



The 109th Tennessee General Assembly has concluded all of its business for the 2016 legislative year. As with every legislative session, this year a number of controversial bills made waves starting all the way back in January up until the last day of session. Below you will find a list of some the major pieces of legislation this year.

K-12 and higher education issues garnered continued attention as the year went on. The opportunity scholarship bill that would allow eligible students in Tennessee's public schools to apply for and utilize funding in order to attend private schools made it further than it ever has in years past. HB1049/SB999 by Representative Bill Dunn and Senator Todd Gardenhire passed through committees and was held on the House clerk's desk. Representative Dunn chose not to continue discussion on the bill on the House floor. It is unclear whether he would have had the number of votes needed to pass his legislation. The Senate version of the bill passed with a count of 23 votes to 9.

This year, Governor Haslam proposed an increase in the budget to enhance the BEP by more than \$220 million. This is the largest increase without a tax hike in the history of the BEP. The main breakdown of the increased funding is as follows: \$100 million dollars will go towards funding for teacher salaries; \$30 million dollars will be set aside to fund the 12th month of insurance for teachers; \$15 million will be allocated as recurring technology funds; \$20 million will go towards better serving high need student populations; and \$50 million will go towards addressing enrollment growth and inflationary costs. The proposal, SB2565/HB2574 by Representative Gerald McCormick and Senator Mark Norris, gained unanimous approval from both houses.

The governor also approved more than \$800,000 in increased education funding that will make a number of changes related to standardized testing. HB1537/SB1540 by Representative McCormick and Senator Norris will permit parents and teachers to access their students' questions and answers on state-required assessments. The bill also requires LEAs to explain to stakeholders the purpose of locally required standardized tests and how they differ from state required assessments. Along with this, the bill eliminates two state-required assessments, one in the eighth grade and one in the tenth grade. The bill has been signed into law. Also, HB1419/SB2508 by Representative McCormick and Senator Gresham made several changes to the teacher performance evaluation criteria. Included in those changes, was a provisions that requires student growth evaluation composite scores to be excluded from the student growth measure if it will result in a teacher or principal receiving a lower score on their performance evaluation. The Governor signed both bills in to law.

Governor Haslam's proposal to restructure the Board of Regents passed through and is now awaiting his final approval. SB2569/HB2578 by Senator Norris and Representative McCormick will center the Board

of Regents' focus on the 40 two-year institutions throughout the state. The state's four-year colleges and universities will now each have their own separate boards. This adjustment is one of the latest measures taken by Governor Haslam in his continued efforts to move forward with his Drive to 55 initiative.

Perhaps just as controversial as the education issues were a number of bills that dealt with gun freedom and gun control. Several of the bills this year dealt with gun control in public schools and colleges/universities. HB2131/SB1991 by Representative Courtney Rogers and Senator Brian Kelsey prohibits public postsecondary institutions from taking disciplinary action against full-time students and faculty that store a handgun in their cars on campus. The individual must have a valid handgun-carry permit, and the gun must remain safely locked in their car, either in the glove compartment or in a lock box.

A similar bill, known as the guns on campus bill, was passed by both houses in the last week of session. HB1736/SB2376 by Representative Andy Holt and Senator Mike Bell permits full-time employees of state public colleges and universities to carry a handgun on any property that is owned, operated or used by the institution. The employee is still required to have a valid handgun-carry permit.

Legislation allowing mental health counselors from turning away patients on the basis of the counselor or therapists' "sincerely held religious beliefs" has passed in both houses and now awaits final approval from the governor. HB1840/SB1556 was the center of many lengthy, heated debates throughout the legislative year. The Senate passed the bill back in February, but the House did not take final action on the bill until the final week of session. The bill was sponsored by Representative Dan Howell and Senator Jack Johnson.

The legislature made a significant change to the appointment process of state judges. Under SB1/HB142, a bipartisan judicial confirmation committee will be established consisting of members from both the House and Senate to review appointees chosen by the governor. Following this, both Houses make their recommendation and vote. If either House votes to reject the appointee by a 2/3 vote, or if they cannot reach a constitutional majority to approve the appointee, then the candidate will be rejected. The bill, sponsored by Senator Brian Kelsey and Representative Jon Lundberg, was signed into law by the Governor in January.

The legislature has passed a bill that establishes fantasy sports games as legal in the state of Tennessee. HB2105/SB2109 by Representative Pat Marsh and Senator Jack Johnson allows fantasy sports companies to operate in Tennessee under certain guidelines and regulations. The bill also implements consumer protection laws for the nearly 1 million Tennesseans that play the games. The bill now awaits final approval from the Governor.

With the Wine in Grocery Stores bill going into effect this summer, the legislature passed a bill that would allow grocery stores to stock up on wine prior to July 1st, the date on which they may legally begin to sell wine. Along with this, they also opted to limit the number of store licenses an individual may have to two. HB2586/SB2094 by Representative Curry Todd and Senator Bill Ketron was signed into law by the governor in April.

The governor vetoed the controversial “Bible Bill” (HB615) that would make The Holy Bible the official book of the State of Tennessee early on in April. Following the veto, the sponsors of the bill, Representative Jerry Sexton and Senator Steve Southerland, attempted to override the veto and have the legislature pass the bill. After nearly two hours of devoted discussion, the motion to overrule the veto failed in the House.

House Speaker Beth Harwell recently announced the appointment of a Healthcare Task Force to study and make recommendations on the improvement of access to healthcare. Named the 3-Star Healthy Project, the task force will comprise of the following members: Representatives Cameron Sexton (Chair), Matthew Hill (Vice-Chair), Steve McManus, and Roger Kane. Harwell has said the task force will come up with a specific proposal to make to the federal government as early as June, though the proposed plan may have to wait for approval from lawmakers next year.



[SB59 / HB423](#) Formula for calculation of franchise and excise tax.

Category Taxes Business

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Cameron Sexton](#)

Description Revises the apportionment formula for the franchise and excise tax beginning January 1, 2016, to net earnings multiplied by the receipts factor. Under current law, the formula is defined as net earnings multiplied by a fraction, whereby the numerator is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus twice the receipts factor, and denominator would be four. Revises the apportionment of net worth formula beginning January 1, 2016, to net worth multiplied by the receipts factor. Under current law, net worth shall be multiplied by a fraction, whereby the numerator is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus twice the receipts factor, and the denominator of the fraction being four. Redefines the sale of property, other than sales of tangible personal property, in this state, as the receipts derived from customers within this state or if the receipts are otherwise attributable to this state's marketplace. Revises the apportionment formula for captive REIT affiliated groups to be based on receipts provided for in 67-4-2012(a)(2), including the receipts of those members of the affiliated group that would not be subject to taxation in this state if considered apart from the affiliated group. Excludes dividends, receipts, and expenses resulting from transactions between members of the affiliated group.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 16, 2015) Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact – \$109,391,600/FY15-16 \$13,012,800/FY16-17 \$27,897,600/FY17-18 \$59,330,300/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures – \$110,600/FY15-16 Other Fiscal Impact – Secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status 04/15/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/21/2015 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, relative to franchise and

excise taxes.

SB129 / HB207 Publishing future plans for streets and highways on websites.

Category Transportation General

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Darren Jernigan](#)

Description Requires a county or municipality to publish the official map of future plans for streets and highways on county or municipality's website at least 30 days before the date of the hearing on the map. Broadly Captioned.

Amendment House amendment 1 (013211) deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the Department of Revenue to provide a free decal to any disabled driver who applies for and receives a registration license plate in a category identified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-202(a).

Fiscal Note (Dated January 29, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/04/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/28/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.

Executive Status 04/19/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB131 / HB1345 Reports of completed repairs to the county legislative body.

Category Transportation General

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver](#)

Description Requires commissioners appointed by the county legislative body to oversee bridge repairs to report all completed repairs to the county legislative body within 60 days of the repair, rather than at the next meeting of the county legislative body. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 29, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB132 / HB182 Deletion of ignition interlock program development fee.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Jimmy Matlock](#)

Description Removes program development fee for certain persons operating a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device. Excludes fees imposed prior to June 30, 2014. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Senate Transportation & Safety Committee amendment 1, House Transportation Subcommittee Committee amendment 1 (004572) deletes all language after the enacting clause. States that no person having charge, custody of, or control over any records or information regarding a violation of unmanned traffic enforcement cameras, including payments made pursuant to receipt of a notice of violation or a citation, whether timely or delinquent, shall disclose these records or information to a debt collection agency.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/07/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/08/2015 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

[SB133 / HB208](#) Department of transportation's report on status of highway projects.

Category Transportation General

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Courtney Rogers](#)

Description Specifies that the department of transportation's quarterly report on the status of all highway road projects be submitted to the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the transportation committees instead of submitted to the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 29, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.

[SB136 / HB432](#) Grants made by ECD to manufacturing facilities.

Category Economic Development

Sponsors [Sen. Ferrell Haile](#) / [Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver](#)

Description Creates the rural opportunity initiative grant fund (ROI grant fund). Authorizes the department of economic and community development to use funds from the ROI grant fund to award grants of \$35,000 for four fiscal years to manufacturing facilities to assist with job training and economic development activities. Specifies eligibility requirements for manufacturing facilities. Declares that no funds are to be obligated or expended by the ROI grant fund unless the funds are specifically appropriated to the ROI grant fund in the general appropriations act.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 24, 2015) Increase State Expenditures – \$70,000/FY15-16 \$140,000/FY16-17 \$210,000/FY17-18 \$210,000/FY18-19 \$140,000/FY19-20 \$70,000/FY20-21

Senate Status 04/08/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/08/2015 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 21, relative to financial assistance for manufacturing facilities engaged in job creation.

SB150 / HB297 Notice required before a levy is enforced on assets.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Jay D. Reedy](#)

Description Amends the taxpayer bill of rights by changing the current right to a ten day notice before a levy on assets is enforced to a 14 day notice. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 17, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/24/2015 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee deferred to 03/31/15.

House Status 03/30/2015 - House passed.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

SB162 / HB152 Manufactured homes- deletes inspection fee.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Becky Duncan Massey](#) / [Rep. Michael Harrison](#)

Description Deletes commissioner of commerce and insurance's authority to establish a monitoring inspection fee to be paid by each manufactured home manufacturer.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to manufactured homes.

SB324 / HB213 Calculation of net worth for franchise taxes.

Category Taxes Business

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)

Description Revises formula for calculating the excise and franchise taxes for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2016, by multiplying the receipts factor by three and increasing the denominator of the fraction to five. Revises formula for calculating the excise tax for tax years beginning July 1, 2016, imposed on captive REIT affiliated groups by triple weighting receipts. Specifies that all persons subject to franchise and excise taxes must register with the department of revenue within 15 days after the date the person becomes subject to the tax.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 16, 2015) Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact – \$33,232,400/FY16-17 \$17,444,900/FY17-18 \$27,438,434/FY18-19 \$31,501,800/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures – \$110,600/FY16-17 Other Fiscal Impact – Secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.

House Status 04/08/2015 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 21, relative to franchise and excise taxes.

SB353 / HB209 Commercial freight vehicles - parking on highway entrance ramps.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Kelly Keisling](#)

Description Allows operators of commercial freight vehicles to park the vehicle on the shoulder of entrance ramps of a highway for up to 12 hours at a time under certain conditions.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 15, 2015) Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent any damages occur as a result of a freight motor vehicle parking on the shoulder of a highway entrance ramp permitted as result of this bill, there will be an increase in state expenditures estimated to exceed \$23,000. To the extent no damages occur, the fiscal impact of the bill is considered not significant.

Senate Status 03/11/2015 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee deferred to summer study.

House Status 03/10/2015 - House deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 9, relative to freight motor vehicles being stopped, parked, or left on shoulders of highways.

SB354 / HB422 Imposes highway maintenance fee for miles driven.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Cameron Sexton](#)

Description Creates the Public Highway Maintenance Act of 2015. Requires persons who operate a commercial motor vehicle on a public highway to pay a surcharge at the rate of 13 cents per gallon of diesel fuel used the operator. Requires operators of commercial vehicles that have a weight rating over 59,999 pounds to pay a highway maintenance fee of 2.85 cents per mile. Requires additional revenue to be distributed in a particular format. Authorizes a franchise and excise tax credit in the amount of highway maintenance fees and surcharges paid by motor carriers domiciled in Tennessee.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 21, 2016) On March 14, 2016, a corrected fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows: (CORRECTED) Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - \$557,700/Recurring/General Fund \$113,213,600/Recurring/Highway Fund Increase State Expenditures – \$212,500/One-Time/General Fund \$155,500/Recurring/General Fund Increase Local Revenue – \$68,630,600/Recurring Other Fiscal Impact – The Department of Revenue reports that it is unconstitutional to offer F&E tax credits only to companies domiciled in Tennessee. If the proposed F&E tax credit is found to be unconstitutional upon passage of this bill, it is assumed that such credit will be deemed invalid and will not be granted to any in - state or out-of-state businesses. SB 354 - HB 422 (CORRECTED) Based on additional information provided by the Department of Revenue, the

Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to the next calendar.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 3; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 21 and Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to commercial motor vehicles powered by diesel fuel.

