



2020 Legislative Session
Weekly Report 6
(2/17/20 – 2/21/20)

Highlights

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed the Governor's comprehensive water quality bill, CS/CS/SB 912 by Senator Debbie Mayfield this week. The proposal creates the "Clean Waterways Act" and address a number of water quality policy issues. The bill includes recommendations from the Blue-Green Algae Task Force with major topics addressing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, wastewater, stormwater, agriculture, and biosolids. The latest version also removes a requirement that the Florida Cabinet vote unanimously to approve the appointment of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection Secretary. Comparable legislation has been filed in the House, CS/HB 1343 by Representative Blaise Ingolia.

Committees Recap

Monday (2/17/20)

Senate Governmental Oversight & Accountability

SB 1124 Legislative Review of Occupational Regulations – Senator Diaz

Citing this act as the "Occupational Regulation Sunset Act"; establishing a schedule for the systematic review of occupational regulatory programs; providing for the abolition of units or subunits of government and personnel positions responsible for repealed programs; providing for the reversion of certain unexpended funds and the refund of certain unencumbered revenue of a repealed program; requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to prosecute or defend certain pending causes of actions, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 3 Yeas, 1 Nay

SB 1272 Statewide Emergency Shelter Task Force – Senator Montford and others

Establishing the task force adjunct to the Department of Management Services; specifying the task force's purpose; providing for the membership of the task force; providing requirements and restrictions for members of the task force; requiring the task force to report recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

SJR 1502 Information about Municipalities and Counties – Senator Diaz

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Chief Financial Officer, as prescribed by general law, to annually provide information about counties and municipalities to

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residents in a manner that allows residents to compare economic and noneconomic factors of each local government, etc.

Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

CS/SB 1656 Reclaimed Water – Senator Albritton, Innovation, Industry & Technology

Prohibiting domestic wastewater treatment facilities from disposing of effluent, reclaimed water, or reuse water by surface water discharge beginning on a specified date; providing that reclaimed water is a water source for public water supply systems; providing specified groundwater and surface water quality protections for potable reuse projects; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to authorize graywater technologies under certain circumstances and to provide incentives for the implementation of such technologies, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 7048 Public Records/Public Shelter Space – Senator Lee, Infrastructure & Security

Creating an exemption from public records requirements for the name, address, and telephone number of a person which are held by an agency providing shelter or assistance to such person during an emergency; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

Senate Innovation, Industry, and Technology

SB 1336 - Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing – Senator Perry

Preempting licensing of occupations to the state; prohibiting local governments from imposing additional licensing requirements or modifying licensing unless specified conditions are met; specifying that certain specialty contractors are not required to register with the Construction Industry Licensing Board; authorizing counties and municipalities to issue certain journeyman licenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Temporarily Postponed by Innovation, Industry, and Technology

Senate Community Affairs

CS/CS/SB 996 Local Government Waste Programs – Senator Albritton, Environment & Natural Resources, Community Affairs

Exempting fiscally constrained counties from certain local government recycling goals and requirements; creating a recycled materials management pilot program for Polk County, in coordination with the University of Florida, for a specified purpose; removing a provision authorizing a local government to pay a specified amount of compensation to a private waste company as an alternative to delaying displacement for a specified period; removing a provision authorizing a local government and a private waste company to negotiate such compensation and notice period, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay



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SB 912 Department of Business and Professional Regulation – Senator Diaz

Requiring that certain reports relating to the transportation or possession of cigarettes be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco through the division's electronic data submission system; renaming the Florida State Boxing Commission as the Florida Athletic Commission; revising requirements for issuing special licenses to certain food service establishments; providing the circumstances under which a person is delinquent in the payment of an assessment in the context of eligibility for membership on certain condominium boards, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

CS/SB 1270 Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers – Senator Lee, Governmental Oversight & Accountability

