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Unless otherwise shown, the effective date of bills reported is July 1, 2015.

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TAXES

SB 266 – Live Entertainment Tax

Sponsor: Senator Lipparelli, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-720)

Revises the Live Entertainment Tax provisions so that: LET is imposed only when admission is charged at all venues; removes current exclusions where the entertainment is incidental to the venue unless admission is charged. The Gaming Control Board must investigate violations of the LET by licensed establishments; and such a violation is subject to disciplinary action by the Gaming Board and Gaming Commission.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

NTA Position: Oppose as written. The administration of this tax should not be bifurcated between the Department of Taxation and Gaming, nor should it have a bifurcated rate structure that is poor policy. Additionally, as proposed this bill does not address the policy of whether professional sports should be taxed or not taxed under the LET. It continues the exemption only for NASCAR and professional minor league baseball.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB266.pdf

SB 275 – Liquor, Cigarette, Gaming Taxes – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 16-39)

Increases the tax on liquors by 25% to 50%. For liquors: malt beverages tax goes from 16 cents to 24 cents per gallon and tax on liquor with more than 22 percent alcohol goes from \$3.60 per gallon to \$4.50 per gallon. Other alcoholic content tax categories are also increased. The tax on cigarettes is increased by 75% from \$.80 per pack to \$1.40 per pack. The revenue stamp on cigarettes goes from 40 mils to 70 mils per cigarette. The 30 mils per cigarette increase goes to the new Account for the Treatment of Substance Abusers for the Department of Corrections use in treating certain substance abusers. The gaming license fee is increased from one-half to three-quarters percent for gross revenue up to \$134,000 per month and from 6-3/4% to 7% for licensees grossing over \$134,000 per month. A four-year pilot program for heroin treatment is to be established by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of DHHS and is to use specific treatment methods. Appropriations of \$65 million in each of the next two fiscal years is made from the General Fund to the Account for the Treatment of Substance Abusers and \$10 million in each of the next two fiscal years is appropriated to the DHHS program.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

Fiscal Note: The sums appropriate are available in either fiscal year and any remaining funds revert to the State.

NTA Position: Oppose. While the use of the revenue from these tax increases may be laudatory, earmarking revenue is poor tax policy. Additionally there is no information if the appropriation requested would be covered by the proposed tax increases.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB275.pdf

TAXES**SJR 12 – Property Tax Limits**

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR C-1007)

Limits property taxes to one (1) percent of the base value (taxable value for Fiscal 2013-14) and restricts value increases to the lesser of 2 percent per year or inflation. Decreases are to be determined by the CPI. Exempt from the tax limits are any amounts levied for bond indebtedness before the effective date or approved after that date by 2/3rds of voters. Property values would reset to cash value upon transfer of at least 50% of ownership. Other provisions and definitions are also included.

Effective: October 1, 2015

Notes: This is a California style Prop 13. Also see SJR 13 below.

This resolution must be passed by the 2015 and 2017 Legislatures and then be approved by voters at the next general election to become effective.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR12.pdf

SJR 13 – Property Tax Limits

Sponsor: Senator Settelmeyer, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR C-1004)

Limits cumulative property taxes per year to one (1) percent of base value, not including taxes levied to pay bonds. Base value is the 2013-14 Fiscal Year assessed value and may not increase or decrease more than 3 percent per year except in the case of sale. Upon sale of at least half the ownership, base value becomes the cash value (market value). Provisions are made for improvements, senior citizens (over 62) and eminent domain.

Effective: October 1, 2015

Notes: This contains a couple of provisions that are found in Prop 13. Also see SJR 12 above.

This resolution must be passed by the 2015 and 2017 Legislatures and then be approved by voters at the next general election to become effective.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR13.pdf

FEES**AB 246 – Cosmetology Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Sponsors: Assemblywomen Bustamante Adams and Diaz; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-267)

This is an extensive bill covering cosmetology practitioners and schools. Additional classifications for training, apprenticeships, licenses and fees are established, including shampoo apprentices and technologists and hair threading. Manicurists working in barber shops are no longer exempt from cosmetologist nail technician requirements and licensing. Provisions for the length of licenses are amended to allow two and four-year terms.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and October 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB246.pdf

AB 250 – Parking Fees Waived for Veterans

Requested by Committee on Transportation and referred to same. (BDR 43-1071)

Fully disabled veterans with Pearl Harbor, Purple Heart or Medal of Honor designation Nevada handicapped plates are exempt from parking fees, including meters, charged by state or local governments.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB250.pdf

AB 258 – “Crowdfunding” Securities Registration – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 7-700)

Exempts from Secretary of State registration requirements certain securities offered by a Nevada-based issuer through an internet website, commonly known as “crowdfunding,” if provisions regarding the issuer and purchaser are met. The issuer must pay an exemption and filing fee to be established by the Administrator of the Securities Division.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB258.pdf

FEES CONTINUED

AB 259 – Foreclosure Mediation Program – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblyman Elliot Anderson; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 9-181)

Provides that a lender's representative with authority to negotiate the value of the note must also attend the mediation session and extends the program to homeowners' association units. The Supreme Court is to establish a fee of \$200 or less to be paid by each party to the mediation services.