SB371 / HB296 Prohibited discrimination - sexual orientation and gender identity.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Sherry Jones](#)

Description Adds sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the list of characteristics protected from discrimination or harassment in employment, public accommodations, housing, financing, insurance, education, in places where alcoholic beverages are consumed, real estate, public utilities, tax exemptions, the profession of healing arts, health facilities, and welfare in the state. Creates criminal violation of civil rights intimidation based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 18, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 12; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 56; Title 57; Title 62; Title 63; Title 65; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

SB380 / HB416 Classification of property for tax assessment purposes.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Bill Ketron](#) / [Rep. Charles M. Sargent](#)

Description Establishes that local exchange telephone companies, electing market regulation, and property of telephone cooperatives, will not be considered public utilities for the purpose of property tax assessment. Establishes that local exchange telephone companies that elect market regulation, and property of telephone cooperatives, be taxed as industrial and commercial property.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 25, 2015) Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$10,525,000/General Fund Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$10,525,000/Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund Decrease Local Revenue - \$16,250,000

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5 and Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to tax levied on property.

SB403 / HB804 Employment of military service members and family.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Joe Pitts](#)

Description Allows private employers to establish a preference policy for hiring certain veterans, spouses of veterans, and widows and widowers of veterans. Specifies required procedures for implementing preference policy.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 22, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/25/2015 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 12; Title 50 and Title 58, relative to employment policies with preferences in hiring certain persons connected to the military.

SB405 / HB610 Tennessee Homeowners Association Act.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Mike Carter](#)

Description Enacts the "Tennessee Homeowner's Association Act." Establishes rules, regulations, guidelines, and penalties for the creation and governance of Tennessee homeowner's associations. Exempts condominiums and timeshares from this act. (37 pp.)

Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/22/16.

House Status 03/15/2016 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to enacting the "Tennessee Homeowners Association Act."

SB412 / HB850 Maximum gross weight of freight vehicles transporting mobile homes.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Kent Calfee](#)

Description Grants county highway officials the authority to reduce the maximum gross weight of freight vehicles transporting mobile homes over certain county roads and bridges to prevent damage.

Amendment Senate amendment 2 (004101) rewrites the bill to clarify that the appropriate county officials have the same authority as to county roads as the commissioner of transportation has to highways and secondary roads regarding reducing the maximum gross weight of freight motor vehicles operating on such roads. Voids any county road weight limit if such county official reduces the weight limit on the roadway surface of a county road below any weight limit set by the commissioner. Also voids weight limit set by county official on bridge if it is below the weight limit recommended by the department pursuant to its bridge inspection program. HOUSE AMENDMENT 19 (014409) deletes all language of the original bill. Requires two-thirds vote of the county legislative body for any proposed reduction of the maximum of the maximum gross weight of freight vehicles on county roads below the weight limits set by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Requires the proposed bill as amended to supersede any other general law or private act upon conflict.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 28, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/04/2016 - Senate concurred in House amendment 19.

House Status 03/28/2016 - House passed with amendment 19.

Executive Status 04/19/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 54, Chapter 7 and Title 55, relative to maximum gross weight limits on county roads.

SB450 / HB525 Hamilton County - Neighborhood Preservation Act.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Todd Gardenhire](#) / [Rep. Patsy Hazlewood](#)

Description Makes the Neighborhood Preservation Act applicable to Hamilton County.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-6-105, relative to the Neighborhood Preservation Act.

SB462 / HB281 Individuals the commissioner is authorized to employ.

Category Transportation General

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver](#)

Description Adds economists and analysts to the list of persons the commissioner is authorized to employ in order to enable the department to fully perform its duties. Broadly captioned. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 21, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 9, Chapter 4; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB499 / HB488 Counties and municipalities to provide online renewal of license.

Category Taxes Business

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Pat Marsh](#)

Description Requires counties and municipalities issuing or renewing business licenses to provide taxpayers with the means to apply for or renew licenses online. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated July 24, 2015) Increase Local Expenditures - \$4,174,500/One-Time* \$2,058,000/Recurring*

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to business.

SB503 / HB491 Increases members on film, entertainment, and music commission.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Pat Marsh](#)

Description Increases membership of film, entertainment, and music commission from nine to 11 members. Requires that two members be appointed from each of the film, television, and music segments of the industry. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 26, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to business.

SB504 / HB489 Authorizes transmission of nonprofit information electronically.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Pat Marsh](#)

Description Authorizes the transmission and filing of nonprofit corporations' annual reports to the secretary of state in an electronic format; authorizes the transmission of the secretary of state's list of new nonprofit corporations that were licensed or authorized to operate in the state during the preceding month and the secretary of state's list of nonprofit corporations that surrendered their charters, had charters revoked, or ceased to do business in this state, during the preceding month, to the commissioner of revenue in an electronic format.

Amendment Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (012584) rewrites the bill. Decreases, from a minimum of \$300 to \$100, the annual and initial filing fees for domestic Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) and foreign LLCs.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 29, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, relative to corporations and associations.

SB527 / HB512 State mandates to local governments.

Category Local Government

Sponsors [Sen. Ken Yager](#) / [Rep. Dale Carr](#)

Description Negates mandatory application of certain laws on local governments that are not fully funded. Prohibits an agency of state government from creating a new fee that will impact local

governments in any year in which the general state revenues to the agency have decreased from the previous year.

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2 and Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 53, relative to state mandates to local governments.

[SB549 / HB775](#) Zoning amendment requires written consent of property owner.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Frank Niceley](#) / [Rep. Martin Daniel](#)

Description Requires any zoning amendment affecting a parcel of private property to take effect only upon written consent of the owner of that property.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 16, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/09/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 7, relative to zoning.

[SB576 / HB318](#) Application for certificate of title rejected - notice.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Bill Dunn](#)

Description Clarifies that an applicant has five business days and not just five days from the receipt of formal notice that the applicant's application for a certificate of title has been rejected to surrender the registration and plate for a refund.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 4, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

[SB577 / HB300](#) Regulation of rickshaws by home rule municipalities.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Curtis G. Johnson](#)

Description Amends the definition of "rickshaw," for the purposes of authorizing home rule municipalities to regulate rickshaws, to exclude a bicycle built for more than three people and a motorized scooters used by a disabled person. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 15, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to vehicles.

SB580 / HB484 Copy of court order can be entered in tax books for dismissal.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)

Description Authorizes copy of court order, in lieu of a memorandum of judgment of court, to be placed in tax books with taxpayer's name whose case was dismissed after expiration of the statute of limitations. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 5, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxes.

SB620 / HB628 Local government codes departments - audits and policies.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Mary Littleton](#)

Description Exempts local jurisdictions that have an established codes department from audit of its records and transactions by the state fire marshal. Removes provision of law stating that state building codes supersede all less stringent provisions of municipal ordinances.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 23, 2015) Other Fiscal Impact – Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the state could be required to perform an audit of compliance of building code standards to ensure they meet federal standards specified in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 USC § 6833(e)). Any such impact would be contingent upon the response set forth by the federal government. In addition, TDEC indicates this bill may require the return of \$62,482,000 of federal funding obtained pursuant to U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program/ARAA.

Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 04/01/2015 - House State Government Subcommittee deferred to 2016 after adopting amendment 1 (004851).

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to building regulations.

SB625 / HB272 Limits inspection of records to certain shareholders.

Category Commercial Law

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Tilman Goins](#)

Description Requires person seeking to inspect the records of a corporation to be a shareholder for at least six months prior to demand to inspect, hold at least five percent of all outstanding shares, and get written authorization for holders of at least five percent of all outstanding shares to make demand. Specifies that new requirements do not apply where existing corporation's charter conflicts. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 13, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/03/2015 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 48, relative to corporations.

[SB626 / HB271](#) Requirements to inspect or copy record of shareholders.

Category Commercial Law

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Tilman Goins](#)

Description Allows corporations to require a sworn affidavit from a shareholder who seeks to inspect or copy the record of shareholders. Excludes the affidavit requirement from shareholders of corporations with existing charters unless a charter amendment is filed to remove the inconsistency.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 13, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/03/2015 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 48, relative to corporations.

[SB627 / HB394](#) Listing a business entity's registered business address.

Category Commercial Law

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Tilman Goins](#)

Description Allows a business entity to list an address as its registered address even if the registered address is not a place of business for the business entity.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 15, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48 and Title 61, relative to the registered offices of business entities.

[SB644 / HB654](#) Reciprocity provision for certain out-of-state employees.

Category Workers Compensation

Sponsors [Sen. Bill Ketron](#) / [Rep. Jimmy A. Eldridge](#)

Description Specifies that the provision exempting temporary out-of-state employees who are performing services in this state from compliance with the Tennessee Workers' Compensation laws does not apply to out-of-state employees in the construction services industry who are temporarily performing services in the state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 30, 2015) Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$1,000/Uninsured Employers Fund

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Executive Status 03/16/2015 - Workers' Compensation Advisory Council deferred to next meeting.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation coverage of employees from another state who are working temporarily in this state.

SB653 / HB483 Increase penalties for violation of OSHA.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)

Description Sets minimum penalty, and increases the maximum penalty, for conditions that seriously endanger the health and safety of employees where the employer knows or has reason to know of the condition. Authorizes additional penalties for dangerous conditions that materially contribute to the death of an employee. Authorizes penalty to be assessed against an entity separate from the employer for a safety violation that materially contributes to the death of a person. Allows commissioner to waive or reduce penalty in certain cases where the employee who died has ownership in the company. Allows commission to negotiate a payment plan to pay penalty if payment would cause financial solvency of the violating employer. Increases penalties for nonserious violations of standards or regulations and posting requirements.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 24, 2015) Increase State Revenue - \$10,934,000/FY15-16 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures – \$2,217,900/FY15-16 \$2,179,000/FY16-17 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/17/2016 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 3, relative to the occupational safety and health act.

SB705 Adoption of TACIR's model anti-bullying policy by employers.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Todd Gardenhire](#)

Description Requires TACIR to create a model policy for employers to prevent abusive conduct in the workplace and submit it to the general assembly for ratification by March 16, 2017. Specifies that immunity from suit for an employee's abusive conduct extends only to employers that adopt model policy ratified by the general assembly. Clarifies that adoption of such policy does not create a private right of action against any employee in their personal capacity for negligent

infliction of mental anguish. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated December 15, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 10; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 5, relative to preventing abusive conduct in the workplace.

[SB721 / HB997](#) Enacts Tennessee Employee Injury Benefit Alternative.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Durham](#)

Description Creates the "Tennessee Employee Injury Benefit Alternative", which provides qualified employers in the state an alternative to the Tennessee workers' compensation system. Establishes eligibility requirements for employers to opt out of the current workers' compensation system and establish an alternative plan. Specifies that an alternative benefit plan provided by an employer who opts out must include the following: (1) medical expenses coverage for at least 156 weeks and \$300,000 per employee; (2) temporary total disability benefits beginning on the fourth day of disability, of at least 70 percent of the employee's average weekly wages up to 110 percent of the state average weekly wage, for at least 156 weeks; and (3) death and scheduled dismemberment benefits up to \$300,000 per employee. Establishes other responsibilities of a covered employer, such as providing notice to each of its employees regarding the switch to the alternative benefits plan. Provides that a qualified employer may self-fund or insure benefits and liabilities with any insurance carrier authorized to do business in this state, provided, however, that the coverage must be from an admitted or non-admitted by approved insurer with an AM Best Rating of A- or better. Establishes other provisions regarding an alternative plan provided by an eligible employer, including the process for an employee under such a plan to bring a cause of action against the eligible employer. Establishes within the Tennessee insurance guaranty association a Tennessee guaranty fund, for the purpose of continuing benefits provided under an alternative plan that are due or unpaid as a result of an inability of the insurer or employer to meet its obligation. Broadly Captioned. (23 pp.)

