



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update March 17, 2017

Dear Supporter:

Day 68 - We are now quickly approaching perhaps the most important deadline of session with next Thursday being the last day for bills to be heard in committee in the second chamber with exception to Appropriations and Rules committees. This is perhaps one of the most chaotic weeks at the Capitol as committee agendas are often jam packed as lawmakers rush to get their bills out of committee. As of today, 182 bills are still awaiting consideration in committee in their second chamber.

Since Monday, 28 more bills have been sent to the Governor's desk and 16 more bills have received his signature. Of the 47 bills that have passed the legislature, the Governor has yet to exercise his power of the veto.

For the remaining 367 bills that have cleared committee in their second chamber, things are slowing down a bit. In other words, we may see very little floor action or final votes out of the House and Senate for the next couple of weeks. This is quite typical for this time of year as budget negotiations really start to heat up. We are hearing that key staff from the governor's office and house and senate leadership have started preliminary discussions related to the FY2018 budget. I fully expect those discussions to only intensify after we get past next week's logjam.

We will be meeting with Senator Griffin on **AZPPO's proactive bill, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#)** in the next week or so as we get ready for the bill to be heard in Rules and then the full House. SB1121, as amended, will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators, and require the Department of Agriculture to inquire whether or not an applicant has ever been convicted of a felony.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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