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SB18/HB24 **CRIMINAL LAW: Citizen's Right to Fight Blight Act of 2017.**

Sponsors: Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Deberry Jr., John

Summary: Exempts a property owner, lessee, or anyone acting under the direction of an owner or lessee, from criminal trespass for removal of trash or debris or maintenance of blighted property owned by the city or county. Specifies that such property must be situated immediately adjacent to the property owned by the city or county. Voids liability for city or county for any injury or damage to property.

Amendment House Local Government Committee Amendment 1 (003126) deletes and rewrites the bill to include and define language

Summary: "unimproved city or county owned property."

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2017) Decrease Local Expenditures Exceeds \$800

Senate Status: 04/19/17 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to Summer Study.

House Status: 04/26/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1; Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 4, relative to exceptions to criminal trespass on city- or county-owned property.

SB135/HB98 **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Nonpartisan elections for state trial court judges in Shelby and Davidson counties.**

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Requires Shelby and Davidson counties to conduct nonpartisan elections for all state trial court judgeships, county judicial offices, and judicial clerk offices.

Amendment House Local Government Subcommittee amendment 1 (003562) removes the last sentence of Section 1, which states that the incumbent officeholder shall be listed first on the election ballot provided that the incumbent has qualified for reelection.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/07/17 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to last calendar.

House Status: 02/28/17 - House Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (003562). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2- 13-203, to provide for and administer nonpartisan elections for state trial court judgeships, county judicial offices, and judicial clerk offices in any county having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SB160/HB188 **JUDICIARY: Civil actions in general sessions court.**

Sponsors: Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Deberry Jr., John

Summary: Changes the method by which a civil action in the general sessions courts is commenced from issuance of a warrant by a clerk, to filing a warrant with the clerk.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/27/17 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/24/17 - House passed.

Executive 05/09/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0267 effective May 4, 2017.

Status:

Public Chapter: PC267.pdf

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-716, relative to warrants.

Effective Date: 05/04/17

SB260/HB371 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Defines short term rentals.**

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Marsh, Pat

Summary: Removes short term rental units from law relative to hotels and places of public accommodation. Defines a short term rental unit as a residence in which a person can stay for less than 30 consecutive days. Includes in the definition certain vacation lodging and property that provides hospitality services but excludes bed and breakfast establishments.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 56; Title 62; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to short-term rentals.

SB274/HB1264 **CRIMINAL LAW: Trespassing in open areas.**

Sponsors: Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

Summary: Specifies that housing and apartment complex common areas are not considered open to the public for purposes of criminal trespass.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (004328) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Directs that it is not a defense to prosecution of criminal trespass to consider common areas of housing or apartment complexes as property where owner's consent to enter has been granted, if proper signage is displayed, except in certain circumstances.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/30/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004328).

House Status: 04/03/17 - House passed.

Executive 04/19/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0135 effective July 1, 2017.
Public Chapter: PC135.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106 and Section 39-14-405, relative to criminal trespass.
Effective Date: 07/01/17

SB363/HB1143 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Inclusionary housing requirements clarified.**

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Casada, Glen
Summary: States no local government has the authority to enact a law that would place requirements regarding inclusionary, affordable, or below market value housing when entitlements, variances, or any other form of permit or authorization is sought from the local
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 04/04/17 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 2018.
House Status: 03/30/17 - House passed.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 13 and Title 66, relative to housing sold or rented at below market value.

SB371/HB420 **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: Enacts the "Uniform Unclaimed Property Act," which revises definition of "property" to mean tangible property or a fixed and certain interest in tangible property held, issued, or owed in the course of a holder's business or by a government, agency, or instrumentality. Specifies that property includes all income from the property or property evidenced by money, virtual currency, interest, dividend, check, draft, deposit or payroll card. Also specifies that the definition of property includes a credit balance, customer's over payment, stored-value card, security deposit, refund, unpaid wage and other items. Clarifies that the definition of property does not include game related digital content, a loyalty card, an in-store credit for returned merchandise or a gift card. Specifies circumstances and time frame by which property is presumed abandoned. Clarifies that this part does not apply to property held, due, and owing in a foreign country if the transaction involving the property was a wholly foreign transaction. (72 pp.)
Amendment Summary: House Amendment 4 (008789) clarifies the definition of "insurance company." Specifies an indication of an apparent owner's interest in property includes the apparent owner has another property with the holder with the same name and address for the apparent owner is the same, the apparent owner has communicated with the holder, or otherwise indicated an interest and the holder communicates in writing with the apparent owner. Specifies that the insurance company that has a potential obligation as a result of the death of the insured or annuitant must comply with the requirements set forth by 56-7-3404(b) of upon discovering the match in the event a death master file match occurs. Changes the date by which the report must be filed to before May 1 of each year and report property held as of December 31 of the preceding year. Changes the time frame in which the treasurer must sell or otherwise liquidate a security from within three years to no sooner than eight months, but no later than one year.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2017) Decrease State Revenue \$79,400,000/FY17-18 Exceeds \$13,000,000/Each Year FY19-20 through FY22-23 \$9,000,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years Increase State Revenue \$80,900,000/FY18-19 Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$155,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 05/09/17 - Senate passed.
House Status: 05/09/17 - House passed with amendment 4 (008789).
Executive Status: 06/01/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0457 effective May 25, 2017.
Public Chapter: PC457.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 30; Title 45; Title 48; Title 56; Title 66 and Title 67, relative to the "Uniform Unclaimed Property Act."
Effective Date: 05/25/17, 07/01/17