Fiscal Note (Dated March 30, 2015) Increase State Expenditures - \$12,800/One-Time \$356,400/Recurring 2 SB 721 - HB 997 Other Fiscal Impact – Any employers who opt out of the current workers' compensation system and become qualified employers will pay a one-time \$500 fee and will reduce costs incurred in providing workers' compensation coverage under the WCL. A reduction in premiums will lead to a reduction in premium tax revenue. Any reduction in premium tax revenue will likely reduce allocations to the Second Injury Fund. Based on a median salary of \$30,987 and an average workers' compensation rate of \$1.95 per \$100 in payroll, the average premium tax and surcharge is estimated to be \$2,659 per 100 employees. Due to a number of unknown factors, an exact impact to state revenue cannot be determined. If one employer with 100 employees can reduce their premiums by 50 percent, there would be a reduction of premium tax and surcharge revenue exceeding \$1,000 recurring and a one-time increase in state revenue of \$500.

Senate Status 04/16/2015 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee- Bills Behind the Budget 04/16/15.

House Status 02/10/2016 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Executive Status 03/23/2015 - Workers' Compensation Advisory Council released to standing committees with unfavorable comment.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation.

SB723 / HB658 Reimbursement for training if leave less than 12 months after hired.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Jay D. Reedy](#)

Description Requires person who received training as a condition of employment with the state to reimburse the state for the cost of that training if the person voluntarily leaves state employment less than 12 months after the person's hire date. Specifies that an employee is not required to reimburse the state if the person's employment was terminated by the state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 2, 2015) Other Fiscal Impact – The provisions of the bill could result in an increase in state revenue. However, due to a number of unknown factors, the exact impact is unknown. Based on information from one department, the average cost to train one employee is \$4,050. It is estimated that each individual reimbursement the state receives will be less than \$5,000.

Senate Status 03/10/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/04/2015 - Failed in House State Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 41, relative to training of employees.

SB736 / HB692 Makes technical revisions regarding driving with a suspended license.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Raumesh Akbari](#)

Description Revises provisions governing punishment for offense of driving on a revoked, cancelled, or suspended driver license. Removes Class A misdemeanor for subsequent offenses, but maintains Class B misdemeanor for any offense.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 11, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 5, relative to driver licenses.

SB765 / HB851 Contracts with entities for titling and registration services.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Steven Dickerson](#) / [Rep. Steve McManus](#)

Description Declares that if the department has entered into a contract with a business entity for titling and registration services and that contract is being rescinded and canceled, the effective date of the cancellation is 30 calendar days, instead of 30 business days, after notice of the cancellation is provided.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 26, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

[SB777 / HB721](#) Certain vehicles exempt from emission testing.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Mae Beavers](#) / [Rep. Mark Pody](#)

Description Exempts cars that are three or less years old and that have an odometer reading of less than 36,000 miles at the time of the sale by the motor vehicle manufacturer or licensed motor vehicle dealer from emission inspection requirements. Requires owner or operator to provide an affidavit certifying that the vehicle meets the criteria for exemption. Provides that act will take effect on January 1 of the year following approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency of a revised state implementation plan.

Amendment Senate amendment 1 (003861) removes the mileage provision from the original bill such that all motor vehicles three years old or less are exempt from vehicle emissions inspection requirements and removes the provision requiring the owner or operator to provide an affidavit on a form prescribed by the Department of Environment and Conservation certifying that the vehicle meets the specified requirements. Changes the rule promulgating authority from TDEC to the Air Pollution Control Board. Adds language that if a contract exists on January 1 between the department and a contractor or a local pollution control program and a contractor providing inspection services, then this Act shall take effect in the jurisdictions covered by the contract upon the date of the contract's termination or expiration or the effective date of the contract's renewal or an applicable amendment to the inspection service fee of such contract. Requires the commissioner or chief public officer of the local pollution control program to certify in writing the date of the department's or local pollution control program's contract termination, expiration, or effective date of the contract's renewal or an applicable amendment to the inspection service fee of contract, and provide the executive secretary of the commission a signed copy of the document, if contract exists on January 1. SENATE AMENDMENT 2 (006196) requires the Air Pollution Control Board to adjust inspection and maintenance program fees as necessary to cover the costs of the program. HOUSE AMENDMENT 2 (016298) rewrites this bill to provide that any county that has been designated by the air pollution control board to have a vehicle inspection and maintenance program to attain or maintain compliance with national ambient air standards, may, by an affirmative vote of a majority of its governing body, exempt motor vehicles that are registered in the county that are required to undergo testing pursuant to present law and that are three or less model years old from those motor vehicle inspection requirements. For the exemption to apply, the governing body must authorize the exemption on or before December 31, 2016, and the presiding officer of the governing body must furnish a certified copy of the approved resolution to the technical secretary of the air pollution control board on or before January 31, 2017. The exemption will take effect on the January 1 following the date on which the EPA approves a revised state implementation plan. However, if on such January 1 a contract exists between

the department and a contractor providing inspection services, or a local pollution control program and a contractor providing inspection services, then the exemption will take effect in those jurisdictions that are covered by the contract upon the date of the contract's termination or expiration or the effective date of the contract's renewal or an applicable amendment to the inspection service fee of such contract.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 22, 2015) Decrease State Revenue – \$90,000/FY16-17/Environmental Protection Fund \$180,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years/Environmental Protection Fund Decrease Local Revenue – \$137,500/FY16-17 \$275,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status 04/21/2016 - Senate concurred in House amendment 2.

House Status 04/20/2016 - House passed with amendment 2 (016298), which rewrites this bill to provide that any county that has been designated by the air pollution control board to have a vehicle inspection and maintenance program to attain or maintain compliance with national ambient air standards, may, by an affirmative vote of a majority of its governing body, exempt motor vehicles that are registered in the county that are required to undergo testing pursuant to present law and that are three or less model years old from those motor vehicle inspection requirements. For the exemption to apply, the governing body must authorize the exemption on or before December 31, 2016, and the presiding officer of the governing body must furnish a certified copy of the approved resolution to the technical secretary of the air pollution control board on or before January 31, 2017. The exemption will take effect on the January 1 following the date on which the EPA approves a revised state implementation plan. However, if on such January 1 a contract exists between the department and a contractor providing inspection services, or a local pollution control program and a contractor providing inspection services, then the exemption will take effect in those jurisdictions that are covered by the contract upon the date of the contract's termination or expiration or the effective date of the contract's renewal or an applicable amendment to the inspection service fee of such contract.

Executive Status 04/21/2016 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

[SB796 / HB1082](#) Tax credit for taxpayers that expand headquarters facilities.

Category Taxes Business

Sponsors [Sen. Brian K. Kelsey](#) / [Rep. Curry Todd](#)

Description Under certain circumstances, allows a sales tax credit for taxpayers that expand an international or national headquarters facilities and make minimum capital investments in Tennessee in addition to creating a certain number of new full time jobs. Authorizes a job tax credit for taxpayers who hire veterans.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 13, 2015) Decrease State Revenue – \$3,850,100 Forgone State Revenue – Exceeds \$964,600 Decrease Local Revenue – \$113,000 Forgone Local Revenue – Exceeds \$27,100 Other Fiscal Impact – Additional economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. However, due to many unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to secondary economic impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.

House Status 03/18/2015 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4 and Section 67-6-224, relative to tax credits for certain employers.

SB818 / HB878 Reporting on disaster relief refunds issued.

Category Taxes Sales

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Tim Wirgau](#)

Description Requires the commissioner of revenue to annually report the amount of disaster relief refunds issued by the department. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 17, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 02/11/2016 - House sponsor changed from Harrison to Wirgau.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 12; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to taxation.

SB860 / HB1298 Allows for jury to infer intent in drug cases.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors [Sen. Richard Briggs](#) / [Rep. Mike Sparks](#)

Description Allows jury to infer whether the offender's purpose was to sell, dispense, or casually exchange a controlled or synthetic controlled substance based on the amount of the substance the offender possessed and other relevant facts. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated December 21, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to synthetic controlled substances.

SB864 / HB903 Tennessee Pay Equality Act.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. John Ray Clemmons](#)

Description Enacts the "Tennessee Pay Equality Act." Prohibits an employer from discriminating on the basis of sex by paying any employee a wage rate less than the wage rates the employer pays to any employee of the opposite sex. Establishes the employer as liable to the employee or employees affected in at least the amount of their unpaid wages. Establishes a Class A misdemeanor for certain violations. Allows economic council on women to conduct certain research.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 16, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

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

SB901 / HB927 Requires roofing licenses for projects costing certain amount.

Category Professions & Licensure

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Dennis Powers](#)

Description Requires any person, on or after July 1, 2015, repairing or replacing a roof costing \$3,000–\$25,000, to be licensed as a home improvement contractor before providing the services, unless certain exclusions apply.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 15, 2015) Increase State Revenue - \$12,500/FY15-16/BLC \$12,500/FY16-17/BLC \$10,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years/BLC

Senate Status 03/24/2015 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/30/15.

House Status 03/01/2016 - Failed in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 6, relative to persons providing roofing services.

SB908 / HB971 Time to post notice before hearing on establishing housing authority.

Category Local Government

Sponsors [Sen. Ferrell Haile](#) / [Rep. Joe Pitts](#)

Description Increases period of advance public notice required before a hearing is held on a petition to establish a housing authority from 10 to 20 days.

Fiscal Note (Dated April 15, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, relative to housing authorities.

SB912 / HB919 Hearing on a zoning ordinance - notice increase.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Martin Daniel](#)

Description Increases the notice required for a hearing on a zoning ordinance or any amendment to a zoning ordinance to 30 days, rather than 15 days. Broadly captioned.

Amendment SENATE STATE & LOCAL COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1 (005093) provides that, in regards to municipal zoning, proof that a business establishment paid taxes for not less than three years immediately preceding the request for permission to rebuild, expand, or construct additional facilities, shall create a presumption that the use to which the establishment operates was permitted prior to the zoning change. HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1 (005851) deletes and replaces certain language of the bill

such that the amended bill authorizes municipalities with more than 25,000 residents to increase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the threshold for which competitive bids or public advertisement is required for public purchases.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 20, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/06/2015 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (005093). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status 03/23/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6; Title 13; Title 42; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to zoning.

SB922 / HB862 Reimbursing state for benefits paid in lieu of unemployment premiums.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Charles M. Sargent](#)

Description Allows employers who elect to reimburse the state for unemployment benefits paid in lieu of premiums to contest charges for employees that may have had a disqualifying event that makes the employee ineligible for unemployment benefits.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 27, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/24/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 7, relative to employers who elect to reimburse the state for benefits paid in lieu of unemployment premiums.

SB956 / HB953 Changes deadline for annual report on Kerosene and Motor Fuel.

Category Commercial Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. JoAnne Favors](#)

Description Extends deadline for commissioner of agriculture to submit Annual Report on the Quality of Kerosene and Motor Fuel in Tennessee from September 15 to September 30. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 26, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/14/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, relative to commerce.

SB958 / HB956 Statement of reasons for refusing exemption to child labor rules.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. JoAnne Favors](#)

Description Increases from five to seven the number of days that the commissioner of labor and workforce development has to respond to a request for the reasons that the commissioner denied a request for an exemption from child labor laws that was submitted by a minor and the minor's parents or guardian.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/22/16.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employment.

[SB963 / HB1037](#) Proceeds of gas tax collected from sale of fuel by marinas.

Category Taxes Fuel

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Bill Sanderson](#)

Description Requires that all proceeds of the gasoline tax collected from the sale of fuel to or by owners and operators of boats, marinas, yacht clubs, and boat docks be deposited into the wildlife resources agency boating fund to be used solely for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of public waterways and boating facilities.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2015) Increase State Revenue – \$2,370,600/Recurring/Wildlife Resources Fund Decrease State Revenue – \$1,434,600/Recurring/Highway Fund \$24,400/Recurring/General Fund \$7,600/Recurring/Debt Service Fund Increase State Expenditures – \$94,500/One-Time/General Fund \$55,200/Recurring/General Fund Decrease Local Revenue – \$904,000/Recurring

Senate Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee deferred to 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67 and Title 70, relative to taxes on petroleum products.

[SB965 / HB1234](#) Education committees to receive reports on TN job skill program.

Category Education

Sponsors [Sen. Reginald Tate](#) / [Rep. Larry J. Miller](#)

Description Adds the education committees to those committees who receive reports on the Tennessee job skills program; changes the report from annual to biennial.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 22, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/30/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/24/2015 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to February 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employers and employees.

