watson\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bill: SB 556 \(Stewart\)](#)**

Emergency Medical Air Transportation Services: Directs DOH to establish Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act Account within Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; provides conditions for department to increase Florida Medicaid reimbursement payments to emergency medical air transportation services providers. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 12/7/2017 HOUSE Filed. 12/13/2017 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 12/13/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Quality Subcommittee.

### **[SB 1006 Disaster Response and Preparedness \(Montford\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bill: HB 1443 \(Alexander\)](#)**



Disaster Response and Preparedness; Modifying requirements for the state comprehensive emergency management plan and statewide public awareness programs administered by the Division of Emergency Management; authorizing any individual to bring a service animal or comfort animal to a special needs shelter; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities that provide transportation assistance in an emergency evacuation to coordinate the use of vehicles and personnel with local emergency management agencies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 11/27/2017 SENATE Filed. 12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. 2/2/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/07/18, 4:00 pm, 37 S. 2/7/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/9/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 2/14/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

### **[HB 1109 State Emergency Communications and Warning System \(Stark\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bill: SB 1466 \(Farmer\)](#)**

State Emergency Communications and Warning System: Directs Division of Emergency Management to require that qualified interpreters are included in certain emergency broadcasts. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 1/2/2018 HOUSE Filed. 1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/30/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Appropriations Committee.

### **[HB 1295 Emergency Medical Services \(Brown\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bill: SB 1796 Rouson](#)**

Emergency Medical Services: Authorizes paramedic or emergency medical technician to provide alternative treatment options to certain patients in nonemergency setting; provides immunity from liability for certain medical personnel providing emergency examination & treatment of incapacitated persons without consent. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 1/7/2018 HOUSE Filed. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Quality Subcommittee.

### **[HB 1339 Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment \(Pigman\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bills: SB 476 \(Brandes\), SB 474 \(Brandes\), HB 1341 \(Pigman\)](#)**

Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment: Establishes POLST within DOH; authorizes EMTs & certain health care professionals to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other medical interventions if presented with POLST forms that contain orders not to resuscitate; provides specified health care providers & legal representatives with limited immunity. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. 1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Quality Subcommittee.

### **[HB 1341 Pub. Rec./Clearinghouse for Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans \(Pigman\)](#)**

#### **[Companion Bills: SB 474 \(Brandes\), SB 476 \(Brandes\), HB 1339 \(Pigman\)](#)**

Pub. Rec./Clearinghouse for Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans: Creates exemption from public records for personal identifying information held in Clearinghouse for Compassionate & Palliative Care Plans managed by AHCA or its designee; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public

necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 1339 or similar legislation takes effect. 1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Health Innovation Subcommittee; Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Health Innovation Subcommittee. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Innovation Subcommittee.

### **HB 1395 City of Marco Island, Collier County (Rommel)**

City of Marco Island, Collier County: Provides exception to general law; authorizes DOH to grant license to City of Marco Island to provide certain emergency medical transportation services; requires referendum. Effective Date: upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing within the City of Marco Island voting in a referendum to be held in conjunction with a general, special, or other election. 1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. 1/22/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/24/18, 8:30 am, 12 H. 1/24/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2018 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee. 2/13/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee; 02/15/18, 8:30 am, 17 H. 2/15/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay. 2/15/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee. 2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/22/18, 9:00 am, 17 H. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 2/22/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. 2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18. 3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18. 3/5/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 1 Nay). 3/5/2018 SENATE In Messages. 3/5/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Rules. 3/6/2018 SENATE Placed on Local Calendar, 03/08/18. 3/8/2018 SENATE Withdrawn from Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays). 3/8/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled. 3/8/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed. 3/16/2018 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/31/18). 3/23/2018 Approved by Governor.

### **SB 1466 State Emergency Communications and Warning System (Farmer)** **Companion Bill: HB 1109 (Stark)**

State Emergency Communications and Warning System; Requiring the Division of Emergency Management to include a qualified interpreter in certain emergency broadcasts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/3/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Rules. 1/22/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/25/18, 1:30 pm, 37 S. 1/25/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/26/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Rules.

### **SB 1518 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System (J. Rodriguez)**

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System; Adding to the class employees of a water, sewer, or other public works department of a participating employer who work in certain hazardous conditions and individuals employed as police service aides, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/4/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

### **SB 1796 Emergency Medical Services (Rouson)** **Companion Bill: HB 1295 (Brown)**

Emergency Medical Services; Authorizing a paramedic or an emergency medical technician to provide alternative treatment options to certain patients in a nonemergency setting; revising requirements for rules

adopted by the Department of Health governing minimum standards for ambulance equipment and supplies and ambulance and vehicle design and construction; providing immunity from liability for certain individuals who provide emergency examination and treatment of an incapacitated patient under the supervision of specified medical professionals, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Rules. 3/10/2018 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Health Policy.