



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update January 30, 2017

Dear Supporter:

Day 22 – Since our last report last Monday, over 200 more bills have been introduced by lawmakers. The vast majority of those bill introductions came from Senate members since Monday will be the last day for Senate bills to be introduced without special permission from leadership.

AZPPO's proactive bill, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#), will be heard in the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee today at 2pm. The bill will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators.

[HB2242 \(animal cruelty; domestic animals; classification\)](#) introduced by Rep. Eddie Farnsworth passed 7-2 out of the House Judiciary and Public Safety committee on Wednesday. We will be discussing the bill at the next AZPPO legislative committee.

In other news, we continue to learn some of the effects of the state's new minimum wage requirements imposed with the passage of Proposition 206. This week education leaders presented the House Appropriations Education Subcommittee with the school district's \$11.5 million price tag for the new wages and benefits to be paid over the next six months. Most of the new wages will be for employees outside of the classroom – janitors, bus drivers, crossing guards, etc since teachers make more than the new \$10 minimum wage. With many, including the Governor, seeking additional dollars for inside the classroom, nothing at this point has been earmarked to mitigate the Prop. 206 mandate. If the state does not provide the additional funding, school districts will have to either seek funding elsewhere or cut programs or staff.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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