[SB968 / HB1052](#) Removes reference to repealed code section.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Ken Yager](#) / [Rep. Tim Wirgau](#)

Description Removes a reference to a repealed code provision pertaining to exemptions of deadlines for notices of decisions and appeal procedures provided by the county board of equalization. Broadly Captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated December 14, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

[SB980 / HB1083](#) Extra-territorial jurisdiction authority binding after removal.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Curry Todd](#)

Description Clarifies that any actions taken by Shelby County under extra-territorial jurisdictional authority granted to the county by a private act shall remain binding on the owners of the property or other affected persons and that any removal of this extra-territorial jurisdiction shall not be retroactive in application.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 14, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 04/01/2015 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, relative to zoning.

[SB1043 / HB237](#) Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.

Category Energy & Mining

Sponsors [Sen. Steve Southerland](#) / [Rep. Bill Dunn](#)

Description Enacts the "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act," which allows a local government to establish a property assessed clean energy program (PACE program). Requires the local government to adopt a resolution of intent and to hold a public hearing on the proposed program. Allows a local government that establishes a program to enter into a written consent with a record owner of real property in a region to impose an assessment to repay the owner's financing of a qualified project on the owner's property. Defines a "qualified improvement" as a permanent improvement fixed to real property and intended to decrease or offset water or energy consumption or demand, including a product, a device, or an interacting group of products or devices that uses energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, regulate temperature, or increase energy efficiency." (13 pp.)

Amendment House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (004330) specifies lending companies and their operations are exempt from adopted programs under this act.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 15, 2015) Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$5,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds

\$5,000/Permissive

Senate Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee deferred to 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5; Title 5; Title 6 and Title 68, to enact the "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act."

SB1045 / HB1115 State board of equalization - performance review of assessors' duties.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Steve Southerland](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Faison](#)

Description Changes from 10 days to 14 days the minimum number of days advance notice that the state board of equalization must provide an assessor before convening a hearing concerning the assessor's performance of his or her duties. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 19, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - House Local Government Subcommittee deferred to 04/01/15.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to the taxation of property.

SB1050 / HB1022 Challenge to revoking a certificate of exemption.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)

Description Allows a taxpayer to challenge an order issued by the commissioner relative to dealer registration revoking a certificate of exemption by filing a petition for common law certiorari in the Davidson County chancery court. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 19, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/24/2015 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee deferred to 03/31/15.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

SB1063 / HB1257 State's minimum hourly wage rate.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Johnnie Turner](#)

Description Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to set the state's minimum hourly wage rate at not less than \$10.10 per hour and requires the commissioner to adjust the rate annually to reflect inflation in accordance with the consumer price index. Establishes a cause of action for employees if employers violate the state's minimum hourly wage rate. Sets the wage rate paid to blind persons employed by the state to the greater of the state minimum

hourly wage rate or the federal minimum wage as provided by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 22, 2015) Increase State Expenditures - \$1,740,200 Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000*

Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 13; Title 39; Title 50; Title 67 and Title 71, relative to state minimum wage regulations.

SB1067 / HB555 Making Work Pay Act.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)

Description Enacts the "Making Work Pay Act." Requires every employer to pay each employee who works longer than 40 hours in any work week at a rate of no less than one and one-half of the regular rate of pay for those hours that exceed 40. Requires seasonal employment to be paid the one and one-half overtime rate after 45 hours. Requires employers to post a summary that can easily be seen of this part in the workplace. Establishes a liability to the violators of the minimum wage requirement for the amount of unpaid wages, including additional wages for damage.

Senate Status 03/24/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to wages.

SB1070 / HB884 Appropriations - FY beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015.

Category Public Finance

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)

Description Makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2015 session of the 109th General Assembly. Repeals I certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015.

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/15/2015 - Taken off notice in House Finance Committee.

Caption AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015, in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes

appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015.

SB1072 / HB885 Bond issuance.

Category Public Finance

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)

Description Authorizes the state of Tennessee, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and sell its interest-bearing bonds and bond anticipation notes to make necessary repairs of building facilities and other development costs, to provide funds for the state office buildings and support facilities revolving fund, and to provide for those funds.

Fiscal Note (Dated April 6, 2015) Increase State Expenditures - \$3,300,000 – First Year Debt Service \$48,900,000 Over the life of the bonds \$30,000,000 Principal \$18,900,000 Interest

Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee placed behind the budget.

House Status 04/13/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Committee.

Caption AN ACT to authorize the state of Tennessee, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and to sell its interest-bearing bonds and bond anticipation notes to provide for necessary repairs, replacements, additions, and betterments of buildings and facilities, expressly including the acquisition of real estate, site work, facility development, and other development costs, including equipment of facilities; to provide funds for the state office buildings and support facilities revolving fund, and to provide for the expenditure of said funds; to issue its debt in excess of previously stated amount to provide funds for capital outlay, and to fund discount and costs of issuance; to provide for the expenditure of said funds; and to amend certain public acts authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes. This act makes appropriations for an indefinite period of time for the purpose of allocating the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized by this act.

SB1073 / HB883 Administration of group insurance for state officials and employees.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)

Description Assigns the state employee staff responsible for the administration of the group insurance for state officials and employees to the department of finance and administration. Authorizes grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care to be made either monthly or quarterly. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 18, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee placed behind the budget.

House Status 04/13/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to statutory revisions required for

implementation of the annual appropriations act.

SB1102 / HB1000 Appointments to the medical payment committee.

Category Workers Compensation

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Steve McManus](#)

Description Specifies that administrator of division of worker's compensation should consider appointments that include individuals from the three grand divisions of the state to help achieve geographic balance when making appointments to the medical payment committee. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated December 21, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation reimbursement rates.

SB1149 / HB1081 Increases time to provide application to fire and building inspectors.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Reginald Tate](#) / [Rep. Ron Lollar](#)

Description Expands the time in which the state fire marshal must provide recertification application forms to fire safety and building inspectors, from 60 days to 75 days prior to the expiration of the certification. Broadly Captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 19, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/30/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/24/2015 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 66 and Title 68, relative to building construction safety standards.

SB1159 / HB974 Tennessee Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Becky Duncan Massey](#) / [Rep. Matthew Hill](#)

Description Enacts the "Tennessee Pregnant Workers Fairness Act." Specifies that an employer failing to make reasonable accommodations for an applicant for employment or employee related to pregnancy, childbirth or related condition is a discriminatory practice based on sex unless such employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. Gives the employer the burden of proving undue hardship. Specifies that an employer who takes adverse action against an employee who requests or uses an accommodation related to pregnancy or childbirth is a discriminatory practice based on sex. Specifies that an employer who denies employment opportunities to an applicant based on the need of the employer to make reasonable accommodations to the known conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth is also a discriminatory practice. Requires the Tennessee Human Rights Commission to develop courses of instruction and conduct ongoing public education

efforts as necessary to inform employers, employees, employment agencies, and applicants for employment about the rights and responsibilities related to this section.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 4, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/17/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/25/2015 - House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee deferred to 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 50, relative to employment discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, or a related condition.

SB1249 / HB1279 Extend time for commissioner to deny expedited ruling request.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. David Alexander](#)

Description Extends time commissioner of revenue has to deny request for expedited ruling and extend the fee from seven days to 10 days from the date of the request. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 17, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/06/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to state taxes.

SB1255 / HB1024 Period of time the WCAC can submit reports to legislative committees.

Category Workers Compensation

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)

Description Extends the time that the advisory council on workers' compensation has to report all its actions after a meeting to each member of the consumer and human resources committee of the house and the commerce and labor committee of the senate from 10 days to 15 days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated July 24, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Executive Status 03/23/2015 - Taken off notice in Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employment.

SB1260 / HB1181 Response to denial of request for exemption from child labor laws.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. John Ray Clemmons](#)

Description Increases from five to seven the number of days that the commissioner of labor and workforce development has to respond to a request for the reasons that the commissioner denied a

request for an exemption from child labor laws that was submitted by a minor and the minor's parents or guardian.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 10, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employment.

[SB1283 / HB1214](#) Inspection of a footer to be considered performed timely.

Category Construction

Sponsors [Sen. Joey Hensley](#) / [Rep. Barry Doss](#)

Description Increases the number of days for an inspection of a footer to be considered performed timely from inspection within one working day of when the request is made to the inspector, to three working days.

Amendment House Business and Utilities Subcommittee Amendment 1 (003931) removes provision stating that a resolution passed by a local legislative body to exempt the county or municipality from statewide codes for one-family, and two-family dwellings expires 180 days after the next election of that legislative body.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 20, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee for lack of a second.

House Status 04/01/2015 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to building standards.

[SB1329 / HB1071](#) Consumer warranty rights involving express warranties.

Category Commercial Law

Sponsors [Sen. Randy McNally](#) / [Rep. Roger Kane](#)

Description Requires persons making an express warranty regarding an HVAC system to include language in the warranty that identifies the person making the warranty and language that conforms to certain federal standards. Requires warranty or product registration form to contain certain information regarding such warranty. Prohibits certain express warranties from being labeled as a warranty registration or warranty confirmation. Requires certain signed disclosures from a consumer if an electronic online warranty or product registration form is required to be filled out for the purposes of showing proof of purchase of the product or extending the warranty. Excludes certain warranties and registration cards from these requirements. Specifies that violations of this provision constitute unfair or deceptive practices. Allows civil actions for such violations. Specifies civil damages for such action. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 2, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/11/2015 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24 and Title 47, relative to warranties.

SB1340 / HB485 Increase number of days to pay privilege tax for military members.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors [Sen. Randy McNally](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)

Description Increases the number of days a person in the armed forces has to pay privilege taxes to 240 days, rather than 180 days, after the conclusion of the hostilities in which such person is actually engaged outside the US, or 240 days, instead of 180 days, after transfer from the theater of such hostilities, whichever is sooner. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 22, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxes.

SB1346 / HB1261 Opting out of International Energy Conservation Code standards.

Category Energy & Mining

Sponsors [Sen. Randy McNally](#) / [Rep. John Ragan](#)

Description Allows a county or municipality by a two-thirds vote of its legislative body to opt out of the International Energy Conservation Code standards applicable statewide to buildings classified for certain industrial or storage uses. Permits a county or municipality to adopt and enforce amended or alternative versions of International Energy Conservation Code standards. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/23/2015 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 12; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to building codes.

SB1380 / HB1014 Approval of appointments to TRA by general assembly.

Category Utilities

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. Bill Beck](#)

Description Extends the time period in which appointments of the directors of the Tennessee regulatory authority must be approved by the general assembly from 30 days to 45 days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 27, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/24/2015 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12; Title 13; Title 47; Title 48; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 64; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to commerce.

SB1435 / HB1415 Appropriates excess state tax revenues for certain road projects.

Category Transportation General

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Eddie Smith](#)

Description Appropriates money from excess state tax revenues over-collected in fiscal year 2014–2015, totaling \$261,000,000, to the department of transportation to be used for backlog transportation road projects.

Amendment House Finance Ways and Means Committee Amendment 1 (016214) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expresses legislative intent that the sum of \$100,000,000 from excess state tax revenue over-collected in FY15-16 and deposited in the General Fund and transferred to the Highway Fund from the General Fund in the General Appropriations Act on June 30, 2016, not be earmarked to fund the planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, improvement, and rehabilitation of roads and bridges on state-aid highway system.

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/16.

House Status 04/19/2016 - Taken off notice in House Calendar & Rules Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 54 and Title 67, relative to transportation. This act makes appropriations for backlog transportation road projects for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016.

SB1474 / HB1524 Status report on the computerized titling and registration system.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Jimmy Matlock](#)

Description Changes the deadline when the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner's designee is required to appear before the transportation committees of the house and senate to provide a status report on the computerized titling and registration system from no later than March 1 to no later than March 15 of each year.

