



## Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update March 24, 2017

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Dear Supporter:

**Day 75** - The much-anticipated March 24 deadline came and went this week. As you recall, yesterday was the last day for bills to be heard in committee, with exception to Rules and Appropriations, in their second chamber.

Since last Friday, 36 more bills have been approved by the legislature and transmitted to the Governor. Also since last Friday, the Governor has signed 30 more bills into law. Other than a conference committee deadline of April 14th, the last date we are now eyeing is April 18th which will mark the 100th day of Session. By rule, the Saturday of the week of the 100th day, which would fall on April 22nd, is the day required for sine die adjournment unless leaders extend the deadline. However, leadership can only extend Session by 7 days, and any extension after that requires a majority vote in each house.

Hopefully we will be out of session long before leadership has to exercise that power!

Yesterday we met with Senator Griffin on **AZPPO's proactive bill**, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#). Senator Griffin indicated that she would rather move forward with the bill as originally introduced and absent of the Department of Agriculture's amendment that would require the Department to inquire on whether or not an applicant has ever been convicted of a felony. SB1121, as introduced, will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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