

# Legislative Report

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## MY TRACKED BILLS

### Bill Information

#### **HB45** TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM *(WEST T, ROEMER B)*

To require the Tax Commissioner to administer a temporary amnesty program from April 1, 2021, to May 31, 2021, with respect to delinquent state taxes and fees, to repeal Section 1 of this act on June 1, 2021, and to declare an emergency.

#### CURRENT STATUS

10/26/2021 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)

#### CATEGORIES

Taxation

#### **HB68** PRIVATE CONTRACTOR PAYMENT *(CROSS J, SWEENEY B)*

To require owners of private construction projects to timely pay a contractor.

#### CURRENT STATUS

5/26/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Workforce and Higher Education

#### CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate

#### **HB74** ENACT FY22-23 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET *(OELSLAGER S)*

To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.

#### CURRENT STATUS

3/31/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately

#### CATEGORIES

Budget and Appropriations, Transportation &  
Infrastructure

## HB75 ENACT FY22-23 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET *(OELSLAGER S)*

To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs, and to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law.

### 🚩 CURRENT STATUS

6/29/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. July 1, 2021

### 📍 CATEGORIES

Budget and Appropriations, Workers' Compensation

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## HB76 ENACT FY22-23 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET *(OELSLAGER S)*

To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.

### 🚩 CURRENT STATUS

6/2/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. July 1, 2021

### 📍 CATEGORIES

Budget and Appropriations, Business & Corporate

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## HB88 REQUIRE LICENSE FOR COMMERCIAL ROOFING CONTRACTORS *(PATTON T)*

To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license.

### 🚩 CURRENT STATUS

5/5/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)

### 📍 CATEGORIES

Construction

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## HB91 AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVES *(PATTON T)*

To authorize certain public entities to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities.

### 🚩 CURRENT STATUS

9/29/2021 - House Infrastructure and Rural Development, (Third Hearing)

## 📍 CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate, State Government

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### HB97 ALTER REGISTRATION TAX FOR COMMERCIAL TRAILERS *(CROSS J, PLUMMER P)*

To alter the annual registration tax for non-apportioned commercial trailers and semitrailers.

#### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/10/2021 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety

## 📍 CATEGORIES

Taxation, Transportation & Infrastructure

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### HB107 ELEVATOR LAW *(BALDRIDGE B)*

To revise the Elevator Law.

#### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

9/22/2021 - Senate General Government Budget, (First Hearing)

## 📍 CATEGORIES

Construction, Housing & Urban Revitalization,  
State Government

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### HB129 COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER STUDENT AID PROGRAM *(HOOPS J, SOBECKI L)*

To establish the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid program and to make an appropriation.

#### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2021 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)

## 📍 CATEGORIES

Economic & Workforce Development, Federal  
Issues, Transportation & Infrastructure

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### HB146 REGARDS APPLYING PREVAILING WAGE LAW TO PUBLIC PROJECTS *(RIEDEL C, MANCHESTER S)*

To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.

#### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

6/23/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Construction, Higher Education, Labor

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**HB181** ISSUE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM *(POWELL J)*

To require a licensing authority to issue an occupational license to an applicant who completes a registered apprenticeship program and meets other requirements.

**CURRENT STATUS**

4/21/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Economic & Workforce Development

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**HB187** EARNINGS, DEDUCTIONS STATEMENTS *(KELLY B, LIPPS S)*

To require an employer to provide earnings and deductions statements to each of the employer's employees.

**CURRENT STATUS**

10/27/2021 - Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity, (First Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate

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**HB197** INCOME TAX CREDIT - TRAINING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATOR *(STOLTZFUS R, CREECH R)*

To authorize an income tax credit for an employer's expenses to train a commercial vehicle operator.

**CURRENT STATUS**

6/8/2021 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Taxation

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**HB203** REQUIRE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE IF EXPERIENCED IN OTHER STATE *(POWELL J)*

To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the

changes on and after that date.

#### CURRENT STATUS

10/27/2021 - **BILL AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)

#### CATEGORIES

Occupations & Professions, State Government

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### **HB208** OHIO FAIRNESS ACT *(HILLYER B, SKINDELL M)*

To enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation as an informal method that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

#### CURRENT STATUS

3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor

#### CATEGORIES

Civil and Human Rights, Religion

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### **HB215** BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT *(WILKIN S)*

To enact The Business Fairness Act and to declare an emergency.