Amendment House amendment 1 (014977) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Create a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), The Fairgrounds Nashville, the Dollywood Foundation, and the Eastern Star. Reflects a name change from the Harpeth River Watershed Association specialty earmarked license plate to the Protecting Rivers and Clean Water specialty earmarked license plate. Provides that allocations for net proceeds from the sale of such plates will remain the same. Creates a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Pat Summitt Foundation, Historic Whitehaven, BE NICE, Prostate Cancer Awareness, The Fallen Police and Firefighters, the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park, Fallen Linemen, the Nashville Parks Foundation, the Tennessee School Nutrition Association, Down Syndrome Awareness. Reflects a name change from Vanderbilt Children's Hospital specialty earmarked license plate to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt specialty earmarked license plate. Provides that allocations for net proceeds from the sale of such plates will remain the same. Creates a new specialty earmarked license plate for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.). Extends the timeframe for the new specialty earmarked

license plate for the Make-A-Wish Foundation to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for Tennessee Tech University to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for Historic Collierville to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for Ohio State University to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Requires the design of the plate to be approved by the Ohio State University prior to production, and shall additionally afford the trademark protection as the Ohio State University shall require as otherwise permitted by law. Specifies the Ohio State University specialty earmarked plates authorized or issued as it existed prior to the effective date of this act, shall be included jointly in any determinations for initial issuance. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for the Friends of Sycamore Shoals Historic Area, Inc. to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for the Rotary International to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 7, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/18/2016 - House passed with amendment 1 (014977), which deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Create a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), The Fairgrounds Nashville, the Dollywood Foundation, and the Eastern Star. Reflects a name change from the Harpeth River Watershed Association specialty earmarked license plate to the Protecting Rivers and Clean Water specialty earmarked license plate. Provides that allocations for net proceeds from the sale of such plates will remain the same. Creates a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Pat Summitt Foundation, Historic Whitehaven, BE NICE, Prostate Cancer Awareness, The Fallen Police and Firefighters, the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park, Fallen Linemen, the Nashville Parks Foundation, the Tennessee School Nutrition Association, Down Syndrome Awareness. Reflects a name change from Vanderbilt Children's Hospital specialty earmarked license plate to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt specialty earmarked license plate. Provides that allocations for net proceeds from the sale of such plates will remain the same. Creates a new specialty earmarked license plate for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.). Extends the timeframe for the new specialty earmarked license plate for the Make-A-Wish Foundation to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for Tennessee Tech University to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for Historic Collierville to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for Ohio State University to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Requires the design of the plate to be approved by the Ohio State University prior to production, and shall additionally afford the trademark protection as the Ohio State University shall require as otherwise permitted by law. Specifies the Ohio State University specialty earmarked plates authorized or issued as it existed prior to the effective date of this act, shall be included jointly in any determinations for initial issuance. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for the Friends of Sycamore Shoals Historic Area, Inc. to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates. Extends until July 1, 2017, the new specialty earmarked license plate for the Rotary International to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates.

Executive Status 04/22/2016 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

[SB1479 / HB1471](#) Special permits for overweight and overdimensional vehicles.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Kelly Keisling](#)

Description Requires that special permits issued for overweight and overdimensional vehicles allow continuous movement or travel seven days a week, during daylight and at night, and on holidays. Specifies that permit is valid for ten calendar days for each trip. Restricts interstate travel on weekdays in Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, and Knox counties.

Amendment Senate amendment 1 (013045) deletes all language of the original bill. Establishes that fees for granting special permits for moving vehicles of excessive widths shall be: \$20 for excessive widths of 14 feet or under, instead of the current fees of \$10 for excessive widths of 10 feet or under; \$15 for excessive widths of over 10 feet but not more than 12 feet, and \$25 for excessive widths of over 12 feet but not more than 14 feet; \$30 for excessive widths of over 14 feet but not more than 16 feet, the same fee as established under current law; \$30 for excessive widths of over 16 feet, plus \$5 for each additional foot or fraction thereof greater than 16 feet, rather than 17 feet as established under current law; and \$2,500 for houseboats with excess width of over 17 feet plus an additional \$100 fee for each additional inch or fraction thereof greater than 17 feet, rather than 18 feet as established under current law. Increases from \$15 to \$20 the fee for excessive height or length. Requires special permits issued for overweight or over-dimensional motor vehicles to allow for continuous movement 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including legal holidays as listed, with certain exceptions. Prohibits interstate travel between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in counties exceeding 250,000 in population. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to restrict time of movement for vehicles over 165,000 pounds, 15 feet 6 inches in height or 16 feet in width, based on traffic volume and road conditions. Establishes that permits will be valid for 10 calendar days for each single trip.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2016) Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$66,300/Recurring/Highway Fund Increase State Expenditures - \$6,000/One-Time/Highway Fund

Senate Status 03/23/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

House Status 04/11/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/15/2016 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 4 and Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to permits for movements of overweight and overdimensional vehicles.

[SB1481 / HB1507](#) AG's office to post information on web during condemnation proceeding.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors [Sen. Ferrell Haile](#) / [Rep. Courtney Rogers](#)

Description Directs the office of the attorney general and reporter to prepare a statement of a property owner's rights during any condemnation proceeding and to post this landowner's bill of rights on its website no later than January 1, 2017. Requires that information regarding how to access the statement be sent together with any notice of the filing of a petition to institute condemnation proceedings.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 18, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/13/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 01/19/2016 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 17 and Title 29, Chapter 16, relative to the rights of property owners during condemnation proceedings.

SB1484 / HB1410 Repeals the "Save the Tax Relief Act."

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Joe Pitts](#)

Description Repeals the "Save the Tax Relief Act," thereby returning from \$23,000 to \$25,000 the first portion of home value for which tax relief will be reimbursed to elderly low income and disabled home owners. Increases from \$100,000 to \$175,000 the first portion of home value for which tax relief will be reimbursed to disabled veteran home owners. Removes the requirement that caps the income eligibility for the disabled veteran home owner tax relief program at \$60,000 for those who have not received a tax reimbursement prior to tax year 2015.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 11, 2016) Increase State Expenditures - \$6,286,000

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/16.

House Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 7, relative to tax relief.

SB1494 / HB2403 Changes the burden of proof for asset forfeitures.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Ron Travis](#)

Description Changes the burden of proof for asset forfeitures from a preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence. Requires a criminal conviction before a forfeiture may be completed. Allows forfeiture of property without a criminal conviction with written and informed consent under the following circumstances: (1) the property in question has been used or possessed illegally, (2) the property has been forfeited pursuant to a plea agreement or settlement agreement between the state and the defendant, or (3) the owner of the property has been either deported, has fled after prosecution has commenced, or is determined unknown after the seizing agency has exercised due diligence in attempting to find the owner. Specifies a 30-day maximum wait for a claim to be heard after being filed. Makes various other revisions to asset forfeiture provisions.

Amendment Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment 1 (012929) requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to report to the General Assembly by March 1 of each year a detailed report on the total number of seizure cases opened by the DOS, the number of seizure cases where an arrest was made, the total number of cases resulting in forfeiture, the types of property seized and the totals for each type, the amount of currency seized, and the amount of currency forfeited.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 3, 2016) Decrease State Revenue – \$262,200/Recurring Increase State Expenditures – \$116,300/One-Time

Senate Status 03/14/2016 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status 03/15/2016 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 7; Title 40, Chapter 33 and Title 53, Chapter 11, relative to asset forfeiture.

SB1533 / HB1585 Terminates the Southern dairy compact.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Faison](#)

Description Terminates the Southern dairy compact with no subsequent wind-down year.

Amendment House Amendment 1 (013788) extends the Southern Dairy Compact to 2021.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 15, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Senate refuses to recede from their actions. Appoints conference committee of (R) Bell, (R) Kelsey, & (D) Harris.

House Status 04/07/2016 - House refused to recede from its action in adoption of House amendment 1.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 35, relative to the Southern Dairy Compact.

SB1581 / HB1495 Driving on a suspended or revoked license.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. John Stevens](#) / [Rep. William G. Lamberth](#)

Description Deletes requirement that a person's driver license be suspended for an additional like period if convicted of driving on a suspended or revoked license. Allows for a payment plan to the court if convicted. Allows a court to reinstate driving privileges after application is submitted and \$65 fee is paid for the individual through a restricted driver license contingent upon the person participating in a payment plan for any unpaid fines or costs. Removes driving privileges if the person defaults on court payment.

Amendment House Amendment 1 (012742) deletes and rewrites Section 3 of the bill such that the only substantive change is to specify that payment plans are to be entered with "court clerks" rather than with "courts." HOUSE AMENDMENT 2 (011629) deletes the effective date of July 1, 2016 and replaces it with January 1, 2017.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 16, 2016) Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - \$233,600/Recurring
Increase State Expenditures - \$100,000/One-Time

Senate Status 03/28/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/17/2016 - House passed with amendments 1 and 2.

Executive Status 04/12/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to driver licenses.

SB1608 / HB1416 Designates use of the left-lane on interstates as a passing lane only.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Frank Niceley](#) / [Rep. Dan Howell](#)

Description Establishes the "Slow Poke Law." Prohibits the operation of vehicles in the left lane of interstates and multi-lane divided highways, except for passing and other purposes. Establishes a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$50.00 fine.

Amendment House Amendment 1 (012179) deletes and rewrites subsection (c) of Section 2 of the original bill such that the only substantive changes are (1) the deleting of language that authorized TDOT to erect signs or official traffic control devices to restrict usage of a lane designated for passing, and (2) the addition of language authorizing TDOT to use the existing permanent electronic overhead display on the interstate system to display messages to the public regarding the Slow Poke Law. Allows TDOT to develop guidelines for the messages to be placed on the displays.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2016) Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$1,100/Recurring Increase State Expenditures – \$444,500/Highway Fund/One-Time Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100/Recurring

Senate Status 04/04/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/07/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.

Executive Status 04/19/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to the operation of vehicles in the left lanes of certain highways.

SB1634 / HB1522 Registration of trailers.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Randy McNally](#) / [Rep. Jimmy Matlock](#)

Description Deletes various provisions that distinguish different types of trailers, such as privately owned trailers and house trailers. Imposes the registration tax on all trailers, and changes the amount of the registration tax to the following: (1) \$25.00 on trailers with one axle; (2) \$35.00 on trailers with two axles; and (3) \$45.00 on trailers with three or more axles. Redefines "trailer" to include pole trailers and semitrailers. Authorizes county clerks to collect an additional fee of \$1.00 for each initial issuance of registration and registration plates for trailers.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 2, 2016) Increase State Revenue – Net Impact – \$364,800/FY16-17/General Fund \$4,153,400/FY16-17/Highway Fund \$238,800/FY16-17/Police Pay Supplement Fund \$160,000/FY16-17/TRUST Fund \$729,500/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years/General Fund \$8,306,900/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years /Highway Fund \$477,500/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years /Police Pay Supplement Fund \$320,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years /TRUST Fund Increase State Expenditures – \$960,000/FY16-17/General Fund Increase Local Revenue – \$569,000/FY16-17 \$578,000/FY17-18 \$18,000/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years
HB 1522 - SB 1634

Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - House Transportation Subcommittee deferred to TACIR summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 8, Part 1; Title 55 and Title 67,

relative to registration of trailers.

SB1636 / HB1632 Allocation of newly constructed rental units as affordable housing.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Ferrell Haile](#) / [Rep. Glen Casada](#)

Description Prohibits a local governmental unit from enacting zoning regulations that require the direct or indirect allocation of a percentage of existing or newly constructed private residential or commercial rental units for long-term retention as affordable or workforce housing.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (013446) clarifies that this bill applies to all current and future zoning regulations.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 22, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/28/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013446), which clarifies that this bill applies to all current and future zoning regulations.

House Status 04/07/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/21/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 35, relative to the prohibition of rent control.