SB372/HB497 **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Taxation of short-term rentals.**

Sponsors: Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. McCormick, Gerald
Summary: Permits a local government to regulate and tax a short-term rental unit that is located within the local government's jurisdiction. Disallows a local government from prohibiting the operation of an owner-occupied unit. Requires a short-term rental provider to comply with all applicable federal and state laws if renting a unit to the general public. Also requires a short-term rental provider to acquire all applicable permits and business licenses. Allows a condominium, co-op, HOA, or similar entity to prohibit or restrict an owner of a property within their jurisdiction from using the owner's property as a short-term rental unit. Requires a short-term rental provider to have at least five hundred thousand dollars in property and causality insurance and at least one million dollars in liability insurance. Specifies any violation of this part is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine only. Requires a short-term rental listing service to remove a short-term rental unit from its listings if the short-term rental service discovers any violation of this part that is not cured within thirty days from the discovery of the violation. Changes the number of days transients or travelers need to stay at a residential unit owned by others for a person to be considered engaging in a vacation rental service from 14 to 30 days.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2017) Increase State Revenue \$769,300/Recurring Increase State Expenditures \$3,200/One-Time \$145,700/Recurring Increase Local Revenue - \$827,100/Recurring
Senate Status: 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 04/24/17 - Withdrawn in House.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 13; Title 56; Title 62; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to short-term rentals.

SB469/HB456 **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Flying of US flag and military flags by veterans - HOA restrictions.**

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary: Prohibits a homeowners' association from adopting or enforcing a dedicatory instrument provision that prohibits, restricts, or has

the effect of prohibiting or restricting a property owner who is a veteran from displaying the US flag or an official or replica flag of any branch of the US armed forces, including the POW-MIA flag, on the property owner's property.

Amendment Summary: Senate Amendment 1 (006470) rewrites the bill to state that no homeowners' association shall adopt or enforce a dedicatory instrument provision that prohibits a property owner from displaying the flag of the United States of America or an official or replica flag of any branch of the U.S. armed forces on the property owner's property. A homeowners' association may enforce reasonable regulations regarding the placement and manner for the display of the U.S. flag. The property owner must display the flag in accordance with U.S. Code.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/03/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (006470).

House Status: 05/01/17 - House passed.

Executive Status: 05/18/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0331 effective July 1, 2017.

Public Chapter: PC331.pdf

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 66, relative to the display of flags by property owners.

Effective Date: 07/01/17

SB509/HB472 PROPERTY & HOUSING: East Ridge added to governing bodies that can adopt ordinances for dwelling inspections.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Gravitt, Marc

Summary: Adds the community of East Ridge to the list of governing bodies authorized to adopt ordinances to inspect rental units in the process of deterioration for compliance with state code.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/27/17 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/10/17 - House passed.

Executive Status: 05/01/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0168 effective April 24, 2017.

Public Chapter: PC168.pdf

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 21, Part 3, relative to residential rental inspections.

Effective Date: 04/24/17

SB520/HB476 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Zoning to include building design elements.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Gravitt, Marc

Summary: Defines "building design elements" for purposes of local governmental zoning. Prohibits application of zoning regulations relating to building design elements for certain dwellings.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/24/17 - Senate deferred to first calendar of 2018.

House Status: 04/20/17 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to 01/01/18.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 13, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to zoning.

SB643/HB940 FAMILY LAW: Granting of restraining order.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Carter, Mike

Summary: Allows a court to grant a restraining order to either or both parties at an order of protection (OP) hearing, without requiring a separate action, if both the petitioner and respondent have had the opportunity to be heard by the court. Allows the court to dismiss an OP or petition for an OP if the court issues a restraining order in lieu of an OP.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/12/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 04/27/17 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to restraining orders.

