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Dear FLATLS,

The 2014 Florida Legislative Session officially ended at 10:40pm, on Friday, May 2nd. Highlights of the session include:

After a two-year fight and despite questions of its usefulness and criticism that the bill had anti-Islamic overtones, the Legislature passed Sen. Alan Hays' application of foreign law bill along party lines at the tail end of the 2014 session.

SB 386 prohibits courts from applying foreign laws in Florida courts - - mainly in divorce and custody cases -- unless the law does not infringe on rights guaranteed by the Florida and United States constitutions. When the bill got to the Senate floor, Sen. David Simmons amended it to prohibit foreign laws which "contravene the strong public policy" of Florida or are "unjust or unreasonable."

The bill cleared the full Senate with a 24-14 vote and the House with a 78-40 vote.

A bill that would shield silent partners in nursing homes from facing lawsuits where the operator or staff was found at fault also passed the Legislature and will now head to the desk of Gov. Rick Scott. On 4/22, the House passed SB 670 with a vote of 109-7. The House bill sponsor Rep. Matt Gaetz received no debate on the bill.

Some officials have said the bill unfairly placed the burden of lawsuits on nurses at already short-staffed nursing homes and incorrectly classified investors as having no part in policy decisions that could lead to claims. Rep. Gaetz has long countered that the language of the bill explicitly shielded investors who had no part in policy decisions and that not passing the bill would hinder other companies from investing in the state.

Voters in November could have the chance to approve a constitutional amendment clarifying which governor will get to pick at least three justices on the Florida Supreme Court.

The state constitution requires justices to retire when they turn 70, or at the end of their six-year term if they mark their 70th birthday more than halfway through the term. That means three current Florida Supreme Court Justices – Barabara Pariente, Fred Lewis and

Peggy Quince – will be forced to retire by January 8, 2019.

That's the same day the winner of the 2018 gubernatorial election will be inaugurated, throwing doubt on which governor would be able to appoint the justices – the incoming governor or the sitting governor and winner of the 2014 election.

The House passed SB 1188, Relating to Judicial Vacancies, by a party-line vote of 74-45, with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed, just beating the three-fifths majority required of proposed constitutional amendments. The amendment clarifies that the sitting governor can appoint justices that will leave office on the day the governor leaves office. If the Supreme Court approves the amendment, it will be placed on the November ballot.

In a last minute House floor-amendment, Rep. Marlene O'Toole, successfully amended the provisions of HB 277, Relating to Joint Use of Public School Facilities, onto SB 850, Relating to Education. SB 850 passed the House as amended and subsequently passed the Senate; the bill was enrolled and will be presented to the Governor sometime during the next few weeks.

HB 5301, Relating to Additional Judgeships, will add three new District Court of Appeal judgeships: two in the second district (Lakeland) and one in the fifth district (Daytona Beach). The Supreme Court Order No. SC13- 2296, dated December 19, 2013, certified the need for three additional judges in the appellate courts.

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act appropriates \$1.3 million in recurring general revenue and 12 full-time equivalent positions with associated salary rate, which funds the judges support staff and expenses (one appellate court judicial assistant and two appellate court law clerks for each judge).

Finally, as most of you are already aware, \$100,000.00 in funding was included in the State Budget for the Teacher's Law School- a program of the Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar and The Chester Bedell Foundation.

DATES & DEADLINES:



June 25th – June 28th: Executive Council Meeting; Orlando, FL

PASSED BILLS:

Below are the bills that passed this session. These bills are considered "Enrolled", and will be sent to the Governor. The Governor will either sign or veto the bills. It is important to note that these bills are not Florida law until the Governor has signed them.

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HB 23 - Relating to Canned or Perishable Food Distributed Free of Charge

by Rogers CoSponsors: Antone, Berman, Campbell, Clarke-Reed, Edwards, Hood, Jones (S), Pafford, Raulerson, Saunders, Stewart, Stone, Waldman, Williams

General Canned or Perishable Food Distributed Free of Charge: **Limits liability of public schools with respect to donation of canned or perishable food to charitable or nonprofit organizations.**

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

08/28/13 HOUSE Filed

10/07/13 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; K-12 Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

01/07/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 01/14/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

01/14/14 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in K-12 Subcommittee

02/12/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - K-12 Subcommittee, 02/19/14, 9:00 am, 17 H

02/19/14 HOUSE Favorable by K-12 Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

03/11/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/13/14, 8:00 am, 404 H

03/13/14 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

04/07/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/09/14

04/09/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/11/14

04/11/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/21/14 SENATE In Messages

SENATE Received; Referred to Education; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary

04/23/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Education; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0160; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/24/14 SENATE Ordered enrolled

04/25/14 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

05/08/14 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 05/23/14)

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HB 325 - Relating to Brownfields

by Stone, Hutson CoSponsors: Baxley, Hood, Rouson CS Sponsors: Economic Affairs Committee, Local & Federal Affairs Committee, Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

General Brownfields: Revises procedures for designation of brownfield areas by local governments; **provides certain liability protection against property damages.**
Effective Date: July 1, 2014

11/18/13 HOUSE Filed

12/16/13 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

01/28/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee, 02/04/14, 4:00 pm, 12 H

02/04/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

02/06/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/10/14 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

03/04/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local & Federal Affairs Committee, 03/06/14, 10:00 am, 212 K

03/06/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local & Federal Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/12/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/13/14 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee

04/09/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 04/11/14, 8:00 am, 102 H

04/11/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed

04/15/14 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

04/23/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/25/14

04/25/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading

04/28/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)

SENATE In Messages

SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Judiciary

04/29/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation, Community Affairs, Judiciary; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0586; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)

HOUSE Ordered enrolled

HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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SB 386 - Relating to Application of Foreign Law in Courts

by Hays

General Application of Foreign Law in Courts; Defining the term "strong public policy"; prohibiting a court from enforcing certain choice of law or forum selection contractual provisions; requiring a court to review judgments and orders of foreign courts for comity before enforcing such orders or judgments; specifying judgments and orders of foreign courts that are not entitled to comity; providing that the attempt to apply the law of a foreign country is void under certain circumstances; prohibiting a trial court from dismissing an action on the grounds that a satisfactory remedy may be more conveniently sought in a foreign country; providing an exception, etc.