Establishing standards for the fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials and executive officers of specified governmental entities; requiring training on board governance beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to contract for or approve such training programs or publish a list of approved training providers; specifying requirements for the appointment of executive officers and general counsels of governmental entities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

Senate Infrastructure & Security

CS/SB 1050 Disaster Volunteer Leave for State Employees – Senator Diaz, Governmental Oversight & Accountability

Reordering, revising, and providing definitions; revising conditions under which an employee may be granted leave under the Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act; specifying requirements and limitations, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 998 Housing – Senator Hutson

Authorizing a board of county commissioners to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to include certain data relating to impact fees in their annual financial reports; revising applicable standards for the repair and remodeling of mobile and manufactured homes; renaming the Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program as the Community Workforce Housing Loan Program to provide workforce housing for persons affected by the high cost of housing, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 1036 Diesel Exhaust Fluid – Senator Albritton

Requiring the governing body of each public airport that meets certain criteria to create a diesel exhaust fluid safety mitigation and exclusion plan for submission to the Department of Transportation; requiring the plan to be fully implemented by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays



Tuesday (2/18/20)

Senate Commerce & Tourism

CS/SB 664 Verification of Employment Eligibility – Senator Lee, Judiciary

Requiring public employers and certain contractors and subcontractors to register with and use an employment verification system by a specified date; requiring employers who meet specified criteria to register with and use an employment verification system to verify the employment eligibility of new employees; authorizing the imposition of fines for violations of the act; creating a rebuttable presumption for certain employers that the employer did not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 3 Yeas, 2 Nays

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

SB 1304 Sentencing – Senator Brandes

Creating conditional sentences for substance use and mental health offenders; providing minimum sentencing requirements; specifying duties of the Department of Corrections; requiring the department to provide written notice to specified parties upon the offender's admission into an in-prison treatment program; requiring that an offender be transitioned to probation upon the completion of an in-prison program, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 1450 Environmental Enforcement – Senator Gruters

Revising administrative penalties for violations of certain provisions relating to beach and shore construction and activities; revising civil penalties for violations of certain provisions relating to the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, aquatic preserves, water resources, the Pollutant Discharge Prevention and Control Act, the Clean Ocean Act, regulation of oil and gas resources, the Phosphate Land Reclamation Act, and other provisions relating to pollution and the environment, respectively; revising criminal penalties for violations of certain provisions relating to pollution and the environment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay

Senate Finance & Tax

SB 334 Tourist Development Tax – Senator Stewart

Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues to promote or incentivize film or television productions in this state; requiring such counties to require certain productions to include a specified statement in the production's credits, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays



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CS/SB 1066 Impact Fees – Senator Gruters, Community Affairs

Revising requirements for counties and municipalities that adopt, collect, or administer an impact fee by ordinance and for special districts that adopt, collect, or administer an impact fee by resolution; requiring local governments to provide impact fee credits or other forms of compensation under certain conditions; requiring certain counties and municipalities to establish impact fee review committees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay

CS/SB 1662 Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans – Senator Albritton, Community Affairs

Providing that certain veterans and their surviving spouses receiving a certain homestead tax exemption may apply for and receive a prorated refund of property taxes paid on new homestead property acquired during a certain timeframe; requiring the property appraiser to immediately make certain entries upon the tax rolls to allow the prorated refund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

House Judiciary

PCB JDC 20-07 Petition Threshold Requirements for Citizen Initiatives

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to require that a specified number of signatures must be obtained in each congressional district to place an initiative on the ballot.

Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Judiciary Committee; 11 Yeas, 6 Nays; Committee Bill Filed as HB 7093

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

SB 1440 Children's Mental Health – Senator Powell

Requiring the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration to identify certain children and adolescents who use crisis stabilization services during specified fiscal years; including crisis response services provided through mobile response teams in the array of services available to children and adolescents; requiring managing entities to develop and implement plans promoting the development of a coordinated system of care for certain services; requiring the agency to conduct, or contract for, the testing of provider network databases maintained by Medicaid managed care plans for specified purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

House Appropriations

HB 579 Public Financing of Construction Projects – Representative Aloupis

Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 26 Yeas, 0 Nays



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House Health and Human Services

HB 649 Substance Abuse Services – Representative Caruso

Requires exemption from disqualification from employment for certain substance abuse service provider personnel under certain circumstances; removes authority of DCF to grant exemptions from disqualification under certain circumstances; revises provisions relating to payment practices exempt from prohibitions on patient brokering. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Health & Human Services Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

HB 1071 Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Representative M. Grant

Revises provisions related to substance abuse and mental health, including requirements for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program; community action treatment teams; requirements for school substance abuse prevention partnership grants; continuing education requirements of certain experts; & department requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

HB 1081 Substance Abuse and Mental Health- Representative Stevenson

Provides additional duties for Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention & Suicide Prevention Coordinating Counsel; revises composition of council; expands definition of "mental illness" to provide certain exclusions; revises entities that are exempt from certain licensing requirements; authorizes jails to share medical information pertaining to specified defendants to DCF; requires maintenance of psychotropic medications to specified defendants. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Health & Human Services Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

House Judiciary

HB 573 Peer Support for First Responders – Representative Casello

Prohibits certain persons who participate in peer support communication with first responders from testifying or divulging specified information under certain circumstances; provides exceptions; prohibits liability & cause of action. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

HB 1085 Veterans Treatment Court – Representative Ponder

Authorizes creation & administration of veterans treatment courts; provides eligibility criteria; specifies program implementation procedures, components, & policies; requires participant agreements & specifying requirements for such agreements; removes provisions addressing Military Veterans & Servicemembers Court Program; provides for eligibility for certain pretrial intervention programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

Wednesday (2/19/20)

Senate Rules



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SB 162 Public Records – Senator Perry

Prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing an action for declaratory relief against the requester, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020
Favorable with CS by Rules; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 538 Emergency Reporting – Senator Diaz

Requiring the State Watch Office within the Division of Emergency Management to create a list of reportable incidents; requiring a political subdivision to report incidents contained on the list to the office; authorizing the office to establish guidelines a political subdivision must follow to report an incident, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020
Favorable by Rules; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

Senate Judiciary

SPB 7062 Citizen Initiatives

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise threshold requirements for the number of petitions signed by electors needed in order for a citizen initiative to amend or revise the State Constitution to be placed on the ballot, etc.
Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Judiciary; 4 Yeas, 2 Nays

SB 1340 Legal Notices – Senator Gruters

Providing for the publication of legal notices on certain publicly accessible websites; allowing a governmental agency to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website under certain circumstances; removing provisions relating to the publication of legal notices in newspapers; providing that an advertisement of a sale or disposition of property may be published on certain websites for a specified time period, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
Temporarily Postponed by Judiciary

House Ways & Means

PCB WMC 20-01 Taxation

Revises provisions related to tourist development taxes, ad valorem taxes, value adjustment boards, tangible personal property rolls, truth-in-millage processes, communications services taxes, penalties related to dyed diesel fuels, convention development taxes, rental & license fees, sales tax reports, charter county & regional transportation system surtaxes, school capital outlay surtaxes, corporate income taxes, & contaminated site rehabilitation tax credits; repeals provision related to sports development; provides tax-free holidays. Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Submitted as Committee Bill by Ways & Means Committee; 12 Yeas, 4 Nays; Committee Bill Filed as HB 7097

CS/HB 1209 Dissolution of Municipalities – Representative Fischer, Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs
Requires dissolution of a municipality after a referendum is held if specified conditions are met; provides procedures for setting date for a referendum to dissolve a municipality; providing notice requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay



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CS/HB 1339 Housing – Representative Yarborough, Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs

