



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update January 26, 2018

Dear Supporter:

Day 19 - We are now closing out our third week of the legislative session and already 908 bills have been introduced by lawmakers. Given that we are nearing the 1,000 bill mark, bill introductions will start to plateau next week.

As noted earlier this week, an important Session deadline is almost here with Monday being the last day for Senate bills to be introduced without special permission. February 5th will be the same deadline for House bills.

After calling for a Special Session on Monday to compel the legislature to pass a sweeping measure to deal with the state's opioid epidemic, Governor Ducey signed the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act into law this afternoon. This comes after lawmakers unanimously passed the legislation yesterday in a somewhat rare bipartisan fashion.

Sen. Juan Mendez has once again introduced his bill to ban neonicotinoids. SB1373, as introduced, would prohibit the sale or use of the pesticides clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam in Arizona. Similar to the last several years, we don't believe this bill stands a chance and is likely dead on arrival. We will certainly keep you aware if that status should change.

HB2145 (TPT; services; tuition surcharge), the bill to create a "service tax" for many service industries, including for structural pest control services, still has not received a hearing in either the House Ways and Means Committee or the House Education Committee. We still feel confident that this bill will not move this Session.

Let me know if you have any questions.
Have a great week.

Regards,

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