11/08/13 SENATE Filed
12/09/13 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
03/20/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 03/25/14, 9:00 am, 110 S
03/25/14 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, 3 Nays
03/26/14 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability
03/31/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 04/03/14, 9:00 am, 412 K
04/03/14 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays
SENATE Now in Rules
04/04/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 04/09/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S
04/09/14 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 7 Yeas, 6 Nays
04/10/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
04/22/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/25/14
04/25/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (759664, 775456); Amendments Withdrawn (558356, 356706, 330922, 893862, 614656); Ordered engrossed; Placed on Third Reading
SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
04/28/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (50239); Passed (Vote: 24 Yeas / 14 Nays)
SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed
HOUSE In Messages
HOUSE Referred to Calendar
HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/29/14
04/29/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading
04/30/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 78 Yeas / 40 Nays)
SENATE Ordered enrolled
SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
05/08/14 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 05/23/14)
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HB 409 - Relating to Offenses Against Vulnerable Persons

by Passidomo CoSponsors: Boyd, Campbell, Gaetz (M), Mayfield, McBurney, Nuñez, Pilon, Roberson, Slosberg, Van Zant CS Sponsors: Judiciary Committee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee

General Offenses Against Vulnerable Persons: **Revising when an out of court statement by an elderly person or disabled adult is admissible in certain proceedings;** expanding applicability of prohibition on the fraudulent use of personal identification information of specified victims without consent to include persons 60 years of age or older; deleting a requirement that property of an elderly person or disabled adult be obtained by deception or intimidation in order to constitute exploitation of such a person; creating the Identity Theft and Fraud Grant Program, etc.

Effective Date: October 1, 2014

12/12/13 HOUSE Filed
01/08/14 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
01/29/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 02/05/14, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/05/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/07/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/10/14 HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
03/07/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.

03/11/14 HOUSE Favorable by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
03/19/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/21/14, 9:00 am, 404 H
03/21/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
03/27/14 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
04/07/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/09/14
04/09/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/11/14
04/11/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)
04/21/14 SENATE In Messages
SENATE Received; Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; Judiciary
04/23/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice, Judiciary; Substituted for SB 0588; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/24/14
04/25/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (663072); Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays), Motion to Reconsider Adopted; Placed on Third Reading
04/28/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Reconsidered, Withdrawn (663072); Amendments Adopted (271768, 671936); Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)
HOUSE In returning messages
05/01/14 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (604926); Passed as Amended (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)
HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
05/02/14 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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SB 424 - Relating to Discriminatory Insurance Practices

by Lee (T) CoSponsors: Latvala CS Sponsors: Appropriations, Criminal Justice
General Discriminatory Insurance Practices; Providing that unfair discrimination on the basis of gun ownership in the provision of personal lines property or personal lines automobile insurance is a discriminatory insurance practice; clarifying that insurers are not prevented from charging supplemental premiums or sharing information between an insurer and its agent if a separate rider has been requested, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

11/20/13 SENATE Filed
12/11/13 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice; Appropriations
01/06/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 01/14/14, 2:00 pm, 110 S
01/14/14 SENATE Favorable with 2 Amendments by Banking and Insurance; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay
01/21/14 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice
01/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/03/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S
02/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/10/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S
SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay
SENATE Removed from meeting agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/10/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S
02/05/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
SENATE Now in Appropriations
03/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations. 03/06/14. 1:00 pm. 412

03/06/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/11/14 - If Received
SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 17 Yeas, 2 Nays
03/07/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/11/14
03/11/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/20/14
03/18/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 3 Nays)
03/20/14 HOUSE In Messages
04/17/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar
HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/21/14
04/21/14 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0255; Read Second Time; Placed on Third
Reading, 04/22/14
04/22/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 74 Yeas / 44 Nays)
SENATE Ordered Enrolled
SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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HB 627 - Relating to Service of Process

by Pilon CoSponsors: Campbell

General Service of Process: Requires sheriffs to charge uniform fee for service of process; requires employer to permit authorized individual to make service on employee in private area designated by employer; provides civil fine; authorizes substitute service during first attempt of service at sole proprietorship under certain circumstances; requires person requesting service or person authorized to serve process to file return-of-service form; revises provision on service of corporation; authorizes sheriff to rely on affidavit submitted by levying creditor & apply for instructions from court regarding distribution of proceeds from sale of levied property.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

01/16/14 HOUSE Filed

01/27/14 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

01/29/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 02/05/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

02/05/14 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

02/12/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/19/14, 1:00 pm, 17 H

02/19/14 HOUSE Favorable by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

02/24/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/03/14, 12:30 pm, 404 H

03/03/14 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

03/17/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/19/14

03/19/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/20/14

03/20/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 1 Nay)

03/26/14 SENATE In Messages

SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs

04/11/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary, Community Affairs; Substituted for SB 0620; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading

04/23/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/24/14 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

04/25/14 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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SB 670 - Relating to Nursing Home Litigation

by Thrasher CS Sponsors: Judiciary, Health Policy

General Nursing Home Litigation; Specifying that a cause of action for negligence or violation of residents' rights alleging direct or vicarious liability for the injury or death of nursing home resident may be brought against a licensee, its management or consulting company, its managing employees, and any direct caregiver employees; providing that a claim for punitive damages may not be brought unless there is a showing of evidence that provides a reasonable basis for recovery of such damages when certain criteria are applied; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to suspend the license of a nursing home facility that fails to pay a judgment or settlement agreement; revising procedures for obtaining the records of a resident, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

01/16/14 SENATE Filed

01/28/14 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Rules

02/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 02/11/14, 2:00 pm, 412 K

02/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 02/18/14, 2:00 pm, 412 K

02/18/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Policy; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay

02/20/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/03/14 SENATE Reference to Rules removed; Remaining reference Judiciary

SENATE Now in Judiciary

03/13/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 03/18/14, 8:00 am, 110 S

03/18/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/19/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/21/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/26/14

03/26/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/03/14

04/03/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 3 Nays)

04/11/14 HOUSE In Messages

04/18/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar

HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/22/14

04/22/14 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0569; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/23/14

04/23/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 109 Yeas / 7 Nays)

SENATE Ordered enrolled

SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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SB 708 - Relating to Insurance Claims

by Bean CS Sponsors: Appropriations, Banking and Insurance

General Insurance Claims; **Providing that a claim for residential property insurance cannot be denied based on certain credit information**; providing that a policy or contract may not be cancelled based on certain credit information; providing grounds for challenging an umpire's impartiality in estimating the amount of a property loss; establishing a Homeowner Claims Bill of Rights for residential property insurance policyholders, etc.

Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2014

01/22/14 SENATE Filed

01/28/14 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations

02/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 02/11/14, 2:00

pm, 110 S

02/11/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Banking and Insurance; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/13/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
SENATE Now in Appropriations
03/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/06/14, 1:00 pm, 412 K
03/06/14 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Appropriations
03/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/13/14, 1:00 pm, 412 K
03/13/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/17/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
03/18/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
04/11/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/14
04/23/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (577132, 513494, 910896, 526846, 430392, 766328); Ordered Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading, 04/24/14
SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
04/24/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)
04/25/14 HOUSE In Messages
04/28/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar
HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/29/14
04/29/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0743; Placed on Third Reading
04/30/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)
SENATE Ordered enrolled
SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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HB 781 - Relating to Legal Notices

by Powell CoSponsors: Rooney CS Sponsors: Civil Justice Subcommittee

General Legal Notices: Revises period for which website legal notices are required to be published; authorizes clerks of court to provide links to legal notices web pages; specifies that no viewing or registration fee may be charged for viewing online legal notices published in newspaper; requires that website legal notices be archived for specified period; requires that legal notices placed on statewide website must be accurate; clarifies payment provisions.

Effective Date: October 1, 2014

02/03/14 HOUSE Filed

02/14/14 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

03/21/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/25/14, 11:30 am, 404 H

03/25/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/26/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/28/14 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

04/02/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/04/14, 9:30 am, 404 H

04/04/14 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

04/17/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/21/14

04/21/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/22/14

04/22/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays)

SENATE In Messages

SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; Appropriations; Rules

04/24/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; Appropriations; Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0834; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading
04/25/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)
SENATE Immediately certified
HOUSE Ordered enrolled
HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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HB 797 - Relating to Clerks of Court

by Pilon CS Sponsors: Finance & Tax Subcommittee, Civil Justice Subcommittee
General Clerks of Court: Authorizes jurors & witnesses to be paid by check; requires party applying for garnishment to pay deposit to garnishee, rather than in registry of court; deletes provision that requires clerk to collect specified fee; provides requirements for sale of tax certificates; revises requirements for redemption of tax certificates; provides circumstances under which land shall be placed on specified list; clarifies notice requirements; provides for excess proceeds relating to unclaimed property; requires clerk to ensure that excess funds are paid according to specified priorities; provides for interpleader actions & award of reasonable fees & costs. .
Effective Date: July 1, 2014
02/04/14 HOUSE Filed
02/14/14 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
03/10/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/12/14, 8:00 am, 404 H
03/12/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/14/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
03/18/14 HOUSE Reference to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee removed; Remaining references Finance & Tax Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Subcommittee
03/28/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Finance & Tax Subcommittee, 04/01/14, 2:30 pm, 17 H
04/01/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Finance & Tax Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/02/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
04/03/14 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
04/09/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/11/14, 8:00 am, 404 H
04/11/14 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
04/22/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/24/14
04/24/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/25/14
04/25/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)
SENATE In Messages
SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations
05/01/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary, Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0788; Placed on Third Reading
05/02/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)
HOUSE Ordered enrolled
HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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HB 805 - Relating to Title Insurer Reserves

by Moraitis CS Sponsors: Regulatory Affairs Committee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

General Title Insurer Reserves: **Revising criteria with respect to liabilities charged against assets in determinations of financial condition**; specifying the reserves certain title insurers must set aside after a certain date; revising provisions relating to premium taxes paid by insurers; requiring certified title insurers to add a specified number of jobs within a certain time, etc

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

02/04/14 HOUSE Filed

02/14/14 HOUSE Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

03/03/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, 03/05/14, 3:30 pm, 404 H - PCS

03/05/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/10/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/13/14 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee

04/01/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Regulatory Affairs Committee, 04/03/14, 8:30 am, 404 H

04/03/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Regulatory Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/04/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

04/07/14 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

04/17/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/21/14

04/21/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/22/14

04/22/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays)

SENATE In Messages

SENATE Received; Referred to Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism

05/01/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Banking and Insurance, Commerce and Tourism; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0758; Amendment Adopted (543720); Ordered Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading

05/02/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)

HOUSE In returning messages

HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (543720); Passed as Amended (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)

HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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SB 828 - Relating to Court System

by Bradley CS Sponsors: Judiciary

General Court System; Repealing provisions relating to a prohibition on the practice of law by a retired justice of the Supreme Court; excluding retired judges practicing law from the Conference of Circuit Judges of Florida; removing a requirement that circuit court judges attend and participate in such conference; revising the number of members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to requirements of the State Constitution; authorizing the court to order any property, debt, or other obligation due the judgment debtor to be applied toward the satisfaction of the judgment debt, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

02/04/14 SENATE Filed

02/06/14 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

03/06/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 03/11/14, 1:30 pm, 110 S

03/13/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
03/17/14 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
03/20/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/25/14, 2:00 pm, 301 S
03/25/14 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/26/14 SENATE Now in Rules
03/28/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 04/02/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S
04/02/14 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/03/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
04/08/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/11/14
04/11/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
SENATE Retained on Calendar
SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/14
04/23/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
SENATE Retained on Special Order Calendar
04/24/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (368874, 166104); Amendment Withdrawn (392128); Ordered engrossed; Placed on Third Reading
SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
04/25/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendments Adopted (787398, 254464); Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified
SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed
HOUSE In Messages
HOUSE Referred to Calendar
HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/28/14
04/28/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7003; Placed on Third Reading; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 1 Nay)
SENATE Ordered enrolled
SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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**HB 277 - Relating to Joint Use of Public School Facilities
(***THIS LANGUAGE WAS AMENDED ON TO SB 850 - RELATING TO
EDUCATION)**

by Spano CoSponsors: Campbell, Raburn CS Sponsors: Education Committee, Civil Justice Subcommittee

General Joint Use of Public School Facilities: Authorizes district school boards to enter into joint-use agreements or adopt public access policies; provides immunity from liability for district school board that enters into joint-use agreement or adopts public access policies except in instances of gross negligence or intentional misconduct; provides applicability.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

11/06/13 HOUSE Filed

12/13/13 HOUSE Referred to Choice & Innovation Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Education Committee

HOUSE Now in Choice & Innovation Subcommittee

01/07/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Choice & Innovation Subcommittee, 01/14/14, 9:00 am, 306 H