SB1646 / HB1689 Formula for calculating hearing costs in property tax appeals.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Marc Gravitt](#)

Description Under present law, the state board of equalization has jurisdiction over the valuation, classification, and assessment of all properties in the state. One of the duties of the board is to receive, hear, consider, and act upon complaints and appeals made to the board. The board assesses the cost of hearing or processing an appeal against any non-prevailing, non-indigent appellant. Under present law: (1) The assessment must not exceed \$7.00 per parcel for processing an appeal or \$120 for hearing costs; (2) The assessment must be proportionate to the value of the property at issue; and (3) If the totaled assessment is 1/2 or more of the appellant's claim, the board issues a total refund. Otherwise, the refund of the hearing costs is proportionate to the relief granted. Revises (3) above to require that the refund of hearing costs be 1/2 of the appellant's claim, if the ordered reduction totals less than 1/2 of the appellant's claim. Present law also authorizes the board to create an assessment appeals commission and to delegate to the commission the jurisdiction to hear and act upon all complaints and appeals regarding the assessment, classification, and value of property for purposes of taxation. Actions taken by the commission are final unless the board issues an order requiring review of the commission's action, in which case the action will not become final until the board has rendered its final decision in the matter. If the board chooses not to review a matter, the commission is required to issue a certificate of assessment showing the description of the property and the assessment as determined by the commission. The certificate of assessment is subject to judicial review in the same manner as final actions of the board. Revises the above provisions to require the assessment appeals commission to issue the following, if the state board does not review the matter: (1) A notice, including notice by electronic means, of its final actions to the parties; or (2) If requested by a taxpayer, a certificate of assessment or other final certificate of the commission's actions. The date of the notice or certificate will

commence the period for seeking judicial review of the final order of the board or commission. Present law requires trustees or collectors to send, with the current tax bill, a notice to delinquent taxpayers informing them of their obligation to pay back taxes or risk the sale of their property. This bill specifically includes taxpayers who are delinquent in unpaid rollback taxes in the group of delinquent taxpayers receiving such a notice.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2016) Decrease State Revenue - \$400/State Board of Equalization
Decrease State Expenditures - \$100/State Board of Equalization

Senate Status 03/14/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/13/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/20/2016 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

[SB1691 / HB1838](#) Employee intentionally entering a nonpublic area of employer.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Durham](#)

Description Under this bill, any person who intentionally accesses a nonpublic area of another's premises and engages in an act that exceeds that person's authority to enter those areas will be liable to the owner or operator of the premises for any damages sustained that were caused by the person's access. Defines a "nonpublic area" to mean an area not accessible to or not intended to be accessed by the general public. Under this bill, an act that exceeds a person's authority to enter the nonpublic areas of another's premises occurs when: (1) An employee intentionally enters the nonpublic area of an employer's premises for a reason other than a bona fide intent of seeking or holding employment or doing business with the employer, and thereafter, without authorization, captures or removes the employer's data, paper, records, or any other documents, or records images or sound occurring within an employer's premises; or (2) An employee knowingly places on the employer's premises an unattended camera or electronic surveillance device and uses that camera or device to record images or data. Any person who intentionally directs, assists, compensates, or induces another person to commit one of the acts described above in (1)-(2), will be held jointly liable under this bill. A court may award to an owner or operator of premises who prevails in an action under this bill, one or more remedies including equitable relief, compensatory damages, costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, or punitive damages in the amount of \$5,000 for each day, or portion thereof, that a defendant has committed an act described in (1)-(2). This bill will not apply to any governmental agency or law enforcement officer engaged in a lawful investigation of premises or the owner or operator of premises. This bill also states that it will not interfere with any whistleblower protections under present law.

Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 01/26/2016 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to wrongful acts committed by employees.

[SB1718](#) Hauling timber, logs or pulpwood in Bradley County.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Todd Gardenhire](#)

Description Prohibits a person from operating a vehicle hauling timber, logs, or pulpwood on U.S. Highway 11/State Route 2 in Bradley County. Specifies that a violation is a Class C misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to vehicles hauling property on public highways.

[SB1763 / HB1778](#) Commercial driver licenses for veterans.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Janice Bowling](#) / [Rep. David Alexander](#)

Description Requires the department of safety to report to the transportation committees of both the senate and the house by February 1, 2017, the number of commercial driver license holders who previously held military commercial driver licenses, and whether they experienced any barriers in applying for such state license.

Amendment Senate amendment 1 (012316) rewrites the bill. Specifies that being classified as an American Heart Association functional Class I or II heart patient, according to the American Heart Association functional classification system, or having an implantation of an automated implantable cardiac defibrillator are not reasons to be denied an intrastate commercial driver license (CDL), nor be deemed medically unqualified to operate a motor vehicle based on the failure to meet motor carrier safety regulations adopted pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-15-111.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 27, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/14/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

House Status 03/28/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/12/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to commercial driver licenses.

[SB1816 / HB1930](#) Publication of notice of intent to enforce tax lien.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Brian K. Kelsey](#) / [Rep. Mark White](#)

Description Requires notice of intent to enforce tax lien to be published in a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks instead of only two consecutive weeks.

Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property tax liens.

SB1867 / HB2355 Education committees - reports on TN Job Skills Program.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Reginald Tate](#) / [Rep. Larry J. Miller](#)

Description Adds the education committees to those committees who receive reports on the Tennessee job skills program; changes the report from annual to biennial for the described committees including the comptroller of the treasury report on utilization of funds.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 27, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/09/2016 - House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employers and employees.

SB1877 / HB1914 Failure to pay taxes due to error by land surveyor.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Glen Casada](#)

Description Permits a person who owns real property and who has not paid taxes on a portion of real property for more than 20 years to bring any action to recover the property if the failure to pay taxes was due to the error of a land surveyor. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 03/23/2016 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28; Title 66 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to real property.

SB1887 / HB1956 Uniform Residential Landlord & Tenant Act - Montgomery County exempt.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Frank Niceley](#) / [Rep. Curtis G. Johnson](#)

Description Exempts Montgomery County from the application of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/08/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/15/16.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 28, relative to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

SB1922 / HB2008 Disposal of unclaimed garments by dry cleaner.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Todd Gardenhire](#) / [Rep. Sheila Butt](#)

Description Increases from 180 to 200 days the minimum time required before a dry cleaner or launderer may dispose of unclaimed garments. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 28, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/22/16.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to property.

[SB1939 / HB2182](#) Applying for a refund - delinquent taxes.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Ken Yager](#) / [Rep. Timothy Hill](#)

Description Extends time eligible taxpayers may apply for a refund or present a credit voucher for credit on their taxes from within 35 days from the date taxes in the jurisdiction become delinquent for that year to within 40 days from that date.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/29/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/23/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6 and Title 67, relative to property tax.

[SB1950 / HB1883](#) Disposal of unclaimed garments by dry cleaner.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Ken Yager](#) / [Rep. Martin Daniel](#)

Description Increases from 180 days to 240 days the minimum time required before a dry cleaner or launderer may dispose of unclaimed garments. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 19, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to summer study.

House Status 03/16/2016 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to property.

[SB1964 / HB1776](#) Overweight loads that are permitted and nondivisible.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Pat Marsh](#)

Description Removes restriction that permitted nondivisible overweight loads less than 150,000 pounds

that are carried by truck tractor and semi-trailer combinations not exceed 50 feet in length.

Amendment HOUSE AMENDMENT 2 (014972) deletes all language of the original bill. Authorizes TDOT to issue special permits allowing axle widths in excess of the axle weight limits for non-divisible overweight loads exceeding the maximum gross vehicle weight of 150,000 pounds. Prohibits the maximum width of a vehicle including the truck and semi-trailer or trailer combination from exceeding 10 feet instead of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that the load may exceed 10 feet in width if permitted. Deletes that a truck tractor or semi-trailer or trailer combinations shall not exceed 50 feet in length from the point of attachment to the tractor. Requires TDOT to evaluate the capacity of bridges or similar structures to carry the proposed movement of an overweight or overdimensional load along a particular route and requires the department to charge the requestor for the proposed evaluation each time a different route is proposed for: movements weighing over 165,000 pounds, but no more than 250,000 pounds instead of 200,000 and 300,000 pounds, a \$100 fee; movements weighing over 250,000 pounds instead of 300,000 pounds, but no more than 500,000 pounds, a \$300 fee; and movements weighing over 500,000 pounds are charged actual cost, instead of a \$500 fee for movements weighing over 500,000 pounds but no more than 1,000,000 pounds. The fee for movements weighing over 1,000,000 pounds remains the actual cost. Requires TDOT to collect an \$100 permit fee on an annual basis for each specific vehicle to be used for transporting overdimensional or overweight loads or both, except for vehicles specifically permitted and used to transport cotton seed modules, overdimensional noncommercial boats, and mobile homes for vehicles transporting loads not exceeding 13 feet 10 inches in height, 90 feet in length, or 12 feet 6 inches in width. The current fee for such vehicles is \$500. Authorizes vehicles transporting loads not exceeding 13 feet 6 inches in width to obtain an annual permit and requires an escort vehicle. Requires an annual permit fee of \$750 for vehicles transporting loads not exceeding 100,000 pounds, and a \$1,500 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 100,000 pounds, but not exceeding 120,000 pounds. The current annual permit fees are \$500 for vehicles transporting loads of up to 120,000 pounds, and \$1,000 for weights in excess of 120,000 pounds. Requires a \$2,250 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 120,000 pounds, but not exceeding 140,000 pounds. Requires a \$3,000 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 140,000 pounds, but not exceeding 155,000 pounds. Requires a \$3,500 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 155,000 pounds, but not exceeding 165,000 pounds. Requires a separate permit fee for vehicles transporting loads that are both overdimensional and overweight loads. Prohibits annual permits for any vehicle transporting loads with weights exceeding 165,000 pounds or dimensions exceeding 13 feet 10 inches in height, 90 feet in length, or 13 feet 6 inches in width and requires such vehicles to obtain a special permit. Prohibits vehicle movement from exceeding any vehicle weight limits posted on any bridge or highway as set by jurisdiction. Requires the Act to be effective January 1, 2017.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 24, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/07/2016 - House passed with amendment 2.

Executive Status 04/21/2016 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to overweight and overdimensional loads that are permitted and nondivisible.

[SB1970 / HB2001](#) Deletes obsolete ignition interlock program development fee.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Jim Tracy](#) / [Rep. Jimmy Matlock](#)

Description Deletes obsolete ignition interlock program development fee of \$8 dollars. Broadly Captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 2, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

[SB2046 / HB2277](#) State's minimum wage to \$10.10

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Johnnie Turner](#)

Description Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to set the state's minimum hourly wage rate at not less than \$10.10 per hour, adjusted annually to reflect inflation in accordance with the consumer price index. Sets the wage rate paid to blind persons employed by the state to the greater of the state minimum hourly wage rate or the federal minimum wage. Establishes a cause of action for employees if employers violate the state's minimum hourly wage rate. States that any judgment issued in favor of an employee in pursuit of unpaid wages must include, in addition to unpaid wages an amount equal to the wages as damages. The court shall, in addition to any judgment awarded to any employee, require the employer to pay court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by any prevailing employee. An action to recover damages pursuant to this section shall be instituted within three years from the date the wages were due.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$4,032,700 Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000*

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/22/16.

House Status 03/09/2016 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee 4-2.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 13; Title 39; Title 50; Title 67 and Title 71, relative to state minimum wage regulations.

[SB2105 / HB1921](#) Purchase of land in a tax lien sale.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Charles M. Sargent](#)

Description Declares that a purchaser of a parcel of land in a tax lien sale has no obligation to purchase insurance on the parcel during the redemption period and that the purchaser is not liable for damage that occurs to the property during the redemption period unless it is caused by intentional acts of the purchaser.

Amendment House Business & Utilities Committee Amendment 1 (014967) deletes all language of the original bill. Clarifies that a person receiving title to a parcel sold at a tax sale pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-2502 is vested with an absolute and indefeasible title in fee to the parcel, unless a judicial action challenging the parcel is filed in an appropriate court and effectually prosecuted against the person within three years of the recording of the tax deed or an order

confirms the sell. A person claiming title of a parcel conveyed pursuant to a tax proceeding after the three-year period shall be forever barred from challenging the title of the parcel. Makes multiple other changes to processes governing parcels offered at county property tax sales for parcels on which delinquent property taxes are owed. SENATE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1 (014936) clarifies that a person receiving title to a parcel sold at a tax sale pursuant to T.C.A. 7-5-2502 is vested with an absolute and indefeasible title in fee to the parcel, unless a judicial action challenging the parcel is filed in an appropriate court and effectually prosecuted against the person within three years of the recording of the tax deed or an order confirms the sell. Provides that a person claiming title of a parcel conveyed pursuant to a tax proceeding after the three-year period shall be forever barred from challenging the title of the parcel. Makes multiple other changes to processes governing parcels offered at county property tax sales for parcels on which delinquent property taxes are owed.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 6, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/20/2016 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status 04/12/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28; Title 66 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to real property.

[SB2110 / HB2567](#) Removes specific obsolete reference.

Category Insurance General

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Kevin Brooks](#)

Description Removes an obsolete reference to the Employee Misclassification Advisory Task Force. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 50; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to employer and employee.

[SB2152 / HB2606](#) Contesting money owed to employer.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Reginald Tate](#) / [Rep. Jim Coley](#)

Description Reduces the amount of time an employee may contest an offset of the employee's wages by an employer for money owed to the employer from seven days to five. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employer and employee.

[SB2173 / HB2235](#) Time frame for abatement of blighted property.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Reginald Tate](#) / [Rep. Barbara W. Cooper](#)

Description Increases the period of time in which the owner of property determined to be blighted or deteriorated has to abate the conditions from 90 days to 115 days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 16, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/17/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67, relative to property.