Effective: Applies to actions recorded after October 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB259.pdf

AB 268 – Foster Care Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, requested by Committee on Health and Human Services and referred to same. (BDR 38-193)

Requires any individual, 18 or older, who regularly supervises a child in a foster home to be investigated, including fingerprinting, and to be charged for the reasonable investigation costs, initially and every 5 years thereafter.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB268.pdf

AB 271 – Horse Dentist Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Commerce and Labor and referred to same. (BDR 54-1128)

Requires equine dental providers be licensed for a fee not to exceed \$500. Licensed veterinarians and vet technicians are exempt.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB271.pdf

AB 279 – Prescribers of Controlled Substances – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblyman Sprinkle, et al (6 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Denis; referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-775)

Makes those who prescribe controlled substances subject to the biennial registration requirements and fees already in place for practitioners who dispense controlled substances.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1 and July 1 of 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB279.pdf

AB 292 – Telehealth Providers

Sponsor: Assemblyman Oscarson; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-606)

Providers of telehealth services to patients in Nevada must be licensed to practice in Nevada and are entitled to be paid by insurers.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB292.pdf

AB 305 – Paramedicine Services – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblyman Oscarson; referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-167)

Requires creation of an endorsement for the licenses of ambulance drivers and firefighters, authorizing them to deliver paramedicine services to patients outside the hospital using mobile equipment. Training and requirements are outlined. Fees, based on costs, are to be set by the respective governing boards.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB305.pdf

SB 229 – Second Amendment License Tags – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson, et al (3 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Hansen, et al (8 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-713)

Puts a special license tag supporting 2nd Amendment rights onto the waiting list for one of the 30 design slots allowed by statute. The plates would be subject to the customary additional fee of \$35 and \$10 renewal and proceeds support the Nevada Firearms Fund. No minimum advance orders will be required but a surety bond of \$5,000 must be posted before design and issuance.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB229.pdf

FEES CONTINUED

SB 251 – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Hardy, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsors: Assembly Members Oscarson and Titus; referred to Committee on Commerce Labor and Energy. (BDR 54-576)

Ratifies the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which facilitates physician license reciprocity among participating states once a minimum of seven states have joined the Compact.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB251.pdf

SB 252 – Governor’s Business License Tax – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of the Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Revenue and Economic Development and referred to same. (BDR 32-1185)

See separate summary sent to members on Monday, March 16.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB252.pdf

SB 271 – Virgin Valley Water District – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Hardy, Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Edwards; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR S-730)

The water district may issue a letter of commitment to owners of property under development or proposed for development. The letter, for a reasonable fee, must be renewed annually or is void. The fee is to be set by regulation.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB271.pdf

SB 277 – Environmental Policy Act – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 40-439)

Creates the Council on Environmental Quality in the Governor’s Office to develop, with the help of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, environmental guidelines and regulations for the Environmental Policy Act. State and local agencies are subject to the environmental protection mandates and virtually all actions from regulations to development projects must now be assessed for environmental impact. A reasonable fee, not to exceed actual costs, may be charged by an agency for preparing an environmental impact statement for a private project.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB277.pdf

SB 280 – Drone Storage Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Hammond; referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 44-187)

Storage facilities for unmanned aerial vehicles are to be licensed by the DMV for an initial and renewal fee of \$100. Licenses expire on April 30 of each year. Records of stored and sold vehicles must be kept and unclaimed vehicles may be sold. Police officers may store impounded unmanned aerial vehicles they find unattended, crashed or that have been used in a crime but may not inspect a vehicle’s recording without a warrant.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB280.pdf

SB 283 – Marijuana Financial Services Cooperatives – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. (BDR 56-997)

This is an extensive bill creating up to 10 financial services cooperatives to provide banking services exclusively to operators of marijuana establishments in Nevada under authority of the Commissioner of Financial Services. Approval of the Federal Reserve System is required for each applicant as is conspicuous disclosure that funds are not insured and are subject to seizure. Fees for chartering, supervising, examining, application, initial and periodic investigating, and monthly assessments are to be determined by costs and regulation.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB283.pdf