SB743/HB595 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Towing vehicles parked in disabled spaces.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Beck, Bill

Summary: Allows for a lessee who holds a disabled placard or plate to authorize towing and storage of a vehicle that does not display a disabled license plate or placard and is parked in disabled parking on private property, given that the owner or owner's agent is unavailable to prove authorization.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/20/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/15/17 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 16 and Title 55, Chapter 21, relative to towing vehicles parked in disabled spaces.

SB753/HB893 TAXES PROPERTY: Assessment of real property.

Sponsors: Sen. Beavers, Mae , Rep. Pody, Mark

Summary: Amends language to require that the value of real property assessed for property tax purposes be ascertained from evidence of its sound, intrinsic, and immediate value, for purposes of sale between a willing seller and buyer without consideration of speculative values, and when appropriate, subject to the Agricultural, Forest and Open Space Land Act of 1976; this includes, but is not limited to, an independent appraisal commissioned by the owner of the residential property. Also requires that at the time of assessment, residential property must be assessed at twenty-five percent of its value.

Fiscal Note: (Dated April 3, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 39 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to real property.

SB783/HB1384 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Authorization and procedures for housing authorities to redevelop certain areas for transit projects.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Establishes authorization and procedures for housing authorities to redevelop areas for transit projects. Specifies that areas subject to acquisition for development of transit projects must be transit-deficient.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact The fiscal impact on state or local government is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be specifically determined. Any impacts to local government are considered permissive.
Senate Status: 04/20/17 - Senate passed.
House Status: 04/03/17 - House passed.
Executive 05/09/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0254 effective May 2, 2017.
Status:
Public Chapter: PC254.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 23; Title 13, Chapter 20 and Title 29, Chapter 17, relative to public planning.
Effective Date: 05/02/17

SB793/HB447 CRIMINAL LAW: Eliminates certain defense to criminal trespass.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Curcio , Michael
Summary: Provides that the defense to prosecution for criminal trespass that the person believed entry was permitted, did not interfere with owner's use of property, and promptly left when asked, is not available for offense of criminal trespass by a person charged with criminal trespass at a licensed retail package store.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/14/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 2; Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to alcoholic beverages and other intoxicating liquors.

SB855/HB1157 JUDICIARY: Serving of process from general sessions court.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary: Allows process from the general sessions court to be served within 65 days of service, rather than 60 days of service. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6 and Title 16, relative to courts.

SB983/HB752 JUDICIARY: Permits person who is granted an order of protection to carry a handgun.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Goins, Tilman
Summary: Permits a person who is granted an order of protection and who is not otherwise prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm to carry a handgun for 60 days after the initial order of protection is issued.
Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (004700) deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation to establish a new procedure by which a person granted an order of protection under title 36, chapter 3, part 6, may carry a handgun for seven days as long as the person has in the person's possession at all times a copy of the order of protection. During the seven-day period, the person is authorized to apply with the Department of Safety (DOS) for a temporary handgun carry. Conference Committee Amendment authorizes a person who petitions the court and is granted an order of protection, twenty-one (21) calendar days after the order of protection is granted, to carry any handgun as long as the person has on their possession at all times a copy of the order of protection. A person who has applied for a temporary handgun carry permit may continue to carry a handgun after the time period has expired while that application is pending, as long as the person has possession of both a copy of the temporary handgun carry permit application receipt and a copy of the order of the protection. Sets eligibility requirements to receive a temporary handgun carry permit from the department of safety, for a person who petitions for an order of protection.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 05/09/17 - Senate adopted conference committee report.
House Status: 05/05/17 - House adopted conference committee report.
Executive 06/01/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0468 effective May 26, 2017.
Status:
Public Chapter: PC468.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to orders of protection.
Effective Date: 05/26/17, 01/01/18

SB1005/HB823 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Best practices concerning implementation of housing programs.

Sponsors: Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Gilmore, Brenda
Summary: Requires the Tennessee housing development agency to develop best practices concerning implementation of housing programs and options by local entities to assist formerly incarcerated individuals.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 5, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/17 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/28/17.

House Status: 03/14/17 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 6 and Title 13, Chapter 23, relative to housing.

SB1086/HB1020 RETAIL TRADE: Short-Term Rental Unit Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Enacts the "Short-Term Rental Unit Act," which states that a short-term rental unit provider must maintain at least \$500,000 in liability insurance or coverage to cover damage done by any person renting the unit from the short-term rental unit provider. Clarifies the restrictions a local governing body may or may not impose on short-term rental units.