01/14/14 HOUSE Favorable by Choice & Innovation Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

01/29/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 02/05/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

02/05/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/06/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/10/14 HOUSE Now in Education Committee

02/13/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Education Committee, 02/20/14, 9:00 am,

02/20/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Education Committee; 16 Yeas, 1 Nay
02/24/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/25/14 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/07/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/11/14
03/11/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (293193); Placed on Third Reading, 03/12/14
03/12/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment Withdrawn (494155); Passed (Vote: 108 Yeas / 9 Nays)
03/19/14 SENATE In Messages
03/20/14 SENATE Referred to Education; Community Affairs; Judiciary
05/02/14 SENATE Died in Education

***** SB 850 – Relating to Education Bill Actions**

04/29/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (937491); Placed on Third Reading
04/30/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment Failed (086369); Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 1 Nay)
SENATE In returning messages
05/02/14 SENATE Received from Messages; Amendment Adopted (796932); Concurred with Amendment as Amended (937491); Passed (Vote: 29 Yeas / 11 Nays)
HOUSE In returning messages
HOUSE Received from Messages; Amendments Withdrawn (914203, 345137, 006327, 023493, 301825, 833993, 558027, 648547, 160149, 796932); Concurred with Amendment (796932); Concurred with Amendment as Amended (937491); Passed as Amended (Vote: 70 Yeas / 44 Nays)
SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
05/05/14 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed
SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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SB 1188 - Relating to Prospective Appointment of Judicial Vacancies

by Lee (T) CS Sponsors: Rules
Joint Resolution Prospective Appointment of Judicial Vacancies; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in certain judicial offices, etc.
02/21/14 SENATE Filed
02/28/14 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Rules
03/06/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 03/11/14, 1:30 pm, 110 S
03/11/14 SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Judiciary; 5 Yeas, 3 Nays
03/14/14 SENATE Now in Rules
03/17/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/20/14, 10:30 am, 110 S
03/20/14 SENATE Favorable with Committee Substitute by Rules; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays
SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/26/14 - If Received
03/21/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/26/14
03/26/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/01/14
04/03/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 26 Yeas / 14 Nays)
04/11/14 HOUSE In Messages
04/28/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar
HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/29/14
04/29/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading
04/30/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 73 Yeas / 45 Nays)

SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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SB 1664 - Relating to Arbitration

by Judiciary

General Arbitration; Correcting the description of a cross-reference; providing for retroactive application, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

03/12/14 SENATE Filed (Formerly PCB 7078)

03/14/14 SENATE Referred to Rules

03/21/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/26/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S

03/26/14 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/27/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/03/14

04/03/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading

04/11/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/23/14 HOUSE In Messages

04/28/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar

HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/29/14

04/29/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7161; Placed on Third Reading

04/30/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays)

SENATE Ordered enrolled

SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

05/08/14 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 05/23/14)

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BUDGET BILLS:

Below are bills relating to the budget, which were passed this session.

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HB 5001 - Relating to General Appropriations Act

by Appropriations Committee, McKeel

Summary

General General Appropriations Act: Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2014, & ending June 30, 2015, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2014, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay - buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014, or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later

03/27/14 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB APC9)

HOUSE Referred to Calendar

03/28/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/02/14

04/02/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (990005, 990006); Placed on Third Reading, 04/03/14

04/03/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 16 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

SENATE In Messages

SENATE Received from Messages; Referred to Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 2500; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (544510); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 2 Nays); The Senate having refused to pass the bill as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a conference; Immediately certified
04/21/14 HOUSE Conference Committee appointed
SENATE Conference Committee appointed
05/02/14 HOUSE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (783953); Passed (Vote: 102 Yeas / 15 Nays)
SENATE In returning messages
SENATE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (783953); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)
HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
05/06/14 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
05/07/14 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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HB 5003 - Relating to Implementing 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act

by Appropriations Committee, McKeel
General Implementing 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act: Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
Effective Date: July 1, 2014; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and operate retroactively to July 1, 2014
03/26/14 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB APC10)
03/27/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar
03/28/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/02/14
04/02/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/03/14
04/03/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 102 Yeas / 13 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
SENATE In Messages
SENATE Received from Messages; Referred to Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 2502; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (312088); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 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
HOUSE In returning messages
04/21/14 HOUSE Conference Committee appointed
SENATE Conference Committee appointed
05/02/14 HOUSE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (372617); Passed (Vote: 102 Yeas / 15 Nays)
SENATE In returning messages
SENATE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (372617); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)
HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
05/06/14 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
05/07/14 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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HB 5301 - Relating to Additional Judgeships

by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, McBurney
General Additional Judgeships: Adds judges to certain judicial circuits, county courts, & district courts of appeal

Effective Date: July 1, 2014
03/19/14 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB JUAS1)
HOUSE Referred to Appropriations Committee
HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee
03/24/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 03/26/14, 1:00 pm, 212 K
03/26/14 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 25 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Placed on calendar, on 2nd reading
03/28/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/02/14
04/02/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (116123); Placed on Third Reading, 04/03/14
04/03/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 97 Yeas / 19 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
SENATE In Messages
SENATE Received from Messages; Referred to Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (240200); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 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
HOUSE In returning messages
04/21/14 HOUSE Conference Committee appointed
SENATE Conference Committee appointed
05/02/14 HOUSE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (221467); Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 17 Nays)
SENATE In returning messages
SENATE Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (221467); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)
HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
05/06/14 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
05/07/14 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
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BILLS OF INTEREST:

Below are bills of interest, which were monitored this session. THESE BILLS DID NOT PASS THIS SESSION.

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SB 108 - Relating to Public Records/Claim Settlement on Behalf of a Minor or Ward

by Joyner CS Sponsors: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
Public Records Public Records/Claim Settlement on Behalf of a Minor or Ward; Creating an exemption from public records requirements for records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a minor or ward; authorizing a guardian ad litem, a ward, a minor, and a minor's attorney to inspect guardianship reports and court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a minor or ward, upon a showing of good cause; authorizing the court to direct disclosure and recording of an amendment to a report or court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor, in connection with real property or for other purposes, etc.
Effective Date: On the same date that SB 120 or similar legislation takes effect if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law
08/20/13 SENATE Filed

09/11/13 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
09/30/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 10/08/13, 9:30 am, 37 S
10/08/13 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/09/13 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
10/14/13 SENATE Now in Judiciary
05/02/14 SENATE Died in Judiciary
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HB 125 - Relating to Pub. Rec./Claim Settlement on Behalf of Minor or Ward

by Schwartz

General Pub. Rec./Claim Settlement on Behalf of Minor or Ward: Creates exemption from public records requirements for records relating to settlement of claim on behalf of minor or ward; authorizes guardian ad litem, ward, minor, & minor's attorney to inspect guardianship reports & court records relating to settlement of claim on behalf of minor or ward, upon showing of good cause; authorizes court to direct disclosure & recording of amendment to report or court records relating to settlement of claim on behalf of ward or minor, in connection with real property or for other purposes; provides statement of public necessity; provides for contingent effect.