FEES CONTINUED**SB 285 – Constable Fees and Duties – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Sponsor: Senator Parks, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 20-208)

Increases constable fees for serving property attachments, levying certain writs, and posting and advertising notices of sale on execution from \$9 to \$15. County Commissions are authorized to set by ordinance certain service fees. Constables are authorized to accept credit, debit and EFT payments and charge a convenience fee. Powers and duties of constables and other related matters are revised.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB285.pdf

BUSINESS ISSUES**AB 255 – Occupational Health & Safety Awards**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Hansen; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 53-1027)

Provides that prevailing parties in actions before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board may be awarded costs and addresses certain other matters regarding actions brought by the Board.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB255.pdf

AB 269 - Professional Licensing

Sponsor: Assemblyman Jones, et al (10 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-899)

Provides that professional licensing, with few exceptions, is not required unless the governing entity can demonstrate the licensing is in place to prevent harm to the public.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB269.pdf

AB 304 – Employment Practice: Wage Discrimination

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, et al (15 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-1067)

Adds wage discrimination to unlawful employment practices and sets out complaint procedures and timing, penalties and awards.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB304.pdf

SB 231 – Workers’ Comp

Requested by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy and referred to same. (BDR 53-986)

Revises various provisions regarding workers’ comp, including limiting the charge for providing prescription drugs, payment of claims timing, and disallowing claims when the employee is intoxicated or under the influence of controlled or prohibited substances.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB231.pdf

SB 232 – Workers’ Comp

Requested by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy and referred to same. (BDR 53-987)

Clarifies the regulations on reimbursement between employer and employee health providers and insurers, time periods for reopening claims, and multiple permanent partial disability claims, among other matters.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB232.pdf

BUSINESS ISSUES CONTINUED**SB 259 – Paid Sick Leave**

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Neal, et al (15 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. (BDR 53-973)

Requires employers to provide paid sick leave. Sick leave is to be accumulated at not less than 1 hour per 30 hours worked and available for use on the 90th calendar day of employment. Usage may be limited to 24 hours per year and accumulation limited to 48 hours. No compensation for unused sick leave is required.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Note: See also AB 235 on page 36 of Issue 6 under “Business Issues.”

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB259.pdf

EDUCATION: K-12**AB 303 – Common Core Standards Repeal**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Jones, et al (10 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-866)

Voids the Common Core Standards adoption by the State Board and returns to the course and testing standards in place before that adoption date.

Fiscal Note: Contains an unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB303.pdf

SB 241 – Collective Bargaining: School Administrators

Sponsor: Senator Roberson; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-1030)

Excludes school administrators from membership in a bargaining unit and, therefore, from collective bargaining.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB241.pdf

GOVERNMENT: STATE**AB 241 – Advisory Military and Veterans Research Committee**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Edwards, et al (11 co-sponsors): Joint Sponsor: Senator Goicoechea; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 36-579)

Creates the 12-member appointed Committee, supported by the Office of the Military and Department of Veteran Services, to research a wide range of veteran and active duty service matters. Annual reports to the Governor and Legislature are required.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and October 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB241.pdf

AB 257 – GOED Defense Support Committee

See “Appropriations Not Included in Executive Budget” below

AB 300 – Office of Inspector General

Sponsor: Assemblyman Edwards, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Hardy, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-581)

Creates the Office of Inspector General in the Department of Administration and transfers the Division of Internal Audits to it. The Inspector General is to be appointed by the Governor from candidates submitted by the Legislative Commission. Prohibits a person ordered to repay public money or terminated for fraud, corruption, etc. to bid on public works for 7 years.

Effective: July 1, 2015. Certain provisions expire by limitation on June 30, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB300.pdf

GOVERNMENT: STATE - CONTINUED**AJR 6 – State Lottery**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Munford, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR C-1000)

Amends the Nevada Constitution to allow a statewide lottery, the proceeds from which are to benefit education and senior citizens.

