



# WEEKLY REPORT

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Day of Session: 116  
Bills Posted: 1206  
Bills Passed: 369  
Bills Vetoed: 16  
Bills Signed: 285  
Mem, Res Posted: 122  
Mem, Res Passed: 27

**Adjournment Sine Die – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12:26 AM**

**Weekly Report** is published by the Department's Legislative and Government Affairs Division. While the state's Legislature is in session, legislative staff provides a summary of bills that pertain to the Department, or that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to support or oppose along with a tracking list of bills that may have potential impacts to the state's wildlife resources. This document is also available online at: [AZGFD Government Affairs](#)

**Legislative News:** After working through the night and into yesterday morning on the state budget, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature adjourned its second regular session sine die early this morning. The Governor has until May 9<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto the last of the 22 bills that remain on his desk. This year's general effective date, when most legislation that has been passed and signed becomes law, will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

### **Commission Legislative Agenda**

**SB 1253:** *game and fish; licenses; fees.*

**Summary:** A Game and Fish Commission bill renewing the Commission's authority to set license structure and fees by rule. This legislation also paves the way for updated licenses and license sales by eliminating the requirement that a license be signed in ink on its face to be valid and by eliminating the burdensome reporting and reimbursement requirements on third party retailers associated with a statutory compensation structure. Finally, the bill clarifies the Commission's authority to offer free and reduced price licenses.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Griffin

**Disposition: Signed by Governor 3/29/2018**

Natural Resources Energy and Water 1/29/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 8-0-0-0**

Senate Third Reading 2/13/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 27-2-1-0-0**

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources 3/13/2018 **DO PASS 8-0-0-2**

House Third Reading 3/22/2018 **DO PASS 55-4-1-0**

## Other Bills of Interest

**HB 2342:** *off-highway vehicles; definition; user indicia.*

**Summary:** For the purpose of off-highway vehicle regulations, the definition of "off-highway vehicle" is modified to mean a vehicle that is designed, modified or purpose-built primarily for recreational non-highway all-terrain travel, and to include a tracked or wheeled vehicle, utility vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, sand rail, and rock crawler. The off-highway vehicle user indicia issued by the Department of Transportation may be a resident or nonresident indicia. A person who is not an Arizona resident and who displays an off-highway vehicle user indicia or registration from their state of residency is no longer exempt from the requirement to have an off-highway vehicle user indicia issued by the Department in order to operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway vehicle in Arizona.

**Sponsor:** Rep. John

**Disposition: Signed by Governor 04/11/2018**

Transportation and Infrastructure 2/14/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 7-1-0-0**

Third Reading **DO PASS AMENDED 59-0-1-0**

Transportation and Technology 3/06/2018 **DO PASS 7-0-0-0**

Senate Third Reading 3/26/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 30-0-0-0**

House Final Reading 4/05/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 59-0-1-0**

**HB 2404:** *license to practice taxidermy; repeal*

**Summary:** Repeals the requirement for a person to obtain a license from the Game and Fish Commission to practice taxidermy.

**Sponsor:** Rep. Mosley

**Disposition: Signed by Governor 3/27/2018**

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources 2/06/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED, STRIKE EVERYTHING 5-4-0-0**

House Third Reading 2/15/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 39-18-3-0-0**

Commerce and Public Safety 3/05/2018 **DO PASS 8-0-0-0**

Senate Third Reading 3/21/2018 **DO PASS 28-1-1-0**

**SB 1144:** *conservation easements; notice; valuation*

**Summary:** The holder of a conservation easement is required to provide for the recording of the easement and its acceptance, and to prepare and provide the information required for the registry of real property burdened by conservation easements to the county assessor for each county in which any portion of the real property is located. The information that must be included in the registry for each parcel is expanded to include the name of the holder of the conservation easement, the name of any governmental body or charitable corporation with a third-party right of enforcement, and the full cash value of the property as determined for the year in which the conservation easement is recorded.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Griffin

**Disposition: Signed by Governor 3/23/2018**

Natural Resources, Energy and Water 1/29/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 8-0-0-0**

Senate Third Reading 2/12/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 29-0-1-0-0**

Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs 3/01/2018 **DO PASS 8-0-0-0**

House Third Reading 3/20/2018 **DO PASS 57-0-3-0**

**SB1208:** *ATVs; off-highway vehicles*

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**Summary:** The specifications for a recreational off-highway vehicle to qualify as an all-terrain vehicle are modified to allow the vehicle to be up to 80 inches in width, increased from 65 inches, and to require the vehicle to have a steering wheel for steering control, a rollover protection structure, and an occupant retention system.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Pratt

**Disposition: Signed by Governor 4/03/2018**

Transportation and Technology 1/31/2018 **DO PASS 5-2-0-0**

Senate Third Reading 2/12/2018 **DO PASS 18-11-1-0-0**

Transportation and Infrastructure 2/28/2018 **DO PASS 7-1-0-0**

House Third Reading 4/03/2018 **DO PASS 34-22-4-0**

**SB 1493:** *environmental quality; dredge, fill permits*

**Summary:** Adds a new article to Title 49 (The Environment) authorizing the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish a Dredge and Fill Permit Program that is consistent with and no more stringent than the federal Clean Water Act, including a permit program. Establishes a list of requirements for rules adopted by DEQ for the Program. Program rules and permit requirements under the Program are subject to the same enforcement statutes as other water quality control programs and permits. During the process of establishing and assuming state jurisdiction over the Program DEQ is required to negotiate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to ensure that the USACE will continue to process as many pending applications for permits and requests for jurisdictional determinations as possible before the date on which this state officially assumes jurisdiction over the Program. This legislation is repealed on August 1, 2023 unless the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves the Program under the terms of the federal Clean Water Act.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Griffin

**Disposition: Signed by Governor 4/12/2018**

Natural Resources, Energy and Water 2/12/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 5-2-0-0**

Senate Third Reading 2/22/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 17-13-0-0**

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources 3/06/2018 **DO PASS 7-3-0-0**

House Third Reading 4/05/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 35-24-1-0**

Senate Final Read 04/09/2018 **DO PASS AMENDED 17-11**

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**For a Quick Reference to the Commission's  
Position on legislation, please click the links below.**

**[Support](#)**

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- Support – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills
- Monitor – The Game and Fish Department is monitoring the progress of these measures, and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has not taken a position.
- Oppose – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.

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