Effective Date: on the same date that HB 123 or similar legislation takes effect if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law

10/02/13 HOUSE Filed

11/05/13 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

01/07/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 01/14/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

01/14/14 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

03/21/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 03/25/14, 11:30 am, 212 K

03/25/14 HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

04/02/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/04/14, 9:30 am, 404 H

04/04/14 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 14 Yeas, 1 Nay

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

04/21/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/14

04/23/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays)

HOUSE In Messages

SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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SB 126 - Relating to Residential Foreclosure Proceedings

by Soto

General Residential Foreclosure Proceedings; Citing this act as the "Florida Mortgage Collection Fairness Act"; prohibiting a mortgage collection firm from offering false

is a deceptive and unfair trade practice; providing penalties and remedies including attorney fees and costs, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

08/26/13 SENATE Filed

09/11/13 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance

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SB 198 - Relating to Social Media Privacy

by Clemens CoSponsors: Latvala CS Sponsors: Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Commerce and Tourism

General Social Media Privacy; Prohibiting an employer from requesting or requiring access to a social media account of an employee or prospective employee; prohibiting an employer from taking retaliatory personnel action for an employee's failure to provide access to his or her social media account; prohibiting an employer from failing or refusing to hire a prospective employee who does not provide access to his or her social media account; specifying that an employer is not prohibited from seeking access to social media accounts under certain circumstances, etc.

Effective Date: October 1, 2014

09/25/13 SENATE Filed

10/08/13 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; Rules

02/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 02/17/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S

02/17/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 7 Yeas, 2 Nays

02/18/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/19/14 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

03/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 03/13/14, 9:00 am, 412 K

03/13/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/14/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/18/14 SENATE Now in Judiciary

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Judiciary

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HB 527 - Relating to Social Media Privacy

by Castor Dentel

General Social Media Privacy: Prohibits employer from requesting or requiring access to social media account of employee or prospective employee; prohibits employer from taking retaliatory personnel action for employee's failure to provide access to his or her social media account; prohibits employer from failing or refusing to hire prospective employee who does not provide access to his or her social media account; authorizes civil actions for violations; provides for recovery of attorney fees & court costs.

Effective Date: October 1, 2014

01/07/14 HOUSE Filed

01/16/14 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

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SB 220 - Relating to Florida Civil Rights Act

by Thompson CoSponsors: Bullard, Clemens, Joyner CS Sponsors: Community Affairs

General Florida Civil Rights Act; Prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy in public lodging and food service establishments; prohibiting discrimination with regard to employment benefits; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy by labor organizations, joint labor-management committees, and employment agencies; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy in occupational licensing, certification, and membership organizations, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

09/30/13 SENATE Filed

10/08/13 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Community Affairs

12/02/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 12/09/13, 4:00 pm, 110 S

12/09/13 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/10/13 SENATE Now in Judiciary

01/06/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/14/14, 10:00 am, 110 S

01/14/14 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

SENATE Now in Community Affairs

01/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/04/14, 2:00 pm, 301 S

02/04/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/05/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/11/14 SENATE Reference to Rules added; Remaining reference: Rules
SENATE Now in Rules

03/07/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/12/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S

03/12/14 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/13/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/20/14

03/20/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading for 03/26/14

03/26/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/01/14 HOUSE In Messages

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HB 105 - Relating to Florida Civil Rights Act

by Berman CoSponsors: Edwards, Moskowitz, Murphy, Pafford, Rangel, Rehwinkel Vasilinda, Saunders, Schwartz, Stafford, Stark, Torres, Watson (B), Watson (C), Kerner CS Sponsors: Civil Justice Subcommittee

General Florida Civil Rights Act: Prohibits discrimination on basis of pregnancy in specified establishments; prohibits employment discrimination on basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; prohibits discrimination on basis of pregnancy by labor organizations, joint labor-management committees, employment agencies, or in licensing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

09/27/13 HOUSE Filed

11/05/13 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

01/07/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 01/14/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

01/14/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay

01/21/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/27/14 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

02/24/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/03/14, 2:30 pm, 17 H

03/03/14 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

04/09/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/11/14, 8:00 am, 404 H

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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SB 234 - Relating to Discrimination in Employment Screening

by Clemens CoSponsors: Bullard

General Discrimination in Employment Screening; Prohibiting an employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal record on an initial employment application unless required by law, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

10/03/13 SENATE Filed

10/10/13 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal Justice; Rules

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Commerce and Tourism

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HB 505 - Relating to Discrimination in Employment Screening

by Stafford CoSponsors: Powell

General Discrimination in Employment Screening: Prohibits employer from inquiring into or considering applicant's criminal record on initial employment application unless required by law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

01/07/14 HOUSE Filed

01/16/14 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

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SB 324 - Relating to Employment Practices

by Detert CS Sponsors: Commerce and Tourism

General Employment Practices; Prohibiting an employer from using a job applicant's credit report or credit history to make certain hiring, compensation, or other employment decisions; providing specific situations in which an employer may use such information; providing exemptions for certain types of employers; providing remedies for an aggrieved person; providing for the award of actual damages and court costs; providing for a plaintiff to post a bond to indemnify the defendant for damages, including attorney fees, in certain situations, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

10/25/13 SENATE Filed

11/07/13 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

12/02/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 12/09/13, 4:00 pm, 110 S

12/09/13 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay

12/10/13 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/18/13 SENATE Now in Judiciary

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Judiciary

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SB 400 - Relating to Nursing Homes

by Bullard

General Nursing Homes; Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to prohibit a licensee or controlling interest from operating a nursing home facility in

civil penalty if it determines that a resident in a nursing home facility died from abuse or neglect, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

