

Other Bills of Interest that Passed

Sorted by Bill Number

HB 551	Pub. Rec./Health Care Facilities	Burton
	Pub. Rec./Health Care Facilities: Provides exemption from public records requirements for building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, diagrams, & other construction documents received by certain agencies which depict internal layout or structural elements of certain health care facilities; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 3/21/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-053	
HB 1013	Daylight Saving Time	Nunez
	Daylight Saving Time: Provides legislative intent regarding State of Florida & its political subdivisions observing daylight saving time year-round under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 3/23/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-099	
HB 1151	Developments of Regional Impact	La Rosa
	Developments of Regional Impact: Repeals, creates, & revises provisions for statewide guidelines, standards, & requirements for developments of regional impact relating to authorizations to develop; applications for approval of development; concurrent plan amendments; preapplication procedures; preliminary development agreements; conceptual agency reviews; local notice & regional reports; developments inside & outside areas of critical state concern; local government development orders; construction of mitigation facilities; impact fee & exaction credits; comprehensive development applications & master plan development orders; abandonment of developments; dense urban land area exemptions; Florida Quality Developments & Quality Developments Review Board; Administration Commission guidelines & standards; state land planning agency agreements; Florida Land & Water Adjudicatory Commission requirements; local government permit approvals & extensions, reviews & certifications; uniform reviews of developments by state land planning agency & regional planning agencies. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 4/6/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-158	
HB 1337	Nursing	Pigman
	Nursing: Defines term "advanced practice registered nurse"; deletes terms "advanced registered nurse practitioner," & "clinical nurse specialist"; provides for certain application requirements for nurses desiring to be licensed APRN; authorizes Board of Nursing to adopt rules. Effective Date: October 1, 2018 3/23/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-106	
SB 1940	Public Records and Public Meetings/School Safety	Galvano
	Public Records and Public Meetings/School Safety; Providing exemptions from public records requirements for the identity of a reporting party and any information received through the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool which is held by the Department of Law Enforcement, law enforcement agencies, or school officials; providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission at which exempt or confidential and exempt information is discussed; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information that would identify whether a particular individual has been appointed as a safe-school officer; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: 3/9/2018 3/9/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-001	
SB 7026	Public Safety	Rules
	Public Safety; Citing this act as the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act"; authorizing the awarding of grants through the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund for student crime watch programs; establishing the Office of Safe Schools within the Department of Education; providing that each sheriff may establish a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program and appoint certain volunteer school employees as school guardians; prohibiting a person who has been adjudicated mentally defective or been committed to a mental institution from owning or possessing a firearm until certain relief is obtained; prohibiting a person younger than a certain age from purchasing a firearm; prohibiting specified acts relating to the sale and possession of bump-fire stocks; creating the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$400,000,000.00 Effective Date: 3/9/2018 3/9/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-003	

HB 7099 **Ratification of Agency for Health Care Administration Rules** **Health & Human Services Committee**

Ratification of Agency for Health Care Administration Rules: Ratifies specified AHCA rule relating to emergency environmental control for nursing homes for sole & exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires ratification of rule meeting specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
3/26/2018 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2018-123

