



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update March 13, 2017

Dear Supporter:

Day 64 - Bills are finally starting to pass the legislature on a more regular basis with 16 more bills receiving a final nod from the second chamber. That number will likely again jump this week as the House and Senate continue to clear bills. In total, 561 bills are still in play in various stages of the legislative process. If history is our guide, we will probably see that number drop by another 200 bills by the time Session adjourns.

AZPPO's proactive bill, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#), unanimously passed the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee last Thursday. The bill was amended, at the request of the Department of Agriculture, in committee to require the Department of Agriculture to inquire whether or not an applicant has ever been convicted of a felony. We are also working with the Department on a potential floor amendment to the bill. SB1121, as introduced, will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators.

I also wanted to make you aware of a recent initiative filed with the Arizona Secretary of State. The [proposed initiative](#) would ban the sale or use of clothianidin, imidacloprid, dinotafuran or thiamethoxam in the state of Arizona. If the petition receives 150,642 valid signatures by July 5, 2018, then the initiative will be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Courtney Gilstrap LeVinus
Capitol Consulting, LLC