11/14/13 SENATE Filed

12/09/13 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Health Policy

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HB 563 - Relating to Nursing Homes

by Rogers

General Nursing Homes: Requires AHCA to prohibit licensee or controlling interest from operating nursing home facility in this state under certain circumstances; requires agency to impose specified civil penalty if it determines that resident in nursing home facility died from abuse or neglect.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

01/10/14 HOUSE Filed

01/27/14 HOUSE Referred to Health Innovation Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

HOUSE Now in Health Innovation Subcommittee

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SB 458 - Relating to Regulation of Knives and Weapons

by Altman

General Regulation of Knives and Weapons; Creating the "Uniform Knife and Weapons Act"; prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions from regulating knives and weapons; providing that certain rules or ordinances of a state agency or political subdivision regulating knives or weapons are void; authorizing civil actions against a state agency or political subdivision that enacts or fails to repeal a prohibited rule or ordinance; providing for the termination of employment or removal from office of a person in violation of the act, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

12/02/13 SENATE Filed

12/11/13 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

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SB 508 - Relating to State Ombudsman Program

by Detert CS Sponsors: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

General State Ombudsman Program; Deleting references to ombudsman councils and transferring their responsibilities to representatives of the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; revising the duties and authority of the state ombudsman; revising duties and membership of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council; providing duties of representatives of the office in the districts; revising the appointments of and qualifications for district ombudsmen; deleting provisions that provide for an election of a chair of a local council and the meeting times for the local council, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

12/11/13 SENATE Filed

12/18/13 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

03/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 04/01/14, 9:00 am, 37 S

04/01/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/02/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
04/04/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, 04/09/14, 2:00 pm, 412 K
04/09/14 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
SENATE Now in Appropriations
05/02/14 SENATE Died in Appropriations
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HB 91 - Relating to State Ombudsman Program

by Roberson CS Sponsors: Health & Human Services Committee

General State Ombudsman Program: Reorganizes long-term ombudsman services; provides duties of Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman & State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council; provides conditions under which representative of office could be found to have conflict of interest; provides immunity from liability for representative of office; requires long-term care facilities to provide representatives of office with access to facilities, residents, & records for certain purposes; provides for office to coordinate ombudsman services with Disability Rights Florida.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

09/26/13 HOUSE Filed

11/05/13 HOUSE Referred to Healthy Families Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

HOUSE Now in Healthy Families Subcommittee

01/29/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Healthy Families Subcommittee, 02/05/14, 1:00 pm, 12 H

02/05/14 HOUSE Favorable by Healthy Families Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

02/28/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/04/14, 1:30 pm, 212 K

03/04/14 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

03/18/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee, 03/20/14, 9:00 am, 17 H

03/20/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/21/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/24/14 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

03/28/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/14

04/01/14 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/02/14 SENATE In Messages

04/03/14 SENATE Received; Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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SB 556 - Relating to Persons Excused From Jury Service

by Thompson

General Persons Excused from Jury Service; Allowing a woman breastfeeding her child to be excused from jury service for a specified period following the child's birth; providing for additional excused periods, etc.

12/19/13 SENATE Filed
01/10/14 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
05/02/14 SENATE Died in Judiciary
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HB 335 - Relating to Persons Excused from Jury Service

by Stark

General Persons Excused from Jury Service: Provides that woman breastfeeding her child may be excused from jury service for specified period following child's birth; provides for additional excused periods.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

11/21/13 HOUSE Filed

12/16/13 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

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SB 600 - Relating to Administrative Procedures

by Dean

General Administrative Procedures; Requiring that a final order in specified administrative proceedings award all reasonable costs and attorney fees to a prevailing party under certain circumstances; revising the criteria used by an administrative law judge to determine if a party participated in a proceeding for an improper purpose, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

01/09/14 SENATE Filed

01/16/14 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; Rules

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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HB 975 - Relating to Administrative Procedures

by Goodson CS Sponsors: Rulemaking, Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee

General Administrative Procedures: Requires that final order in specified administrative proceedings award all reasonable costs & attorney fees to prevailing party; revises criteria used by administrative law judge to determine if party participated in proceeding for improper purpose; authorizes recovery of reasonable attorney fees & costs incurred in litigating entitlement to or quantification of attorney's fees & costs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

02/18/14 HOUSE Filed

02/28/14 HOUSE Referred to Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee

03/14/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee, 03/18/14, 10:00 am, 306 H

03/18/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays

03/19/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/21/14 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

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HB 1355 - Relating to Administrative Procedures

by Adkins CS Sponsors: Rulemaking, Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee

General Administrative Procedures: Provides conditions under which proceeding is not substantially justified for purposes of award under Florida Equal Access to Justice

Act; provides for publication of notices of rule development & of rules filed for adoption; provides additional notice of rule development, proposals, & adoptions; revises numerous provisions addressing challenges to agency action & agency statements, rules, & proposed rules; revises numerous provisions to authorize or require ALJ to award attorney fees & costs in administrative actions; requires ALJ to make certain findings & enter final order on validity of certain rules & alleged unadopted rules; provides for stay of proceedings not involving disputed issues of fact under certain circumstances; provides that final order terminates stay; provides for award of attorney fees & costs by appellate court in specified administrative challenges; provides for attorney fees & costs incurred in litigating right to attorney fees & costs in administrative actions; authorizes extensions for filing certain appeals or petitions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

03/03/14 HOUSE Filed

03/11/14 HOUSE Referred to Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee

03/21/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee, 03/25/14, 1:30 pm, 306 H

03/25/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/31/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

04/02/14 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

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SB 764 - Relating to Hearsay

by Detert CS Sponsors: Judiciary

General Hearsay; Providing that certain statements are an exception to the hearsay rule and thus admissible, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

01/28/14 SENATE Filed

02/06/14 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Rules

03/13/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 03/18/14, 8:00 am, 110 S

03/18/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/19/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/24/14 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice

03/26/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/31/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S

03/31/14 SENATE Favorable by Criminal Justice; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay

04/01/14 SENATE Now in Rules

04/04/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 04/09/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S

04/09/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/11/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

04/14/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/14

04/23/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/24/14

04/24/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Failed (400988); Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading with Amendment Pending (971002)

04/25/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading

04/28/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading

04/29/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading

04/30/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading

05/01/14 SENATE Amendment Failed (400988); Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading

05/02/14 SENATE Died on Calendar

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HB 429 - Relating to Hearsay

by Passidomo, Young CoSponsors: Boyd CS Sponsors: Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Civil Justice Subcommittee