Revises provisions addressing affordable housing; specifies sales tax rate for new mobile homes; exempts certain mobile home park & mobile home subdivision owners from regulation by Florida Public Service Commission relating to water & wastewater service; revises provisions addressing state apartment incentive loans; renames Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program; revises provisions addressing workforce housing; revises distribution of funds from Local Government Housing Trust Fund; revises membership of local affordable housing advisory committees; revises provisions addressing mobile home owners & mobile home parks; revises legal procedures related to mobile home park owners. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

Thursday (2/20/20)

Senate Appropriations

CS/SB 712 Water Quality Improvements – Senator Mayfield, Community Affairs

Citing this act as the “Clean Waterways Act”; requiring the Department Health to provide a specified report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; transferring the Onsite Sewage Program within the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a type two transfer by a specified date; creating an onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems technical advisory committee within the department; requiring the department to adopt rules relating to the underground pipes of wastewater collection systems; requiring basin management action plans for nutrient total maximum daily loads to include wastewater treatment and onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans that meet certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act this act shall take effect July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 1 Nay

SB 700 Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction – Senator Perry

Deleting a requirement that limits diversion program expunction to programs for misdemeanor offenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 712 Environmental Resource Management – Senator Mayfield

Citing this act as the “Clean Waterways Act”; requiring the Department Health to provide a specified report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; transferring the Onsite Sewage Program within the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a type two transfer by a specified date; requiring a consumptive use permit to use water derived from a spring for bottled water to meet certain requirements before approval; removing provisions establishing a Department of Health onsite sewage treatment and disposal system research review and advisory committee, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 1 Nay



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CS/SB 952 Senior Management Service Class – Senator Perry, Governmental Oversight & Accountability

Providing that participation in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System is compulsory for each appointed criminal conflict and civil regional counsel and specified staff of the regional counsel beginning on a specified date; authorizing members of the class to purchase and upgrade certain retirement credit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 7020 Emergency Staging Areas – Senator Lee, Infrastructure & Security

Authorizing the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system for the intended purpose of staging supplies for prompt provision of assistance to the public in a declared state of emergency; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to select sites for such areas; requiring the department to give priority consideration to placement of such staging areas in specified counties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

CS/SB 7040 Implementation of the Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission – Senator Diaz, Education, Infrastructure & Security

Authorizing a sheriff to contract for services to provide training under the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program; adding penalties for persons who knowingly submit false information to a law enforcement agency; revising the training, consultation, and coordination responsibilities of the Office of Safe Schools; requiring the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute to consult with specified state agencies and convene a workgroup to advise those agencies on the implementation of specified mental health recommendations, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 810 Tobacco and Nicotine Products – Senator Simmons

Revising the age limits for permits relating to cigarettes; revising prohibitions on the sale of tobacco products from vending machines; prohibiting a person from selling, delivering, bartering, furnishing, or giving flavored liquid nicotine products to any other person; requiring that the age of persons purchasing tobacco products be verified under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2020, if SB 1394 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 17 Yeas, 3 Nays

SPB 7066 Licensure Fees

Expressing legislative intent to revise laws relating to licensure fees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020
Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

House State Affairs

HJR 369 Limitation on Homestead Assessments – Representative Roth



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Proposes amendments to State Constitution to increase period of time during which accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead. Effective Date: Not Specified

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading

HB 371 Limitation on Homestead Assessments – Representative Roth

Revises timeframe during which accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead; revises timeframe during which an owner of homestead property significantly damaged or destroyed by named tropical storm or hurricane must establish new homestead to make certain election. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 369 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading

CS/HB 537 Home-based Businesses – Representative Donalds, Business & Professions

Specifies conditions under which a business is considered home-based business; authorizes home-based business to operate in residential zone; prohibits local government from certain actions relating to licensure & regulation of home-based businesses. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 13 Yeas, 7 Nays

HB 637 Impact Fees – Representative DiCeglie

Revises conditions counties, municipalities, & special districts must satisfy before enacting impact fees; provides timeframes for collection of impact fees by local governments; provides impact fee credits are assignable & transferrable; requires counties & municipalities to establish impact fee review committees; provides for membership; provides procedures for holding meetings; provides committee duties. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