#### CURRENT STATUS

11/10/2021 - Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity, (Third Hearing)

#### CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate

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### **HB234** REPEAL THE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY TAX *(GROSS J, MCCLAIN R)*

To repeal the commercial activity tax with a five-year phase-out.

#### CURRENT STATUS

10/12/2021 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)

#### CATEGORIES

Taxation

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### **HB235** HIGH HAZARD TRAINING CERTIFICATION ACT *(SWEARINGEN D, BALDRIDGE B)*

To enact the High Hazard Training Certification (HHTC) Act regarding construction services performed under a contract at a stationary source.

**CURRENT STATUS**

10/26/2021 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Construction

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**HB247** REVISE PLUMBING INSPECTION LAW *(WEST T, KELLY B)*

To amend the law related to plumbing inspections.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/26/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health

**CATEGORIES**

Occupations & Professions

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**HB248** VACCINE CHOICE ACT *(GROSS J)*

To authorize an individual to decline a vaccination and to name this act the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.

**CURRENT STATUS**

8/24/2021 - House Health, (Sixth Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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**HB253** REGARDS PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATIONS *(CUTRONA A)*

Regarding proof of COVID-19 vaccinations.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/18/2021 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Health, (First Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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**HB267** LIMIT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS *(JORDAN K)*

To limit the duration of public health orders and to allow the General Assembly to act via concurrent resolution in response to a public

health emergency if the Governor or Department of Health does not.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government

**CATEGORIES**

General Assembly, Health Care, Public Safety

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**HB275** EXPAND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION JOINT PURCHASING AUTHORITY *(LAMPTON B)*

To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/12/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Local Government

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**HB303** REGARDS CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION *(SWEARINGEN D)*

With regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in community reinvestment areas.

**CURRENT STATUS**

6/16/2021 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Higher Education

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**HB309** FAIR, OPEN COMPETITION ACT *(BRINKMAN T)*

To enact the Fair and Open Competition Act regarding project labor agreements in public improvement contracts.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/18/2021 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor

**CATEGORIES**

Labor

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**HB350** PROHIBIT MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINE *(CUTRONA A)*

To prohibit mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and certain other actions relating to an

individual's COVID-19 vaccination or health status and to declare an emergency.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

6/22/2021 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing)

#### **CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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### **HB372** BUILDING INSPECTION LAWS *(RAY S, ROEMER B)*

To make changes to the law relating to building inspections.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

9/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor

#### **CATEGORIES**

Construction

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### **HB401** EMPLOYER-MANDATED COVID VACCINATION INJURY *(EDWARDS J)*

To exempt an injury or disability caused by an employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccination from the Workers' Compensation Law and to allow the employee to sue the employer for damages.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

8/24/2021 - Introduced

#### **CATEGORIES**

Health Care, Justice & the Courts, Labor

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### **HB411** INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT *(CLICK G, GRENDALL D)*

To prohibit mandatory disclosures related to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, to name the act the Individual Privacy and Anti-Discrimination Act, and to declare an emergency.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

9/8/2021 - Introduced

#### **CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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### **HB424** COVID-19 VACCINE - QUALIFIED IMMUNITIES *(KOEHLER K)*



To prohibit a political subdivision, public official, public school, state agency, or state institution of higher education from taking certain actions related to the COVID-19 vaccine, to codify the qualified civil immunities under H.B. 606 of the 133rd General Assembly permanently, to repeal section 3792.05 of the Revised Code on the date that is two years after the effective date of that section, and to declare an emergency.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

9/20/2021 - Introduced

 **CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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**HB425** **COVID-19 - GENETIC TECHNOLOGIES** *(WIGGAM S, HALL T)*

To prohibit certain actions related to COVID-19 and genetic technologies.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

9/20/2021 - Introduced

 **CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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**HB435** **VACCINE REQUIREMENTS** *(CARFAGNA R, SEITZ B)*

To address COVID-19 vaccine requirements for employees and students; to extend certain timelines for qualified civil immunity and expand immunity to include hearing aid dealers and hearing aid fitters; to authorize emergency medical technicians to administer COVID-19 tests; to expressly cover COVID-19 vaccine injuries under the workers' compensation system; and to repeal sections 3792.05, 3792.06, 3792.07, and 3792.08 of the Revised Code on June 30, 2023.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

10/13/2021 - Bills for Third Consideration; (Pending Committee Report)

 **CATEGORIES**

General Assembly, Health Care

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**HB443** **GROUP HEALTH PLAN TAX CREDIT** *(KOEHLER K)*

To authorize a refundable tax credit for a portion of employer group health plan premiums.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

10/26/2021 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)

 **CATEGORIES**

Health Care, Taxation

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## HB447 WFH EMPLOYEES *(LAMPTON B)*

Regarding workers' compensation and employees who work from home.