[SB2199 / HB2330](#) Fines for parking violations on two-lane state highways.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Cameron Sexton](#)

Description Imposes a fine of \$200 for parking violations on two-lane state highways where the illegally parked vehicle restricts an emergency vehicle from accessing the highway or right-of-way.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 16, 2016) Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$1,400 Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100

Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to unauthorized parking on highways.

[SB2203 / HB2134](#) Hauling timber or logs on U.S. Highway 11/State Route 2.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Todd Gardenhire](#) / [Rep. Kevin Brooks](#)

Description Prohibits a vehicle hauling timber, logs, or pulpwood on U.S. Highway 11/State Route 2 in the city limits of the City of Cleveland in Bradley County. Specifies that a violation is a Class C misdemeanor.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 2, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 04/18/2016 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to vehicles hauling property on public highways.

[SB2260 / HB2244](#) Clarifies Regulation on trailers

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors [Sen. Mae Beavers](#) / [Rep. James \(Micah\) VanHuss](#)

Description Clarifies that there is no tax on trailers used to transport boats, and on trailer drawn by automobiles or trucks, unless the owner desires that the trailer be registered. Further Clarifies trailers used in the furtherance of a business and truck trailers used for hauling freight, including freight trailers, semi-trailers, and pole trailers are required to be registered. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to vehicle registration and taxation.

[SB2309 / HB2465](#) Restores the joint select committee on business taxes.

Category Taxes Business

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Karen D. Camper](#)

Description Restores the joint select committee on business taxes. Requires the joint select committee on business taxes to report to each member of the general assembly, at least once annually, on its activities, findings, and recommendations.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 28, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – \$4,800/Each One-Day Meeting Exceeds \$268,700/Recurring

Senate Status 03/16/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, relative to the joint select committee on business taxes.

[SB2317 / HB2274](#) Radon concentrations in dwelling - disclosure.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Johnnie Turner](#)

Description Requires, with certain exceptions, a seller of residential real property to disclose in writing to the buyer of the property information relating to radon concentrations in the dwelling. A seller may satisfy the disclosure requirements by providing a written disclosure to a licensed real estate broker or affiliate broker representing or assisting a prospective buyer.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 12, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/23/2016 - Failed in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 5, Part 2, relative to radon.

[SB2319 / HB2324](#) Establishes state minimum wage of \$10.00 per hour.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Barbara W. Cooper](#)

Description Establishes a state minimum wage for all employees of \$10.00 per hour, beginning July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 8, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$18,000/One-Time Exceeds \$4,169,000/Recurring Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000/Recurring*

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 2, relative to a state minimum wage.

[SB2322 / HB2090](#) Establishes \$15 minimum wage.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. G.A. Hardaway](#)

Description Establishes the "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act." Establishes a minimum wage of \$15.00 as of July 1, 2016. Increases from \$2.13 to \$4.74 the minimum wage for employees in the service industry who receive tips. Establishes a \$6.15 minimum wage for employees that are compensated solely by gratuities. Specifies that an employee compensated solely on gratuities shall equal or exceed the minimum wage of \$15.00. Requires an employer to pay time and a half for all hours of work in excess of 40 hours a week. Provides liability for any employer in violation of this act. Requires an employer to recover any unpaid wages and an amount equal to such wages as damages, in addition to court costs and fees upon a judgement being rendered in favor of the employee or employees. Authorizes the department of labor and workforce development to promulgate rules in compliance with federal law.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 8, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 2, relative to wages.

[SB2323 / HB2354](#) Annual report of state department and agency programs.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Larry J. Miller](#)

Description Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to submit to the governor and the general assembly by March 1st of each year the annual summary of state department and agency programs. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - Failed in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employers and employees.

[SB2325 / HB2435](#) Termination of rental agreement by victim of sexual assault.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Barbara W. Cooper](#)

Description Allows a tenant to terminate a lease or rental agreement provided that the tenant provides notice and documentation that the tenant or a household member is a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Specifies (1) that documentation can be a valid order of protection found by a court or a written report from a domestic abuse or domestic violence shelter, rape crisis center, family safety center, or child abuse agency, signed by the director or another authorized official. Specifies (2) that the notice must be a mutually agreed upon release date within the next 30 days from the date of the written notice. Specifies that a perpetrator of certain offenses remains liable for rent and damages under a lease or rental agreement even if the perpetrator is ordered to vacate the premises by a protection order.

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/22/16.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 66, relative to residential rental and lease agreements.

[SB2348 / HB1959](#) Disclosure of property being located on private road.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Steven Dickerson](#) / [Rep. Bo Mitchell](#)

Description Requires a seller to disclose if residential property is located on a private road. Defines "private road" to mean a way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner but not by any other members of the public.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 5, relative to required property disclosures.

[SB2358 / HB2372](#) Expansions to the Tennessee Disability Act.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Steven Dickerson](#) / [Rep. Johnny W. Shaw](#)

Description Clarifies that discrimination in regards to hiring, firing, and other terms and conditions is prohibited against "any qualified individual on the basis of disability" instead of against "any applicant for employment based solely upon any physical, mental, or visual disability of the applicant, unless such disability to some degree prevents the applicant from performing the duties required by the employment sought or impairs the performance of the work involved." Clarifies that this prohibition applies to discrimination against a qualified individual with a

disability because such person uses a service animal. Specifies that it is a discriminatory practice to deny employment opportunities to a job applicant or employee who is an otherwise qualified individual with a disability, if such denial is based on the need of such covered entity to make reasonable accommodation to the physical or mental impairments of the employee or applicant. Specifies that reasonable accommodations will not be required if: (1) The employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of its business; or (2) The individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the workplace that cannot be eliminated by reasonable accommodation.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 11, 2016) Increase State Revenue - \$36,400/Human Rights Commission

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/29/16.

House Status 03/23/2016 - House State Government Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-103, relative to employment discrimination.

[SB2359 / HB2296](#) Employment of deputy property assessors by municipalities.

Category Local Government

Sponsors [Sen. Steven Dickerson](#) / [Rep. Bill Beck](#)

Description Authorizes municipalities, instead of all cities and towns, to employ deputy property assessors to assist and advise the property assessor. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to property taxes.

[SB2404 / HB1986](#) Report on status of highway projects.

Category Transportation General

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. John Ray Clemmons](#)

Description Authorizes the report the department of transportation provides each member of the general assembly regarding the status of highway projects in the county or counties that the member represents to be in an electronic format. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 2, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

[SB2425 / HB2300](#) Increases distance for half-ton trucks approaching truck alike.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbrow](#) / [Rep. Bill Beck](#)

Description Increases from 300 to 350 feet the distance required for a truck of more than one and a half tons to approach any similarly large trucks proceeding in the same direction on a highway, except in overtaking and passing or unless one or both trucks are stopped or disabled.

Amendment SENATE AMENDMENT 1 (013275) deletes all language of the original bill. Removes the \$250 fine specification from the Class B misdemeanor, and the \$500 fine specification from the Class A misdemeanor, relative to failure to yield right of way offenses when such offenses result in serious bodily injury, or death to another person, respectively. SENATE AMENDMENT 2 (013743) states this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Elena Zamora Memorial Act"..

Fiscal Note (Dated March 3, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/24/2016 - Senate passed with amendments 1 and 2.

House Status 04/06/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/21/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to the operation of vehicles.

SB2434 / HB2525 Annual summary of reports of state department and agency programs.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Bo Mitchell](#)

Description Clarifies that the annual summary of reports of state department and agency programs are required to be submitted no later than March 1 of each year by the commissioner of labor and workforce development to the governor and the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee deferred.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employers and employees.

SB2450 / HB2212 Wage disparities reported by economic council.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Jason Powell](#)

Description Requires the economic council on women to make its report on the wage disparities between men and women, and minorities and non-minorities, in the same job classifications to be transmitted to the commissioner of labor and workforce development, who shall in turn transmit the report each member of the general assembly, and each library designated as a depository of state reports and documents.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (014817) deletes all language of the original bill. Requires a public water system to notify the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) no later than 24 hours after such water system becomes aware that the lead and copper 90th percentile lead

action level according to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act has been exceeded. Adds that the current requirement to notify all persons that may be affected by such contamination is to take place no later than 72 hours after a public water system becomes aware of the exceedance. Requires TDEC to order the public water system to conduct appropriate actions regarding such contamination. Requires notice to be provided to the Commissioner of TDEC. Requires the Commissioner of TDEC to ensure that such public water system notifies all persons within 10 days of a supplier's failure to provide such notice to persons that may be affected by the contamination. Requires the Commissioner of TDEC to ensure that proper notice has occurred by the public water system and to provide direct technical assistance to, and oversight of, the supplier to ensure the water supply system conducts follow up testing, exercises treatment optimization and distribution system modifications, and achieves compliance.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 29, 2016) NOT SIGIFICANT

Senate Status 03/31/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

House Status 04/06/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/21/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 12; Title 45; Title 47; Title 50; Title 56; Title 62; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to commerce.

SB2469 / HB2201 Right to Earn a Living Act.

Category Professions & Licensure

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Martin Daniel](#)

Description Enacts the "Right to Earn a Living Act." Requires all entry regulations by an agency with respect to businesses, professions, and occupations to be limited to those demonstrably necessary and carefully tailored to fulfill legitimate public health, safety, or welfare objectives. Defines "entry regulations" as any law, ordinance, regulation, rule, policy, fee, condition, test, permit, administrative practice, or other provision relating to a market, or the opportunity to engage in any business, profession, or occupation. Requires all public service restrictions to be limited to those demonstrably necessary and carefully tailored to fulfill legitimate public health, safety, or welfare objectives. Defines "public service restrictions" to mean any law, ordinance, regulation, rule, policy, fee, condition, test, permit, or other administrative practice, with or without the support of public subsidy, or user fees. Requires an agency to conduct a comprehensive review of all entry regulations within the jurisdiction of the agency by July 1, 2017. Requires an agency to repeal or modify any entry regulation that does not specified a public health, safety, or welfare objective. Allows any person to petition any agency to repeal or modify any entry regulation into a business, profession, or occupation within its jurisdiction and specifies requirements for such petition.

Amendment SENATE AMENDMENT 2 (015503) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the substantive changes are as follows: Deletes the requirement that each state agency conduct an annual comprehensive review and replaces it with a requirement for each licensing authority to submit a copy of each entry regulation promulgated or adopted by such authority to the Government Operations Committees of the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2016. Requires these Committees to issue a joint report regarding any findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2018. After such date, requires each licensing authority to submit a copy of any entry regulation promulgated after the previous submission. Exempts certain regulatory boards, commissions, councils, and committees from these

requirements. Requires the Government Operations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives to review such regulations and make recommendations regarding such regulations. Authorizes the Committees to recommend that such regulations be amended or repealed by the agency. The Committees may recommend to the General Assembly that any regulatory authority failing to comply with a recommendation be suspended.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 16, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000 Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000*

Senate Status 04/11/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 2.

House Status 04/20/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/20/2016 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 38; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 67, relative to businesses, professions, and occupations.

SB2482 / HB2404 Termination of employee for filing claim.

Category Workers Compensation

Sponsors [Sen. Becky Duncan Massey](#) / [Rep. Ron Travis](#)

Description Prohibits an employer from discharging or terminating an employee for filing a workers' compensation claim. Limits the amount of damages that an employee can pursue in certain retaliatory discharge actions.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Executive Status 02/22/2016 - Workers' Compensation Advisory Council released without recommendation.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to employment.

SB2496 / HB2554 Increases penalties for businesses that employ illegal immigrants.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Kerry Roberts](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Durham](#)

Description Increases fines and penalties for businesses that employ illegal immigrants.

Amendment Senate Commerce and Labor Committee Amendment 1 (014694) increases to two years, the prohibition period following a violation. Applies fine increases only "per employer" and does not increase "per employee" fines. Increases the fine for second violations to \$2,500 and third and subsequent violations to \$5,000.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 11, 2016) Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$12,000/Lawful Employment Enforcement Fund

Senate Status 03/31/2016 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status 03/16/2016 - House State Government Subcommittee referred bill to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3 and Title 50, relative to employment.

SB2535 / HB1533 Field inspections by state fire marshal.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)

Description Allows the state fire marshal to require and perform field inspections in lieu of requiring a review and approval of plans and to create a schedule of fees sufficient to cover the costs of the inspections. Allows the fire marshal to assess a fee in situations where an inspection was untimely requested and unable to be performed. Prohibits the fee from exceeding \$200. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2016) Increase State Revenue - \$4,800/State Fire Marshal's Office The Governor's proposed budget for FY16-17, on page A-40, recognizes non- recurring revenue of \$4,800 and recurring revenue of \$4,800; both to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Senate Status 03/08/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 03/08/2016 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101, relative to prior approval and inspection by the state fire marshal of certain structures.