CS/HB 705 Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets – Representative Killebrew, Toledo, Oversight, Transparency & Public Management

Requires DOE to assist DEM in determining strategies regarding evacuation of persons with pets; requires certain counties to designate shelter that can accommodate persons with pets; specifies requirements for such shelters. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading

CS/HB 729 Administrative Procedures – Representative A.M. Rodriguez, Gregory, Oversight, Transparency & Public Management

Revises provisions relating to rulemaking, notices, hearings, development, timelines, emergency rules, material incorporated by reference, proposal of lower cost regulatory alternatives, statement of estimated regulatory costs, impacts on small businesses, rule modification, & regulatory plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading



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HB 851 Community Development District Bond Financing – Representative Altman

Requires resolutions to authorize specified bonds by district boards to be adopted by a two-thirds vote after certain conditions are met. Effective Date: October 1, 2020

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

HJR 877 Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities – Representative Killebrew and others

Proposes amendments to State Constitution to authorize surviving spouse of deceased veteran to carry over certain discounts on ad valorem taxes on homestead property until surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of property, if, upon veteran's death, veteran had permanent, combat-related disabilities; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence if surviving spouse has not remarried. Effective Date: Not Specified

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading

HB 879 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction – Representative Killebrew and others

Authorizes surviving spouses of certain permanently disabled veterans to carry over certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property under specified conditions; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence under specified conditions; provides procedure by which applicant may file application after specified date & request discount; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 877, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

CS/HB 971 Electric Bicycles – Representative M. Grant, Transportation & Infrastructure

Provides for rights & privileges of electric bicycles & operators; provides that electric bicycles are vehicles to same extent as bicycles; exempts electric bicycles & operators from specified provisions; requires labeling of electric bicycles; requires electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions & operate in certain manner; authorizes operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays

CS/HB 1039 Transportation Network Companies – Representative Rommel, Transportation & Infrastructure

Removes for-hire vehicles from list of vehicles that are not considered TNC carriers or are not exempt from certain registration; revises automobile insurance coverage requirements for TNCs & TNC drivers; authorizes TNC drivers to contract for installment of TNC digital advertising devices; provides that TNC drivers & owners & operators of TNC digital advertising devices are immune from specified liabilities; authorizes entities to be regulated as luxury ground TNCs; provides that luxury ground TNCs, luxury ground TNC drivers, & luxury ground TNC vehicles are governed by state law. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Temporarily Postponed by State Affairs Committee



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HJR 1325 Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement – Representative Aloupis

Proposes repeal of provision in State Constitution which requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits. Effective Date: Not Specified

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

HB 1327 Campaign Finance – Representative Aloupis

Repeals provisions relating to Florida Election Campaign Financing Act; deletes provisions governing public funding of campaigns for candidates for statewide office who agree to certain expenditure limits. Effective Date: on the effective date of HJR 1325

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

CS/CS/HB 1371 Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – Representative Fine and Representative Caruso, Transportation & Tourism,

Specifies pedestrian crosswalks that may be controlled by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices; requires removal of such devices from, & removal or retrofitting of, certain crosswalks; requires DOT to request that Federal Government allow replacement of yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices with red rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices; provides requirements for replacement of rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices, or retrofitting or removal of certain crosswalks, if such request is granted; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

PCS for HB 609 Environmental Contamination

Authorizes use of Inland Protection Trust Fund for activities related to petroleum storage system removal & replacement & certain damages; requires assessment reports & Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program agreements to include cost savings; removes certain requirements for copayments; requires advanced cleanup applications to include certain agreements; requires contractors to submit scopes of work for certain assessments; directs DEP to issue certain purchase orders; specifies strict liability exceptions for certain causes of action. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

PCB SAC 20-06 Essential State Infrastructure

Specifies permit application timeframes required for installation, location, or relocation of utilities within rights-of-way; requires DOT, in coordination with Office of Energy within DACS & Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop & adopt master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on state highway system; specifies goals & objectives of master plan; requires master plan to be updated annually; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 2 Nays

House Commerce

CS/CS/HB 689 Department of Business and Professional Regulation— Representative A. Rodriguez, Government



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Operations & Technology Appropriations, Business & Professions

Revises & provides requirements relating to electronic reporting, application fee schedules, weight of boxing gloves, fingerprint processing procedures, proof of occupancy of premises, food service establishment audit schedules, delinquency of payment conditions, rules related to submission of certain complaints, & location of Office of the Condominium Ombudsman. Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

CS/HB 1011 Vacation Rentals – Representative Fischer, Representative La Rosa, Government Operations & Technology

Preempts regulation of vacation rentals to state; prohibits local law, ordinance, or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of vacation rentals; requires licenses issued by Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to be displayed conspicuously inside licensed establishment; preempts regulation of advertising platforms for vacation rentals to state; provides requirements for advertising platforms; provides appropriations & authorizes positions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 14 Yeas, 9 Nays

CS/HB 1095 Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety – Representative Fitzenhagen, Energy & Utilities

Provides noncriminal violations relating to transportation of hazardous materials; authorizes certain entities to issue citations & recover civil penalties; provides enhanced civil penalties; provides for disposition of civil penalty; removes provisions relating to hearings by DOAH of certain incidents; creates underground facility damage prevention review panel; provides membership, term limits, & duties of review panel. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays

PCS for CS/HB 1139 Economic Development – Representative Clemons and Representative Polsky and others

Specifies duties of regional economic development organizations; specifies authorized uses of matching grants; revises nonstate match requirements; specifies information to be posted on regional economic development organizations website; increases funds DEO may expend each year from Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; increases percent of total infrastructure project costs for which department may award grant; specifies that improving availability of broadband Internet services is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds; provides that grants to improve broadband Internet service & access must be conducted through partnerships. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays

Floor Action

Senate

CS/SB 326 Environmental Regulation – Senator Perry, Environment & Natural Resources

Specifying requirements for contracts between residential recycling collectors or recovered materials processing facilities and counties or municipalities for the collection or processing of residential



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recycling material; providing that a residential recycling collector or recovered materials processing facility is not required to collect, transport, or process contaminated recyclable material except pursuant to specified contractual requirements after a contract is executed; prohibiting local governments from requiring further verification from the Department of Environmental Protection for certain projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0073; Placed on Third Reading, 02/26/20

CS/SB 246 Public Construction – Senator Hooper, Governmental Oversight & Accountability

Revising the amount of retainage that certain local governmental entities and contractors may withhold from progress payments for any construction services contract; revising the amounts of retainage that certain public entities and contractors may withhold from progress payments for any construction services contract, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0101; Placed on Third Reading, 02/26/20

House

CS/HB 3 Preemption of Local Occupational Housing – Representative M. Grant, Business & Professions
Preempts licensing of occupations to state; prohibits local governments from imposing or modifying certain licensing requirements; specifies certain local licensing may not be enforced; specifies certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specifies job scopes for which local government may not require license; authorizes counties & municipalities to issue journeyman licenses. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 78 Yeas / 40 Nays)

CS/HB 131 Security in Trial Court Facilities – Representative McClain, Judiciary

Requires sheriffs to coordinate with specified entities to develop comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifies sheriffs & chief judges retain certain authority; specifies sheriffs & their deputies, employees, & contractors are officers of court under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays)

HB 1009 Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts – Representative Newton

Requires sheriffs to coordinate with specified entities to develop comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifies sheriffs & chief judges retain certain authority; specifies sheriffs & their deputies, employees, & contractors are officers of court under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays)

HB 5007 State-administered Retirement Systems – Appropriations

Revises required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class & subclass of FRS; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 5 Nays); Immediately certified

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified

Ordered Enrolled