Note: This resolution must be passed by the 2015 and 2017 Legislatures and then be approved by voters at the next general election to become effective.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AJR/AJR6.pdf

SB 244 – Contingency Fee Contracts

Sponsor: Senator Brower; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 18-658)

Provides the procedure for the Attorney General, or other state employees or entities, with written approval of the Governor, to enter contingency fee contracts with outside attorneys to represent the interests of the State.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB244.pdf

SB 258 – Condo Ombudsman to AG's Office

Sponsor: Senator Woodhouse, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 18-903)

Moves the Office of Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels from the Real Estate Division of Business and Industry to the Attorney General's Office, including all pending claims, effective July 1. Office expenses will still be paid from the Account for Common Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB258.pdf

SB 276 – Medical Marijuana Establishments

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR S-996)

Sets a one-time increase in the number of allowable registrations of medical marijuana establishments. The additional registrations are 20 in Clark County, 5 in Washoe, and one in each of the other counties. Previously submitted applications may be considered and local governments may set limits lower than those prescribed in this bill.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and expires by limitation on December 31, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB276.pdf

GOVERNMENT: LOCAL**AB 249 – Collective Bargaining: Public Notice**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Wheeler, et al (9 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 23-521)

Requires a collective bargaining agreement be posted for 21 days before the hearing on its adoption by the local government and for the chief executive officer of the local government to report whether it is financially sustainable for 3 years or the length of the contract, whichever is longer. Fiscal viability of fact finder results must be similarly reported on. Ending fund balances of not more than 25 percent, less capital outlays, are not subject to negotiations, fact finder, or arbitration regarding ability to pay.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB249.pdf

AB 274 – City Incorporation Procedures

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Woodbury, Joint Sponsor: Senator Hardy; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 21-810)

Requires all reports regarding a petition to incorporate a city from the Committee on Local Government Finance, Department of Taxation, or other entity to be forwarded to the petitioning committee in a timely manner.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB274.pdf

GOVERNMENT: LOCAL - CONTINUED**AB 280 – Collective Bargaining**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Nelson, et al (6 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-858)

Addresses several aspects of collective bargaining agreements including, but not limited to, giving local governments the right to elect not to negotiate with employee organizations and to, instead, declare terms and conditions of employment. Does away with evergreen provisions and allows local governments to initiate negotiations, among other changes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB280.pdf

SB 238 – Disincorporation of Ely

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR S-709)

Subject to voter approval on June 2, 2015, the City of Ely becomes the Town of Ely on January 1, 2016. The governance then falls under White Pine County and all assets are transferred to the county.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and various dates from June 3, 2015 to January 1, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB238.pdf

SB 247 – Hospital Construction Limits

Requested by Committee on Health and Human Services and referred to same. (BDR 40-981)

Without approval of the DHHS Director, prohibits a person from spending more than \$2 million on new construction of a health facility in an incorporated city or unincorporated town of less than 25,000 in a county of 100,000 (Clark and Washoe counties) or more.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB247.pdf

SB 249 – County Debt Payments

Sponsors: Senators Goicoechea and Hardy; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 13-1023)

Reduces to one year from six years, the grace period following the initial 2-year window for a person to demand payment of a debt owed to them by a county.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB249.pdf

ELECTIONS**AB 245 – Voter Registration Fraud**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Silberkraus; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-926)

Increase the penalty for fraudulent voter registration from a Class E to a Class D felony.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB245.pdf

AB 252 – Redistricting Commission

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 17-737)

Creates the appointed 5-member Legislative Advisory Commission on Reapportionment and Redistricting. No elected official may be a member and no member may run for an office impacted by the reapportionment for 5 years afterward. Members are to be appointed during the regular Legislative Session immediately before the census year and present three options for all districts to the next Legislative Session.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB252.pdf

AB 253 – Voter I.D.

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1125)

Requires voters to present acceptable government-issued ID to vote. Requires the DMV to issue no-charge voter ID cards to people who do not have one of the other forms of photographic identification but present adequate proof of identity. Provisional ballots must be validated by 5 p.m. the Friday after the election.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB253.pdf

ELECTIONS CONTINUED**AB 266 – Voter I.D.**

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dickman, et al (17 co-sponsors); Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-919)

This bill is identical to AB 253 (above), except for the sponsor/requestor.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB266.pdf

AB 302 – Presidential Primaries

Sponsors: Assemblymen Hambrick and Silberkraus by request; Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-801)

In even-numbered years, moves the statewide primary election date to coincide with the presidential preference primary, which is the second to last Tuesday in January. If another western state has an earlier presidential primary, the Secretary of State, with approval of the Legislative Commission, may set an earlier date in January. Filing dates are also changed.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, August 1 and October 1, 2015 and July 1, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB302.pdf

SB 237 – Central Polling Places; Same Day Voting

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (6 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-664)

This is an extensive bill covering election and voter registration processes. It allows county and city clerks, as approved by their respective governing boards, to establish central polling places and polling places where voters may register and vote on the same day. Revises rules relating to voter registration procedures at agencies such as the DMV and other matters.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Fiscal Note: Contains an unfunded mandated not requested by affected local governments.