Amendment Summary: House Amendment 1 (004831) prohibits a local governing body from restricting the use of or otherwise regulating a short-term rental unit based on the short-term rental unit's classification, use, or occupancy. Senate Commerce & Labor Committee (006388) deletes Section 1 of the bill to remove provisions limiting local governing bodies' ability to prohibit, restrict, or regulate short-term rental unit's classification, use, or occupancy. House Amendment 3 (008115) deletes the language "Section 12" in the effective date section and substituting instead the language "Section 11." House Amendment 10 (008656), which deletes and rewrites the bill. Enacts the "Short Term Rental Unit Act." Prohibits a local governing body from prohibiting or limiting the use of owner-occupied property as a short-term rental unit or amending a local law to allow prohibiting or limiting said units. In determining land use or utility rates, establishes that the renting of a property that is not owner-occupied is not a commercial activity. Unless the restrictions were established in local law prior to January 1, 2017. Prohibits a local governing body from prohibiting or limiting the use of property that is not owner-occupied as a short-term rental unit or amending a local law to allow prohibiting or limiting said units. In determining land use or utility rates, it establishes that the renting of a property that is not owner-occupied is not a commercial activity. Unless the restrictions were established in local law prior to April 1, 2017. Section sunsets April 1, 2019. Requires the department of tourist development to complete a review of the economic impact of short-term rental units on the tourism industry and overall economy of Tennessee and submit a written report by July 1, 2018 to the speakers of the house of representatives and the senate. Does not prohibit condominium, co-op, homeowners association or other entity from limiting owners within their jurisdiction from using the property as a short-term rental unit. Applies only to Davidson County. Allows the department to have a written contract with an online short-term rental unit marketplace that agrees to register with the department of tourism industry for taxation purposes. Requires that provider of short-term rental units ensure every smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm is fully operational.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2017) Increase State Revenue \$346,200/FY18-19/General Fund \$4,000/FY18-19/Department of Revenue \$692,400/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years/General Fund \$8,100/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years/Department of Revenue Increase State Expenditures - \$76,100/FY18-19 \$145,800/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue - \$369,600/FY18-19 \$739,200/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 05/09/17 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to first calendar of 2018.
House Status: 05/08/17 - House passed with amendment 10 (008656).
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 56; Title 62; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to short-term rental units.

SB1094/HB1309 LABOR LAW: Notice to employee - rescinding of a previously approved 30-minute break waiver.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Turner, Johnnie

Summary: Changes from seven days to 10 days the amount of notice that must be provided by an employer or employee specializing in food or beverage service of the rescinding of a previously approved 30-minute break waiver. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6 and Title 50, relative to employees.

SB1105/HB477 LABOR LAW: Tennessee Pay Equality Transparency Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

Summary: Prohibits an employer from punitive actions against employees inquiring about the wages of other employees. Requires employers wishing to prohibit wage discussions to acquire a signed document from their employees that forfeits their right to such a discussion. Specifies that the bill does not require employers to disclose their wages to their employees.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/28/17 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to the Tennessee Pay Equality Transparency Act.

SB1106/HB1246 LABOR LAW: Tennessee Pay Equality Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

Summary: Authorizes employees of a company from inquiring into the wages of their fellow employees. Prohibits employers from penalizing employees who do so. Prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee by providing lower wages simply because of their sex.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/29/17 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 50, relative to sex discrimination.

SB1182/HB78 CRIMINAL LAW: Trespass notification through use of purple paint.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Kane, Roger

Summary: Authorizes property owners to provide notice that trespassing is prohibited on their property by marking trees and posts with purple paint as an alternative to posting signs.

Amendment House Amendment 1 (004720) requires that at least one easily visible sign be posted indicating that the use of purple paint signifies "no trespassing."
Summary: (Dated February 6, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Fiscal Note: 04/24/17 - Senate passed.
Senate Status: 03/06/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (004720).
House Status: 05/18/17 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0286 effective July 1, 2017.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter: PC286.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, relative to trespass.
Effective Date: 07/01/17

SB1368/HB496 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Permits land owner subject to a regulatory taking to file a petition for a jury of inquest.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Williams, Ryan
Summary: Prohibits local government bodies from acquiring land from a private owner without first purchasing that portion of land at a fair market value. Allows for an owner to file a petition for a jury of inquest or to sue for damages. Specifies that devaluing of land by a local government entity is also grounds for lawsuit.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 30, 2017) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$700,000/Highway Fund Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$7,000/Permissive
Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/14/17 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 29; Title 42, Chapter 6; Title 44 and Title 54, relative to real property.

SB1411/HB80 LABOR LAW: TN Minimum Wage Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.
Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act." Establishes a minimum wage of \$15.00 as of July 1, 2017. Provides a minimum wage for employees in the service industry who receive tips and employees that are compensated solely by gratuities. Defines a "service or tipped employee" to mean any employee engaged in an occupation which the employee customarily and regularly receives more than \$30.00 a month in tips. Authorizes the department of labor and workforce development to promulgate rules in compliance with federal law.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2017) NOT SIGIFICANT
Senate Status: 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 04/05/17 - House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2018.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 2, relative to wages.