General Hearsay: Provides that certain statements regarding act of domestic violence are exception to hearsay rule & thus admissible at court hearing or trial.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

12/16/13 HOUSE Filed

01/08/14 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

01/29/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 02/05/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

01/31/14 HOUSE Removed from meeting agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 02/05/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H

03/03/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/05/14, 12:00 pm, 404 H - PCS

03/05/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/07/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/10/14 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

03/14/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 03/18/14, 3:00 pm, 404 H

03/18/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays

03/19/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/21/14 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

03/25/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/27/14, 8:30 am, 404 H

03/27/14 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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SB 1054 - Relating to Recovered Materials

by Bean

General Recovered Materials; Exempting from liability for any costs of site rehabilitation people who generate, sell, or otherwise transfer recovered materials, or who sell or transfer products, raw materials, or commodities made from recovered materials, under certain circumstances; providing retroactive application under certain circumstances, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

02/13/14 SENATE Filed

02/19/14 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Judiciary; Appropriations

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

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HB 1133 - Relating to Recovered Materials

by Van Zant

General Recovered Materials: Exempts certain recovered materials dealers from liability relating to site rehabilitation costs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

02/26/14 HOUSE Filed

03/05/14 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

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SB 1128 - Relating to Damages in Negligence Actions

by Richter CoSponsors: Hays

General Damages in Negligence Actions; Providing that a claimant in certain negligence actions may recover damages for the cost of medical or health care services only if such services are medically necessary; providing a methodology to calculate an award of damages for the cost of such medical or health care services; specifying evidence that is admissible and inadmissible in determining the award of damages, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

02/19/14 SENATE Filed

02/26/14 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Health Policy; Banking and Insurance

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Judiciary

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HB 379 - Relating to Damages in Negligence Actions

by Hood CoSponsors: Hill, Van Zant CS Sponsors: Civil Justice Subcommittee

General Damages in Negligence Actions: Provides that claimant in certain negligence actions may recover damages for cost of medical or health care services only if such services are medically necessary; provides methodology to calculate award; specifies evidence that is admissible & inadmissible in determining award; requires alternative calculation if certain insurers file lien or subrogation claim; prohibits use of finding of medical necessity for certain purposes; provides applicability.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

12/10/13 HOUSE Filed

01/08/14 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

03/14/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/18/14, 9:00 am, 404 H

03/18/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 4 Nays

03/19/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/21/14 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

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SB 1138 - Relating to Civil Liability of Farmers

by Evers CS Sponsors: Judiciary, Agriculture

General Civil Liability of Farmers; Expanding an existing exemption from civil liability for farmers who gratuitously allow a person to enter upon their land for the purpose of removing farm produce or crops left in the field after harvesting to include farmers who gratuitously allow a person to enter upon their land to remove any farm produce or crops, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

02/20/14 SENATE Filed

02/28/14 SENATE Referred to Agriculture; Judiciary

03/12/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Agriculture, 03/17/14, 4:30 pm, 301 S

03/17/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Agriculture; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/19/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/20/14 SENATE Now in Judiciary

03/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/01/14, 9:00 am, 110 S

04/01/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/02/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

04/07/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

04/08/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/11/14

04/11/14 SENATE Read Second Time: Placed on Third Reading

04/23/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)
04/24/14 SENATE Motion to reconsider adopted
04/25/14 SENATE Reconsidered; Retained on Third Reading
04/28/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)
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HB 1135 - Relating to Limitation of Civil Liability for Farmers

by Rader CoSponsors: Mayfield, Rooney CS Sponsors: Judiciary Committee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

General Civil Liability of Farmers: Expands existing exemption from civil liability for farmers who gratuitously allow person to enter upon their land for purpose of removing farm produce or crops left in field after harvesting to include farmers who gratuitously allow person to enter upon their land to remove farm produce or crops; revises exceptions to exemption from civil liability.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

02/26/14 HOUSE Filed

03/05/14 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

03/14/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/18/14, 9:00 am, 404 H

03/18/14 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 4:00 pm, 102 H

03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/25/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/27/14 SENATE Now in Judiciary Committee

04/09/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/11/14, 8:00 am, 404 H

04/11/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/15/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

04/17/14 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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SB 1494 - Relating to Civil Remedies Against Insurers

by Thrasher

General Civil Remedies Against Insurers; Requiring insureds and claimants, or persons acting on their behalf, to provide an insurer with written notice of loss as a condition precedent to bringing a statutory or common-law action for a third-party bad faith action for failure to settle an insurance claim; providing that an insurer is not liable for such claim if certain conditions are met, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2014

02/28/14 SENATE Filed

03/05/14 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules

03/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 04/01/14, 3:00 pm, 110 S

04/01/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Banking and Insurance

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance

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HB 187 - Relating to Civil Remedies Against Insurers

by Passidomo

General Civil Remedies Against Insurers: Requires insureds, claimants, or persons acting on their behalf to provide insurer with written notice of loss as condition precedent to statutory or common-law action for third-party bad-faith failure to settle insurance claim; provides that insurer is not liable for claim of bad faith failure to settle claim if certain conditions are met.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

10/17/13 HOUSE Filed

11/22/13 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

03/10/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/12/14, 8:00 am, 404 H

03/12/14 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 4 Nays

HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

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SB 1646 - Relating to Telemedicine

by Health Policy CS Sponsors: Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

General Telemedicine; Creating the "Florida Telemedicine Act"; requiring physicians providing telemedicine services to patients in this state to be licensed in this state or to meet alternative requirements; providing standards and prohibitions for the provision of telemedicine services; authorizing the use of telemedicine services in the diagnosis and treatment of the human eye; providing requirements for reimbursement of telemedicine services under the Medicaid program, etc.

Effective Date: 10/1/2014

03/06/14 SENATE Filed (Formerly PCB 7028)

03/10/14 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

03/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities, 04/01/14, 9:30 am, 301 S

04/01/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays

04/03/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

04/04/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, 04/09/14, 2:00 pm, 412 K

04/09/14 SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/11/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations

05/02/14 SENATE Died in Appropriations

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HB 267 - Relating to Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance

by Trujillo

General Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance: Revises legislative intent with respect to financial responsibility for damages caused by operation of motor vehicle; increases financial responsibility limits with respect to bodily injury or death; revises required threshold limit for self-insurers; repeals Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; provides for termination of personal injury protection policies; requires maintaining minimum security requirements allowing person to respond to property damage & bodily injury by certain date; requires insurer to notify insured about such changes by certain date; provides for applicability of suspensions for failure to maintain security; conforms provisions.