### CURRENT STATUS

10/27/2021 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)

### CATEGORIES

Labor

## HB470 OHIO COMMUNITY INVESTOR CREDIT *(HILLYER B)*

To authorize the Ohio community investor credit for qualifying developers of multi-family residential housing projects.

### CURRENT STATUS

11/2/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

### CATEGORIES

Housing & Urban Revitalization

## HB477 EXPULSION, TERMINATION BASED ON VACCINATION STATUS *(RICHARDSON T)*

To prevent expulsion from school and termination from employment based on COVID-19 vaccination status.

### CURRENT STATUS

11/1/2021 - Introduced

### CATEGORIES

Health Care

## HB479 ESTABLISH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS *(OELSLAGER S)*

To declare the General Assembly's intent to enact legislation establishing congressional district boundaries for the state based on the 2020 decennial census.

### CURRENT STATUS

11/10/2021 - House Government Oversight, (Third Hearing)

### CATEGORIES

Campaigns & Elections

## SB9 REDUCE REGULATIONS *(MCCOLLEY R, ROEGNER K)*

To require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions in their administrative rules.

### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

10/28/2021 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Government Oversight, (Third Hearing)

## SB10 REFUNDS TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS *(ROMANCHUK M)*

To terminate any approved decoupling mechanism, to modify the significantly excessive earnings determination for an electric security plan, and to provide refunds to retail electric customers in the state.

### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities

## SB13 SHORTEN PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS-CONTRACTS *(LANG G)*

To shorten the period of limitations for actions upon a contract; to make changes to the borrowing statute pertaining to applicable periods of limitations; and to establish a statute of repose for a legal malpractice action.

### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

3/11/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 6/16/21

## SB18 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE *(ROEGNER K, SCHAFFER T)*

To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since March 27, 2020, into Ohio law, to exclude certain loan amounts forgiven under federal law from the commercial activity tax, to authorize a commercial activity tax exclusion for Bureau of Workers' Compensation dividends paid to employers, and to declare an emergency.

### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

3/31/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately

### 📍 CATEGORIES

Financial Institutions

## SB22 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT-PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS *(JOHNSON T, MCCOLLEY R)*

To establish legislative oversight of orders issued by the executive branch, including by establishing the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee.

## CURRENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; House Overrides Veto, Vote 62-35

## CATEGORIES

Health Care, Political, State Government

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## **SB45** TAX INDUCEMENTS CERTAIN BUSINESSES *(PETERSON B, KUNZE S)*

To enhance state and local tax inducements for businesses making substantial fixed asset and employment investments and their suppliers.

## CURRENT STATUS

2/23/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)

## CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate, Economic & Workforce  
Development, Taxation

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## **SB47** OVERTIME PAY-EXEMPTIONS *(BRENNER A, PETERSON B)*

To except traveling to and from a worksite and performing certain routine tasks from the overtime pay requirement.

## CURRENT STATUS

10/26/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)

## CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate

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## **SB56** INDEMNITY-DESIGN CONTRACTS *(BLESSING III L)*

To regulate the use of indemnity provisions in professional design contracts related to public improvements.

## CURRENT STATUS

11/9/2021 - House Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)

## CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate

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## **SB64** REGULATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS *(HOTTINGER J, LANG G)*

To regulate and require the registration of roofing contractors.

## CURRENT STATUS

10/6/2021 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)

## CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate, Housing & Urban  
Revitalization

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## **SB66** CAREER PATHWAYS APPRENTICE PROGRAM *(WILLIAMS S)*

To establish a career pathways apprentice program.

## CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2021 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (First Hearing)

## CATEGORIES

Education

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## **SB69** NONCREDIT CAREER-TECHNICAL PROGRAMS *(WILLIAMS S)*

Regarding noncredit career-technical programs at community colleges and state community colleges.

## CURRENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (First Hearing)

## CATEGORIES

Higher Education

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## **SB109** PANDEMIC RELIEF-BUSINESS, CHILD CARE, VETERANS *(MANNING N, RULLI M)*

To provide grants to businesses, local fairs, child care providers, and veterans homes and to make an appropriation.

## CURRENT STATUS

5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately

## CATEGORIES

Business & Corporate, Children and Family  
Issues, Veterans

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## **SB119** PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION-SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER *(ANTONIO N, RULLI M)*

To enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation as an informal method that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under

Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

**CURRENT STATUS**

3/10/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform

**CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate, Civil and Human Rights

**SB131 LICENSURE RECIPROCITY** (ROEGNER K, MCCOLLEY R)

To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/26/2021 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (Second Hearing)

**SB134 REGARDING 'BUSINESS FAIRNESS'** (LANG G)

To enact The Business Fairness Act and to declare an emergency.

**CURRENT STATUS**

6/9/2021 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)

**SB142 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR LICENSING** (SCHAFFER T)

To license residential only construction contractors and to make changes to the law regulating specialty construction contractors.

**CURRENT STATUS**

10/20/2021 - Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity, (Third Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate

**SB169 PROHIBIT MANDATORY VACCINATIONS** (BRENNER A)

To prohibit mandatory vaccinations against the coronavirus, to prohibit requiring proof of vaccinations generally, and to declare an emergency.

**CURRENT STATUS**

5/26/2021 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Health, (First Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Health Care

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**SB176** **LEGALIZE SPORTS BETTING** (ANTANI N, MANNING N)

To legalize and regulate sports gaming in this state, to levy a tax on businesses that provide sports gaming, and to make other changes to the Gambling Law.

**CURRENT STATUS**

6/22/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance

**CATEGORIES**

Gaming

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**SB186** **CONSTITUTIONALITY-FEDERAL ACTIONS** (LANG G, MCCOLLEY R)

Regarding the constitutionality of federal actions and to declare an emergency.

**CURRENT STATUS**

11/9/2021 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Federal Issues

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**SB196** **BUILDING INSPECTIONS** (ROEGNER K)

To make changes to the law relating to building inspections.

**CURRENT STATUS**

6/16/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity

**CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate

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**SB209** **MASK MANDATES** (BRENNER A)

With regard to mask mandates and facial covering requirements for public schools, state institutions of higher education, and businesses.

**CURRENT STATUS**

**CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate, Health Care

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**SB225 TAX CREDITS - TEMPORARY MODIFICATION** (SCHURING K)

To temporarily modify the historic rehabilitation and the opportunity zone investment tax credits.

**CURRENT STATUS**

11/9/2021 - Senate Finance, (Third Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Economic & Workforce Development, Housing  
& Urban Revitalization, Taxation

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**SB235 SALES TAX - DOCUMENTARY SERVICE CHARGES** (ROEGNER K)

To exempt documentary service charges and income tax electronic filing fees from sales and use taxation.

**CURRENT STATUS**

10/26/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Taxation

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**SB242 RETAIL MERCHANT CASH PAYMENTS** (BLESSING III L)

To require retail merchants to give customers the option to pay by cash.

**CURRENT STATUS**

10/27/2021 - Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity, (Second Hearing)

**CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate

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**SB247 TAX EXEMPTION-OWNERSHIP INTERESTS** (LANG G, ROEGNER K)

To exempt from income tax certain gains from the sale of an ownership interest in a business.

**CURRENT STATUS**

10/26/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)



**♥ CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate, Taxation



**SB251** **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN EVENINGS** *(SCHAFFER T, MAHARATH T)*

To allow a person under sixteen years of age to be employed after 7 p.m. during the school year.

**📖 CURRENT STATUS**

10/20/2021 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (First Hearing)

**♥ CATEGORIES**

Business & Corporate, Education



**SB257** **TAX CREDIT-TOWNSHIP DONATIONS** *(HOAGLAND F)*

To authorize a refundable income tax credit for donations of cash, property, or services to townships.

**📖 CURRENT STATUS**

10/27/2021 - Introduced

**♥ CATEGORIES**

Local Government, Taxation

