

DAILY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Business matters.

Daily Legislative Update

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TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate are in recess until Monday when the Senate will convene at 1:00 p.m. and the House at 1:30 p.m. Visit www.arkleg.state.ar.us for committee meetings & agendas, floor calendars, bills, legislative rosters and video links to meetings.

BUSINESS 101 MONDAY AFTERNOON

The State Chamber/AIA will host a B101 session Monday afternoon for members of the General Assembly. This is an informative session for legislators, particularly newly elected members, to participate in discussions surrounding taxes, workforce and government impact on businesses.

NEW BILLS

We added [8 bills](#) to our tracking.

BILLS OF INTEREST

Entertainment Districts

HB 1024 by Rep. David Ray and Sen. Matt McKee

Seeks to eliminate the requirement for cities, municipalities, and incorporated towns to collect a gross receipts tax on food or hotel/motel stays to create an entertainment district.

This prefiled bill was given a Do Pass recommendation on January 18 by the House Rules Committee and passed the House 87 to 6 yesterday. It has been assigned to the Senate City, County and Local Affairs Committee.

Voter Approval of Certain Tax Levies

HB 1027 by Rep. David Ray and Sen. Mark Johnson

Requires any county that levies a gross receipts tax on hotels and restaurants to delay putting the question to voters for approval when the next primary or general election is more than 75 days from the enactment of the ordinance.

This prefiled bill awaits consideration in the House Revenue & Taxation Committee.

Prohibition on Discrimination

SB 71 by Sen. Dan Sullivan and Rep. Marcus Richmond

Would prohibit state entities from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, a person or group on the basis of race, gender, color, ethnicity, or national origin in matters of state employment, public education, or state procurement. Violations of this section are Class A misdemeanors. A person who believes his or her rights have been impacted may bring a civil action in circuit court.

This bill was filed Wednesday and has been assigned to the Senate State Agencies Committee.

Auto Self-Insurance

HB 1171 by Rep. Delia Haak and Sen. Josh Bryant

Provides that any religious denomination with more than 25 members that discourages its members from purchasing motor vehicle insurance as being contrary to its religious tenets may qualify as a self-insurer. Current law provides that a religious denomination with more than 25 members must prohibit its members from purchasing insurance to qualify as a self-insurer.

This bill was filed yesterday and has been assigned to the House Public Transportation Committee.

BILL TRACKING

261 Bills Filed | Senate: 9 new - 83 filed | House: 9 new - 178 filed
State Chamber Tracking: 75 - 8 new today

To view all tracked bills by category, click [State Chamber AIA Bill Tracking Categories](#)

2023 STATE CHAMBER AIA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

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- Senate: <http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/>

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