SB2556 / HB1552 Seasonal employment.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)

Description Revises various provisions of the Tennessee Employment Security Law. Provides adjustments for the taxable wage base. Specifies that if the balance is below the trigger level at the subsequent reading of the unemployment trust fund balance, the taxable wage base will not change. Delays the implementation of the seasonal employment provisions until July 1, 2020. Redefines seasonal worker to mean an employer that customarily employs workers only during a regularly recurring period of 26 consecutive weeks or less, instead of 36 weeks or less, within a calendar year and has been determine to be a seasonal employer by the department of labor and workforce development. Removes requirement that a successor to a seasonal employer be deemed a seasonal employer unless the successor requests cancellation of the seasonal employer status within 120 days after the acquisition. Requires application for seasonal employer determination be submitted between September 1 and October 31 of each year. Requires applicants to have an experience rating, have no unpaid liability, and not be delinquent in submitting any premium and wage reports or required payments in the four quarters preceding the application. Specifies that a determination of seasonal employer status will be effective January 1 through December 31 and will not have retroactive effect. Stipulates that the department will determine the employer's active seasonal period. Provides that any seasonal employer determination rendered with respect to an employer will be final and conclusive upon the employer for all purposes and in all proceedings whatsoever unless the employer has timely filed with the division of employment security a written application for review and redetermination. Permits department to reconsider active seasonal period and seasonal employer status of any seasonal employer. Allows department to terminate seasonal employer status upon request from the seasonal employer. Prohibits seasonal workers from performing services for the same seasonal employer outside the employer's designated active seasonal period. Requires seasonal employers to display notices of seasonal determination on

employer's premises. Requires seasonal employers to give notice prior to beginning of each seasonal period that the seasonal wages are potentially excludable from the base period and to provide dates for beginning and ending of the period. Prohibits inclusion of wages from seasonal employment in the base period for any week of unemployment commencing during the inactive seasonal period between two successive active seasonal periods. Provides that if the claimant performs the services in an active seasonal period and a reasonable assurance is provided that the claimant will perform the service for the seasonal employer during the following active seasonal period. Stipulates that wages from seasonal employment will be included in the base period for any week of unemployment commencing during the employer's active seasonal period. Increases penalty for receiving unemployment benefits by knowingly misrepresenting any material fact, from 7.5 percent to 15 percent of the overpaid benefits used to defray the costs of deterring or collecting overpayments. Requires commissioner to further assess a penalty equal to 35 percent for the second and each subsequent instance of overpaid benefits. Part of Administration Package.

Amendment House amendment 1 (012029) deletes and replaces Section 4 in the bill such that the only substantive change is a provision that specifies that monies collected from overpaid unemployment fees shall be used to defray the cost of deterring, detecting, or collection over-payments.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 7, 2016) Increase State Revenue – \$1,049,600/Penalty and Interest Fund The Governor's Recommended Budget Document for FY16-17 includes a revenue recognition of \$1,049,600 (Page A-40) for this bill.

Senate Status 03/28/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/24/2016 - House passed with amendment 1. House amendment 1 (012029) deletes and replaces Section 4 in the bill such that the only substantive change is a provision that specifies that monies collected from overpaid unemployment fees shall be used to defray the cost of deterring, detecting, or collection over-payments.

Executive Status 04/12/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-213; Section 50-7-306; Section 50-7-404 and Section 50-7-715, relative to unemployment insurance.

[SB2570 / HB2579](#) Information report required by certain retailers.

Category Taxes Sales

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)

Description Present law authorizes the commissioner of revenue to require persons making sales to retailers of beer, tobacco products, or other types of tangible personal property, as designated from time to time by the commissioner, to file an information report of such sales with the department. The report must contain information deemed reasonably necessary by the commissioner to ascertain the correctness of any tax return or to determine the sales and use tax liability of any person taxable, and may include the seller's name and license number; the retailer's name, beer permit number if applicable, and sales and use tax account number; and the general type of product sold. This bill authorizes, the commissioner to also require a seller to provide information regarding sales of candy, food, or nonalcoholic beverages in addition to beer and tobacco products. This bill specifies that all candy, food, and nonalcoholic beverages may be treated as a single type of product in regards to the information report. This bill removes the authority of the commissioner to designate other types of tangible personal property to be reported, but a seller, at its discretion, may include sales of other property in its

report. Provides that any wholesaler making sales of candy, food, and nonalcoholic beverages in an amount less than \$500,000 during the prior calendar year or to an affiliate will not be required to include such sales in the information report. Prohibits the commissioner from issuing any assessment under present law, including a notice of proposed assessment, to any retailer based solely on the above-described information reports unless the department first issues to the retailer an inquiry letter stating the department's findings and providing an opportunity for the retailer to explain the inconsistencies between its purchases and reported sales. Part of Administration Package.

Amendment House Amendment 1 (015028) exempts from food and nonalcoholic beverages the following items: perishable grocery, fresh, refrigerated and frozen meats, and other frozen foods. Requires the information report to be filed quarterly, rather than monthly. Authorizes wholesalers to submit reports in the format in which such information is maintained by such wholesalers. Prohibits the Department of Revenue (DOR), after July 1, 2019, from requiring persons making sales to retailers of other types of tangible personal property, other than beer and tobacco, to submit information reports of such sales, however such persons may voluntarily submit such information. Requires the DOR to include in any notice of proposed assessment specific language regarding a taxpayer's right to dispute the proposed assessment by filing a timely request for an informal conference.

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/14/2016 - House passed with amendment 1. House Amendment 1 (015028) exempts from food and nonalcoholic beverages the following items: perishable grocery, fresh, refrigerated and frozen meats, and other frozen foods. Requires the information report to be filed quarterly, rather than monthly. Authorizes wholesalers to submit reports in the format in which such information is maintained by such wholesalers. Prohibits the Department of Revenue (DOR), after July 1, 2019, from requiring persons making sales to retailers of other types of tangible personal property, other than beer and tobacco, to submit information reports of such sales, however such persons may voluntarily submit such information. Requires the DOR to include in any notice of proposed assessment specific language regarding a taxpayer's right to dispute the proposed assessment by filing a timely request for an informal conference.

Executive Status 04/22/2016 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 4, relative to retail accountability.

[SB2582 / HB2416](#) Revises workers' compensation and drug-free workplace provisions.

Category Workers Compensation

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Susan Lynn](#)

Description Provides that the state average weekly wage no longer has to be adjusted annually. Clarifies that notice of injury must be provided to the employer within three days of the injury. Grants the ombudsmen the authority to approve a settlement between an employer and employee if they are not represented by an attorney, the parties have signed a settlement agreement, the parties do not dispute the facts, the settlement is limited to an award of partial disability benefits, the settlement does not contain a waiver or settlement of employee's rights, the settlement does not limit the employee's right to medical benefits, and the employee is receiving these benefits. Requires the ombudsmen to approve or reject the settlement within three days. States that an employer does not have to provide annual education or awareness training for drug-free workplaces if all of the employees have undergone the training at least

once and acknowledged the drug-free policy in writing.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (012793) deletes all language of the original bill. Decreases from 30 to 15 the number of days after an injury that written notice must be given to an employer for workers' compensation purposes. Authorizes the Court of Workers' Compensation to award attorney's fees and reasonable costs in decisions. Deletes the annual educational requirement for employers who participate in the Tennessee Drug Free Workplace program. Authorizes an ombudsman who is a licensed attorney to provide limited legal advice, but not represent any party as the party's attorney.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 27, 2016) Decrease State Revenue – \$267,300 Decrease State Expenditures – Net Impact - \$50,500

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (012793), which deletes all language of the original bill. Decreases from 30 to 15 the number of days after an injury that written notice must be given to an employer for workers' compensation purposes. Authorizes the Court of Workers' Compensation to award attorney's fees and reasonable costs in decisions. Deletes the annual educational requirement for employers who participate in the Tennessee Drug Free Workplace program. Authorizes an ombudsman who is a licensed attorney to provide limited legal advice, but not represent any party as the party's attorney.

House Status 04/20/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/20/2016 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6 and Title 50, Chapter 9, relative to employer and employee.

[SB2592 / HB2116](#) Prohibits landlord from evicting victims of domestic abuse.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)

Description Prohibits a landlord from evicting victims of domestic abuse, minor children, and innocent occupants when domestic abuse is the underlying reason for terminating a lease. Specifies that landlord may remove the person who committed the domestic abuse from the lease agreement and require remaining occupants to execute a new agreement for the remainder of the lease term.

Amendment House Amendment 1 (013105) rewrites the bill. Specifies that in any case which domestic abuse is the underlying offense for which tenancy is terminated, only the perpetrator may be evicted. The perpetrator remains financially liable under the lease agreement. The landlord may require any remaining adults to enter into a new lease agreement. The perpetrator will not be permitted to return the leased property. Rights under this bill require an order of protection. Nothing in the bill would prohibit the eviction of a victim of domestic abuse for non-payment of rent or other lease violation.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 28, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/07/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.

Executive Status 04/19/2016 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 36 and Title 66, relative to domestic violence.

SB2599 Limits appraised value of low-income housing tax credit property.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#)

Description Limits the appraised value of low-income housing tax credit property for property tax purposes to the value indicated by an income approach that utilizes market or unrestricted rent for comparable property.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to low-income housing tax credit property.

SB2600 / HB2036 Classifying property as low-income housing property.

Category Taxes Property

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Faison](#)

Description Establishes procedure for classifying property as low-income housing property. Permits any owner of property to apply for classification as low-income housing property on any assessment roll of any county by filing an application with the property assessor by April 1 of the first year the classification is sought. Requires the assessor to determine whether the property is low-income housing property and then to classify property as such on the county tax roll. Specifies requirements for LIHTC property and FmHA 515 property. Requires the assessor to discontinue the classification of property as low-income housing property unless the owner certifies, upon request of the assessor, that the property continues to qualify as low-income housing property. Requires the assessor to request the certification in the year of completion of every general reappraisal of property in the county but in no event less frequently than every six years. Requires such property be valued according to present use value. Makes other related revisions.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 16, 2016) Decrease Local Revenue – \$4,313,700

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/02/2016 - Failed in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13 and Title 67, relative to affordable rental housing.

SB2602 / HB1912 Penalty for delinquent franchise and excise tax payments.

Category Taxes Business

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Glen Casada](#)

Description Decreases the penalty for deficient or delinquent quarterly estimated franchise and excise tax payments from five percent to one percent per month of underpayment. Decreases the maximum total penalty for deficient or delinquent quarterly estimated franchise and excise tax

payments from 25 percent to 12 percent. Deletes the provision providing that a taxpayer who has made four quarterly payments, each of which equals at least 25 percent of the current year's franchise and excise tax payments, shall not be assessed a deficiency penalty with regard to any quarterly payment. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 02/02/2016 - Referred to Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to franchise and excise taxes.

[HB1293](#) Increased penalties for garagekeepers and towing firms.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Rep. Mike Sparks](#)

Description Increases and broadens the penalties for garage-keepers and towing firms that violate certain requirements for attaching and enforcing liens on vehicles. Allows the commissioner of safety to increase number of days towing services contracts for garage-keepers or towing firms can be suspended, from 60 to 90. Specifies some violations as violations of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status *None*

House Status 03/02/2015 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 55; Title 62 and Title 66, relative to motor vehicles.

[HB1423](#) Establishes a vision test for elderly drivers.

Category Transportation Vehicles

Sponsors [Rep. Mark Pody](#)

Description Requires any person 76 years of age or older who applies for renewal of a driver license on July 1, 2016 or thereafter, to undergo and pass a vision test unless the person submits a written statement that indicates the specifics of the person's vision and the need for any corrective lenses within six months of the renewal from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist in good standing. Specifies that such a statement must be issued within six months of renewal of the license.

Senate Status *None*

House Status 01/13/2016 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses.

[HB1444](#) Sales and use tax on tires - reallocates revenue.

Category Taxes Sales

Sponsors [Rep. Mark Pody](#)

Description Revises allocation of revenue generated from sales and use tax on tires so that the allocation and distribution of funds is in the same manner as that of the gas tax.

Senate Status *None*

House Status 01/13/2016 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to sales and use tax on tires.