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LSG Floor Report For Postponed Business – Wednesday, April 17, 2013

| Bill | Caption | Committee | Analysis & Evaluation | Recommendation |
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| HB 1902 By Rep. Eiland | Relating to the refund of unearned premium for a personal automobile or residential property insurance policy. | Insurance | Currently, an insurer must return an unearned premium to policyholders in a timely manner upon cancellation of a policy. There is not a set date in Texas Insurance Code statute. HB 1902 requires insurance companies to return the unearned premium to the policyholder by the fifteenth business day. | Favorable Evaluated by: Yvonne Okonkwo 512-763-0031 Yvonne@texaslsg.org |
| HB 614 By Rep. Orr | Relating to the inclusion of the emblem of the veteran's branch of service on Disabled Veteran specialty license plates. | Defense & Veterans' Affairs | This bill amends Transportation Code to allow a veteran's branch of service to be placed on Disabled Veteran specialty license plates upon the veteran's request. | Favorable Evaluated by: Torey Ian Powell 512-763-0031 torey@texaslsg.org |
| HB 1905 By Rep. Eiland | Relating to certain promotional practices not considered to be prohibited discrimination, rebates, or inducements in insurance. | Insurance | Currently, Life and Health Insurance agents are forbidden from giving modest company trinkets or promotional items to their customers because of inducement and rebate prohibitions. HB 1905 allows Insurance Companies to give small trinkets, gifts, and other company items valued at less than \$25, such as pens, notepads, calendars, and magnets. | Favorable Evaluated by: Yvonne Okonkwo 512-763-0031 yvonne@texaslsg.org |

LSG Floor Report For Constitutional Amendments Calendar – Wednesday, April 17, 2013

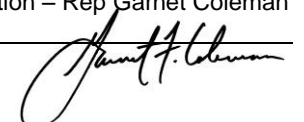
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| HJR 79 By Rep. Branch | Proposing a constitutional amendment to eliminate an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund. | Higher Education | HJR 79 removes the constitutional requirement for a State Medical Education Board and State Medical Education Fund. These programs were originally established to provide financial aid to medical students agreeing to practice medicine in rural areas of Texas. The State Medical Education Fund receives no funding and has not provided financial assistance in over 25 years. The State Medical Education Board has no appointees and receives no program funding. | Favorable Evaluated by: Torey Ian Powell 512-763-0031 torey@texaslsg.org |

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LSG Floor Report For General State Calendar – Wednesday, April 17, 2013

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| HB 63 By Rep. Craddick | Relating to the creation of an offense for use of a handheld wireless communication device for text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle. | Transportation | <p>HB 63 prohibits use of cell phones for text messaging while operating a moving vehicle. Certain exemptions are permitted, including: entering, reading, or selecting a phone number to make a call, using voice-operated technology, a push-to talk function, or a hands-free device, and using a GPS system or navigation device. Emergency unit operators are exempt when using devices for official business. This law would supersede all conflicting local ordinances. The offense is punishable by a misdemeanor and a fine of up to \$100 for first-time offenders.</p> <p>Some cities in Texas have already prohibited text messaging while driving, but the ban is not statewide or consistent. Thirty three other states and D.C. have enacted laws prohibiting texting while driving. Gov. Perry vetoed similar legislation during the 82nd session.</p> | Favorable Evaluated by: Kelle’ Martin 512-763-0031 Kelle@texaslsg.org |
| HB 674 By Rep. Ratliff | Relating to providing notice of certain proposed municipal zoning changes to a school district. | Land & Resource Management | <p>HB 674 requires local governments to notify a school district in writing about public hearings regarding proposed residential or multifamily zoning changes within that school district. This notice must be sent at least 10 days before the public hearing and transmitted via the US postal service.</p> <p>This bill seeks to ensure that school districts are aware of residential zoning changes, and can prepare for the increase in residents and students brought by the incoming housing developments.</p> <p>Currently, hearings notices must be advertised in an official or generally circulated newspaper in the applicable municipality. However, there is no current requirement for written notice to area school districts.</p> | Favorable Evaluated by: Muna Javaid 512-763-0031 muna@texaslsg.org |
| HB 2016 By Rep. Keffer | Relating to the receipt or consideration of a petition requesting detachment and annexation by the board of trustees of a school district after adoption of consolidation resolutions. | Public Education | <p>Once two or more school districts approve a decision to merge, HB 2016 stipulates that the Board of Trustees of one district cannot consider or receive a petition to annex the consolidated independent school districts without mutual consent from the other board.</p> <p>The bill seeks to eliminate confusion by ensuring that once a consolidation decision has been made, proper action must be taken for districts to detach. Current statute allows two or more school districts to combine into a single school district through a petition by voters or a resolution adopted by both districts’ board. This bill is in direct response to litigation between Novice Independent School District and Coleman Independent School District.</p> | Favorable Evaluated by: Nena Chima 512-763-0031 nena@texaslsg.org |
| HB 1348 Rep. Menendez | Relating to the taxation of certain tangible personal property located inside a defense base development authority. | Defense and Veterans Affairs | <p>HB 1348 redefines commercial aircrafts that come to Texas for fittings, customization, or preparation for delivery inside a defense base development authority as “interstate, international, or foreign commerce.”</p> <p>By redefining the status of these aircrafts, companies will no longer be subject to taxes on this property. As the Department of Defense prepares for a new round of Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC), this bill may attract commercial aviation companies that provide hundreds of high paying jobs to displaced workers and help closed military bases struggling with the transition to civilian authorities. Texas is one of seven states who do not provide this tax status for these aircrafts.</p> | Favorable Evaluated by: Torey Ian Powell 512-763-0031 torey@texaslsg.org |
| HB 1205 By Rep. Parker | Relating to the offense of failure to report abuse or neglect of a child. | Human Services | <p>HB 1205 enhances the penalty for failing to report child abuse from a class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony <i>only</i> in the instances when it is found that a professional failed to report <i>with the intention to deceive</i>.</p> <p>Background: Currently, all professionals are statutorily required to report child abuse. The penalty for failing to report is a class A misdemeanor and will remain a class A misdemeanor when there is no intention to deceive.</p> | Favorable Evaluated by: Katherine Little 512-763-0031 Katherine@texaslsg.org |

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| <p>HB 519 By Rep. Zerwas</p> | <p>Relating to voluntary donations to the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry.</p> | <p>Transportation</p> | <p>HB 519 requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to designate a nonprofit organization to maintain and administer the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry, which is an organ and tissue donor registry. The monetary donations will be kept in a trust fund by the state comptroller outside the state treasury. The bill requires money in the fund to be disbursed at least monthly to the nonprofit organization chosen to pay administrative costs, and allows the nonprofit organization to charge fees related to the operation and maintenance of the registry.</p> <p>Background: The Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry works in conjunction with DSHS by allowing Texans to register as organ and tissue donors when renewing a driver’s license. The program is funded by a \$1 voluntary contribution that can be made at time of renewal or when registering a motor vehicle.</p> | <p>Favorable Evaluated by: Kelle’ Martin 512-763-0031 Kelle@texaslsg.org</p> |
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