Bills That Did Not Pass

Sorted by Bill Number

HB 33	Texting While Driving	Toledo
Texting while Driving: Requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by officer; requires officer to record race & ethnicity of violator when issuing citation; requires law enforcement agencies to report such information to DHSMV; requires DHSMV to annually report certain data to Governor & Legislature; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities		
SB 162	Payment of Health Care Claims	Steube
Payment of Health Care Claims; Prohibiting a health insurer or a health maintenance organization from retroactively denying a claim under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Messages		
SB 280	Telehealth	Bean
Telehealth; Establishing the standard of care for telehealth providers; providing that telehealth providers, under certain circumstances, are not required to research a patient's history or conduct physical examinations before providing services through telehealth; providing recordkeeping requirements for telehealth providers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Messages		
SB 474	Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment	Brandes
Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment; Establishing the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program within the Department of Health; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish and maintain a database of compassionate and palliative care plans by a specified date; authorizing specified personnel to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with a POLST form that contains an order not to resuscitate the patient; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs, in consultation with the agency, to adopt by rule procedures for the implementation of POLST forms in hospice care, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services		
HB 497	Hospice Care	Stone
Hospice Care: Authorizes hospices, or providers operating under contract with hospice, to provide community palliative care to seriously ill patients & their families. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health & Human Services Committee		
HB 573	Involuntary Examinations Under the Baker Act	Daniels
Involuntary Examinations Under the Baker Act: Authorizes physician assistants & ARNPs to execute certificate under certain conditions stating that they have examined a person & find person appears to meet criteria for involuntary examination. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Health Policy		
HB 655	Nursing Homes and Related Health Care Facilities	Edwards-Walpole
Nursing Homes and Related Health Care Facilities: Requires public utilities to prioritize certain health care facilities for restoration of power in emergencies; requires such facilities to have operational emergency power source & sufficient fuel supply; requires Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to conduct unannounced quality-of-care evaluations of certain health & long-term care facilities; authorizes AHCA to impose specified civil penalties & administrative fines for certain violations. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Innovation Subcommittee		
HB 681	Protection for Vulnerable Investors	Donalds
Protection for Vulnerable Investors: Requires securities dealers, investment advisers, & associated persons to report knowledge or suspicion of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults to		

DCF's central abuse hotline; authorizes such dealers, advisers & persons to delay transaction or disbursement of funds or securities based on reasonable belief of past, present, or attempted financial exploitation involving specified adults; provides basis for reasonable belief; requires specified notices & reports; provides for expiration of delay; authorizes shortening, extension or termination of delay; requires certain dealers, advisers, & persons to make certain records available to OFR; provides specified immunity for such dealers, advisers, & persons; requires specified minimum training & recordkeeping of training compliance. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance

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| SB 712 | Autonomous Vehicles | Brandes |
| | Autonomous Vehicles; Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver's seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance | |
| SB 830 | Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Resident Rights | Farmer |
| | Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Resident Rights; Requiring a nursing home facility to provide current and updated contact information to a resident and the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; providing notice requirements regarding relocation or termination of residency from an assisted living facility, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Health Policy | |
| SB 896 | Nursing Homes and Related Health Care Facilities | Farmer, Jr. |
| | Nursing Homes and Related Health Care Facilities; Requiring the Florida Public Service Commission to ensure that public utilities effectively prioritize the restoration of services to certain health care facilities in the event of emergencies; establishing an Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman within the Department of Elderly Affairs to administer the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; requiring the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to conduct unannounced quality-of-care evaluations of certain health and long-term care facilities; requiring nursing homes to allow residents, and certain individuals on their behalf, to monitor the residents' rooms through the use of electronic monitoring devices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Health Policy | |
| SB 1088 | Training Requirements for Assisted Living Facility Employees | Broxson |
| | Training Requirements for Assisted Living Facility Employees; Requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to require certain new assisted living facility employees to complete an instructional requirement; requiring the department to develop a core curriculum for use by trainers; requiring a curriculum developed for a certain required training to include specified topics, including emergency and disaster preparedness, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Health Policy | |
| HB 1369 | Long-Term Care Facility Responsibility | Mariano |
| | Long-Term Care Facility Responsibility: Authorizes AHCA to revoke license or deny license renewal or change of ownership application of nursing home facility that fails to pay judgment or settlement agreement within specified timeframe; requires nursing home facility to maintain certain level of liability insurance coverage; revises percentages of punitive damages awarded to claimant & deposited in Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund; requires nursing homes & ALFs to report professional liability claims & actions to Office of Insurance Regulation. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
3/10/2018 HOUSE Died in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee | |
| SB 1408 | Nursing Home Liability | Simmons |
| | Nursing Home Liability; Requiring the general and professional liability insurance coverage that must be maintained by a licensed nursing home to meet certain criteria; repealing provisions relating to punitive damages and limitations on awards, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance | |
| SB 1448 | Tax Exemptions for the Elderly | Passidomo |
| | Tax Exemptions for the Elderly; Exempting from the sales and use tax specified items that enable elderly persons to age in place and live independently in their homes or residences, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. 3/10/2018 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax | |