



## Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update February 17, 2017

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Dear Supporter:

**Day 40** - We are finally to a point of Session where we have a better sense of what bills *may* (emphasis added) actually get to the finish line since today we reached a critical Session deadline. Yesterday was the last day for House consideration of House bills and Senate consideration of Senate bills. In other words, if a bill did not receive a committee hearing in its House of Origin this week, then the bill has effectively died. Of the 1,054 bills introduced this year, almost half failed to receive a hearing. If we simply go by historical numbers, roughly half of the remaining 500 or so bills will likely reach the finish line and be signed into law.

We are now about a month away from our next critical deadline of Session--- March 24---which is the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills.

Perhaps the most controversial issue heard this week was related to the citizen initiative process. [HB2404 \(initiatives; circulators; signature collection; contests\)](#) creates new registration requirements for initiative petition signature gatherers and prohibits a person from paying or receiving money based upon the number of signatures collected. The bill also contains new reporting requirements and penalties for anyone in violation of the proposed law. HB2404 was introduced in response to the growing number of initiatives that have been placed on the ballot, including the recent initiative passed by voters to raise the state's minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2020.

AZPPO's proactive bill, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#), has been transmitted to the House after passing the full Senate last week. We anticipate the bill will be heard in the House in the next couple of weeks. SB1121 will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators.

[SB1498: pesticides; prohibition](#) did not receive a committee hearing this week meaning the bill is dead. The bill, as introduced, would ban the sale of use of pesticides clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam in Arizona.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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