Effective Date: January 1, 2015

11/05/13 HOUSE Filed

12/13/13 HOUSE Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

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HB 269 - Relating to Pub. Rec./Bodily Injury Liability Insurance Policies

by Trujillo

General Pub. Rec./Bodily Injury Liability Insurance Policies: Provides public records exemption for certain information regarding bodily injury liability insurance policies; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity; provides for contingent effect.

Effective Date: on the same date that HB 267 or similar legislation takes effect

11/05/13 HOUSE Filed

12/13/13 HOUSE Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

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HB 553 - Relating to Traffic Control Devices

by McBurney CoSponsors: Van Zant

General Traffic Control Devices: Provides conditions for use of automated traffic law enforcement system; preempts to state regulation of use of automated traffic law enforcement systems to record vehicle speeds; provides for consideration of certain defenses to notice of or citation for violation; provides for liability when motor vehicle involved in violation is leased vehicle; requires statistical analysis to assess safety impact of such system.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

01/09/14 HOUSE Filed

01/16/14 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

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HB 555 - Relating to Pub. Rec./Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System

by McBurney CoSponsors: Campbell CS Sponsors: Government Operations Subcommittee, Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

General Pub. Rec./Traffic Infraction Detectors: Provides public records exemption for images obtained through use of traffic infraction detectors; provides for retroactive applicability of exemption; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

01/09/14 HOUSE Filed

01/16/14 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 3:00 pm, 404 H - PCS

03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
03/27/14 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee
HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 03/31/14, 1:30 pm, 212 K
03/31/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
04/02/14 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee
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HB 739 - Relating to Compensation for Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Arising from Medical Injury

by Brodeur

General Compensation for Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Arising from Medical Injury: Provides exclusive remedy for personal injury or wrongful death arising out of medical injury; provides exceptions; creates Patient Compensation System; provides for various offices & committees; provides for independent medical review panels; prohibits certain conflicts of interest; provides process for filing application; provides for disposition of application; provides for determination of compensation when there is sufficient proof of medical injury; provides that compensation shall be offset by any past & future collateral source payments; provides for determinations of malpractice for purposes of specified constitutional provision; provides for review of appeals by administrative law judge; requires annual contributions from specified providers; provides for provider opt out option; requires annual report.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

01/27/14 HOUSE Filed

02/06/14 HOUSE Referred to Judiciary Committee; Appropriations Committee; Health & Human Services Committee

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

03/13/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/17/14, 3:00 pm, 404 H - Workshop

03/17/14 HOUSE Workshopped by Judiciary Committee

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HB 741 - Relating to Trust Funds/Creation/Patient Compensation System Trust Fund/DOH

by Brodeur

General Trust Funds/Creation/Patient Compensation System Trust Fund/DOH: Creates Patient Compensation System Trust Fund; provides for purpose & sources of funds of trust fund; provides for future review & termination or re-creation of trust fund; provides for contingent effect.

Effective Date: on the same date that HB 739 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is enacted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law, and only if this act is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature

01/27/14 HOUSE Filed

02/06/14 HOUSE Referred to Judiciary Committee; Appropriations Committee; Health & Human Services Committee

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

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HB 835 - Relating to Commission on Federalism

by Metz CoSponsors: Albritton, Baxley, Santiago, Van Zant

General Commission on Federalism: Creates Commission on Federalism; provides duties of commission to evaluate federal laws for adherence to U.S. Constitution & principle of federalism; authorizes commission to issue determinations regarding constitutional authority for evaluated laws; requires commission to monitor & communicate with other states on certain actions taken pursuant to Article V of U.S. Constitution; requires commission to submit annual report to Governor & Legislature.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

02/05/14 HOUSE Filed

02/14/14 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

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HB 1005 - Relating to Consumer Protection

by Nuñez

General Consumer Protection: Designates act as "Florida True Origins Of Goods Act"; requires owners & operators of specified websites & online services to disclose certain information; provides for enforcement of act; provides for injunctive relief & civil penalties; provides that violations of act constitute violations of Florida Deceptive & Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

02/19/14 HOUSE Filed

02/28/14 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee

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HB 1149 - Relating to Nursing Home Administration

by Bracy

General Nursing Home Administration: Requires nursing homes to maintain certain malpractice insurance coverage.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

02/26/14 HOUSE Filed

03/05/14 HOUSE Referred to Health Innovation Subcommittee; Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

HOUSE Now in Health Innovation Subcommittee

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HB 1327 - Relating to Government Accountability

by Metz CS Sponsors: Government Operations Subcommittee

General Government Accountability: Revises various audit provisions to include district school boards or exclude water management districts; revises responsibilities of department heads, Supreme Court, Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney & public defender, criminal conflict & civil regional counsel, capital collateral counsel, Guardian Ad Litem program, local governmental entities, & governing bodies of charter schools to include responsibility of establishing certain internal controls; revises responsibilities of district school board's internal auditor to permit certain audits & reviews; requires each Florida College System institution to file certain

district, Florida College System institution, & state university to establish certain internal controls.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

03/03/14 HOUSE Filed

03/11/14 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

03/21/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 03/25/14, 11:30 am, 212 K

03/25/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/31/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

04/02/14 HOUSE Reference to Appropriations Committee removed; Remaining reference: State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

04/09/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/11/14, 8:00 am, 17 H

04/11/14 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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HB 4011 - Relating to Death Penalty

by Rehwinkel Vasilinda

General Death Penalty: Deletes provisions providing for death penalty for capital felonies; deletes associated provisions, including provisions relating to representation in death penalty cases, capital collateral representation, jurors in capital cases, prohibiting imposition of death sentence on defendant with mental retardation, determination of whether to impose sentence of death or life imprisonment for capital felony or capital drug trafficking felony, issuance of warrant of execution, stay of execution of death sentence, proceedings when person under sentence of death appears to be insane, proceedings when person under sentence of death appears to be pregnant, grounds for death warrant, execution of death sentence, prohibition against reduction of death sentence as result of determination that method of execution is unconstitutional, sentencing orders in capital cases, regulation of execution, transfer to state prison for safekeeping before death warrant issued, return of warrant of execution issued by Governor, sentence of death unexecuted for unjustifiable reasons, & return of warrant of execution issued by Supreme Court.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

10/15/13 HOUSE Filed

11/05/13 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

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