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Hearing: Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water (Monday 01/22/18 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

Bill Summaries

H2210: PUBLIC LANDS; OWNERSHIP; CONTROL; LITIGATION

By September 17, 2018, the Attorney General is required to analyze at least a specified list of legal theories that the state may pursue to attempt to gain ownership or control of the public lands within Arizona. By October 1, 2018, the Attorney General is required to submit a report of the analysis to the Legislature. On or after November 1, 2018, and after consulting with the Legislature, the Attorney General is authorized to commence an action to attempt to gain ownership or control of the public lands within Arizona. Self-repeals October 1, 2026.

First sponsor: Rep. Finchem

H2210: PUBLIC LANDS; OWNERSHIP; CONTROL; LITIGATION 1/17 referred to House land-agri-rural.

H2291: GROUNDWATER BASIN; DEPARTMENT SURVEY

The Department of Water Resources is required to conduct a survey of one or more areas in the groundwater basins of the upper Colorado River water planning area to determine the status and resiliency of groundwater in these areas. The Dept is required to compile and report to the Legislature and the county board of supervisors for each county in the relevant groundwater basins on specified data generated by the survey. Self-repeals January 1, 2019.

First sponsor: Rep. Cobb

H2291: GROUNDWATER BASIN; DEPARTMENT SURVEY 1/17 referred to House land-agri-rural.

H2310: GAME & FISH; LICENSE; FEES

The requirement for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to prescribe by rule license classifications for the taking or handling of wildlife, fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps, and application fees is made permanent, instead of expiring on July 1, 2019. The Commission is authorized to reduce the fees of licenses and issue complimentary licenses. A license dealer is permitted to collect and retain a reasonable fee as determined by the license dealer, instead of a fee of five percent of the selling price of each license or permit. Repeals statutes limiting the total amount of boating and water sports fees and the total amount of license, permit, tag and stamp fees collected by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in any fiscal year to specified amounts based on

FY2012-13 appropriations.

First sponsor: Rep. Bowers

H2310: GAME & FISH; LICENSE; FEES 1/17 referred to House energy-env.

H2342: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; DEFINITION; USER INDICIA

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 Dept in order to operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway vehicle in Arizona.

First sponsor: Rep. John

H2342: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; DEFINITION; USER INDICIA 1/17 referred to House trans-inf.

H2381: COMPENSATION; BOARDS; COMMISSIONS; AMOUNT; RULES

Members of boards, commissions, councils or advisory committees who are authorized by law to receive compensation may receive compensation at the rate established in rule by the board, commission, council or advisory committee, and the maximum rate of \$30 per day is deleted.

First sponsor: Rep. Clodfelter

H2381: COMPENSATION; BOARDS; COMMISSIONS; AMOUNT; RULES 1/18 referred to House gov.

H2404: LICENSE TO PRACTICE TAXIDERMY; REPEAL

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

First sponsor: Rep. Mosley

H2404: LICENSE TO PRACTICE TAXIDERMY; REPEAL 1/18 referred to House energy-env.

S1137: VLT REDUCTION; RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

For the purpose of calculating vehicle license tax (VLT), the first year value of a recreational vehicle is 50 percent of the manufacturer's base retail price of the vehicle, decreased from 60 percent. [Capitol Reports Note: The value of the vehicle used to calculate VLT in subsequent years is based on the value in the first year.]

First sponsor: Sen. Barto

S1137: VLT REDUCTION; RECREATIONAL VEHICLES 1/11 referred to Senate trans-tech.

S1142: PRIVATE LAND ACQUISITION; COMMITTEE; CONTINUATION

The Study Committee on Private Land Acquisition self-repeals on October 1, 2020, instead of October 1, 2018, and the deadline for the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature is moved to December 31, 2019, instead of December 31, 2017.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin

S1142: PRIVATE LAND ACQUISITION; COMMITTEE; CONTINUATION 1/16 referred to Senate nat res-energy.

S1144: CONSERVATION EASEMENTS; NOTICE; VALUATION

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.

First sponsor: Sen. Griffin

S1144: CONSERVATION EASEMENTS; NOTICE; VALUATION 1/17 referred to Senate nat res-energy.

S1208: ATVS; OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

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.

First sponsor: Sen. Pratt

S1208: ATVS; OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES 1/18 referred to Senate trans-tech.

S1253: GAME & FISH; LICENSES; FEES

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