Note: Also see SB 203, Issue 6, page 38.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB237.pdf

SB 270 – Early Voting Polling Places

Sponsor: Senator Kieckhefer; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-835)

Requires city and county clerks to appoint a geographic and politically representative commission of voters to determine locations for temporary early polling places.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB270.pdf

LEGISLATURE**AB 273 – Former Legislators as Lobbyists**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Hickey; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-760)

Elected or appointed legislators are prohibited from acting as paid lobbyists from the day they leave office to the last day of the next regular Legislative session. Exception is made for a former legislator who is required to act as paid lobbyist for their employer, provided they attest in writing that their job has other significant duties. Applies to legislators elected or appointed after November 8, 2016.

Effective: November 8, 2016

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB273.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**AB 257 – GOED Defense Support Committee**

Sponsors: Assemblymen Edwards and Elliot Anderson; referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Economic Development for the Nevada Defense Support Committee to work on keeping and attracting military installations, communities and contracting in the State.

Fiscal Note: Unused funds revert to the General Fund on September 15, 2017

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB257.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET - CONTINUED**AB 265 – Supreme Court**

Requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1257)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Nevada Supreme Court to cover unexpected expenses of the Commission on Judicial Selection.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB265.pdf

AB 290 – English Language Learners

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Diaz; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-909)

Appropriates \$1 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the Account for Program for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation. In each of those years, \$375,000 is to go to Washoe County and \$375,000 is to go to Clark County to continue the Zoom school program in those school districts. Other school districts may apply for grants from the fund to benefit pupils who are at greatest risk of becoming long-term deficient in English.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB290.pdf

AB 291 – Early Childhood Education

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Diaz, et al (18 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR S-273)

Appropriates \$10 million in each of the next two fiscal years from the General Fund to the Department of Education for distribution to the school districts for early childhood development programs.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB291.pdf

SB 227 – Silver State Opportunity Grant Program

Sponsors: Senators Kieckhefer and Kihuen; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-216)

Appropriates \$5 million in each of the next two fiscal years for a needs-based grant program for community and state college students. The Board of Regents is to develop eligibility standards, procedures and a grant amount formula, administer the program and disperse the grants. Reports to the Legislature are required. Unused funds at the end of each fiscal year revert to the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB227.pdf

SB 236 – STEM Meetings, Student Recognition

Sponsor: Senator Woodhouse, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Elliot Anderson, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-655)

Appropriates \$5,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to fund exemplary student recognition events in northern and southern Nevada and an exemplary schools event in Carson City. Requires at least 6 STEM Advisory Council meetings a year and at least 2 in person. Unused funds revert on September 1 of 2016 and 2017.

Effective: July 1, 2015 and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB236.pdf

SB 275 – Liquor, Cigarette, Gaming Taxes – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 16-39)

See “Taxes” section, above in this issue.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB275.pdf

GENERAL INTEREST**AB 239 – Drone Rules**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Elliot Anderson, et al (13 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Manendo; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 44-8)

A comprehensive bill setting forth rules of operation and liability for unmanned aerial vehicles in Nevada, including individual privacy issues and law enforcement use.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and October 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB239.pdf

GENERAL INTEREST

SB 225 – Liquid Nicotine Products

Sponsor: Senator Farley, et al (6 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 15-796)

Defines smokeless product made or derived from tobacco and liquid nicotine and prohibits its sale to those under 18 years old.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB225.pdf

SB 246 – Craft Distilleries

Sponsors: Senators Settelmeier and Gustavson; referred to Committee on Commerce Labor and Energy. (BDR 52-631)

Revises amounts that craft distilleries may sell, transport, export, donate and transfer.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB246.pdf

STUDIES

AB 289 – Mental Health Services

Sponsor: Assemblyman Araujo, et al (23 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR S-693)

Calls for an interim study of the possibility of mental and behavioral health services being set up on a regional basis, including how it could be set up, funded, and coordinated. A report is to be delivered to the 2017 Session.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB289.pdf

SB 268 – Veteran Issues

Sponsor: Senator Woodhouse, et al (8 Co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Swank, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 37-1042)

Calls for an interim study on veteran homelessness, unemployment and sexual trauma while in the military for veterans in Nevada. Requires Veterans Affairs to develop a support program for vets who were sexually assaulted in the military.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB268.pdf

SB 269 – Older Person Care Funding

Sponsor: Senator Woodhouse, et al (8 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblymen Joiner and Araujo; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR S-1035)

Calls for a study of potential funding sources for programs supporting care givers of older persons with behavioral and cognitive issues, including higher Medicaid reimbursements to skilled facilities and specialized training for health care professionals.

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