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Park Admission, Fees, and Regulation

AB 11 **Park Fee Waivers (Fourth Grade** Rep. Kitchens *A: committee 15-0*
SB 14 **Pupils)** Sen. Cowles *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 11: Introduced Feb. 7, 2023; referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation; public hearing May 2; executive session June 6; passage recommended 15-0

SB 14: Introduced Jan. 27, 2023; referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources to issue an annual vehicle admission receipt that is valid for the calendar year for which it is issued. This bill requires DNR to waive the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt issued to the parent or guardian of a 4th grade pupil. The bill provides that a parent or guardian of a qualifying pupil may receive the waiver only once in his or her lifetime and DNR may issue a waiver only once for a household. The bill also requires DNR to provide on its website an activity guide for state parks, forests, recreation areas, and trails.

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AB 30 **Park Fee Waivers (Every Kid** Rep. Wichgers *A: hearing held*
SB 18 **Outdoors)** Sen. Jacque *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 30: Introduced Feb. 10, 2023; referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation; public hearing May 2

SB 18: Introduced Jan. 27, 2023; referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage

Summary: Under current law, no person may operate a vehicle in any state park or in certain other recreational areas on state land unless the vehicle displays a vehicle admission receipt. This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to waive the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt issued to the parent or guardian of a child who possesses a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass issued by the U.S. National Park Service. Under current federal law, such a pass authorizes free admission to national parks for any 4th grader and his or her family.

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AB 139 **Park Fee Waivers (Earth Day)** Reps. Green, Joers *A: committee 15-0*
SB 142 Sen. Quinn *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 139: Introduced Mar. 31, 2023; referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation; public hearing May 2; executive session June 6; passage recommended 15-0

SB 142: Introduced Mar. 23, 2023; referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage

Summary: Under current law, vehicles entering state parks are required to display an annual or daily admission receipt, for which the Department of Natural Resources charges a fee. Under current law, DNR may waive these admission fees under certain circumstances. This bill requires DNR to waive any daily fee for admission to a state park on April 22 of each year in commemoration of Earth Day and its founder, Gaylord Nelson.

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AB 253 **Wetland Access and In Lieu Fee** Rep. Mursau *A: committee 9-0*
SB 255 **Subprogram** Sen. Cowles *S: passed on 6/7*

Notes: AB 253: Introduced May 8, 2023; referred to Committee on Environment; public hearing June 8; executive session June 15; passage recommended 9-0

SB 255: Introduced Apr. 20, 2023; referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy; public hearing May 10; executive session May 30; passage recommended 5-0; on Senate floor June 7; passed Senate (voice vote)

Summary: This bill eliminates the requirement that wetlands that benefit from the in lieu fee subprogram administered by the Department of Natural Resources be open to the public. The bill also provides that, in determining projects that benefit from the subprogram, DNR must, to the extent practicable, ensure that there is no net loss of public access to wetlands.

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AB 328 **Farm Campground Licensing** Rep. Magnafici *A: hearing held*
SB 319 Sen. Stafsholt *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 328: Introduced June 22, 2023; referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation; public hearing Oct. 3

SB 319: Introduced June 7, 2023; referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

Summary: Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection must issue licenses to and regulate campgrounds, and a person may not manage or operate a campground without such a license. Under this bill, a person may operate a campground without a campground license if the campground is located on the person's farm, the person's farm has no more than one campground, and the campground has three or fewer campsites.

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AB 818 **Park Reservations** Rep. Kitchens *A: introduced*
SB 770 Sen. Marklein *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 818: Introduced December 8, 2023; referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation

SB 770: Introduced December 8, 2023; referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

Summary: This bill modifies the process and fees for reserving camping sites in certain state parks, which are established by law and in administrative rules of the Department of Natural Resources.

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Taxes & Local Government

AB 276	Bicycle Tax Credit	Rep. Shelton	<i>A: introduced</i>
SB 272		Sen. Larson	<i>S: introduced</i>

Notes: AB 276: Introduced May 17, 2023; referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SB 272: Introduced May 8, 2023; referred to Committee on Universities and Revenue

Summary: This bill creates a refundable tax credit that may be claimed by individuals who purchase bicycles, including electric bicycles, for their dependents. The credit is equal to the price paid for each bicycle, limited to \$200 per dependent. The credit may be claimed only by individuals whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty line. Under the bill, the individual must submit with his or her tax return any documentation required by the Department of Revenue regarding the bicycle's purchase price. Because the credit is refundable, if an individual is eligible to claim an amount as a credit that exceeds his or her income tax liability, the individual receives the excess as a refund.

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AB 448	Skateboards on Roadways	Rep. Joers	<i>A: introduced</i>
SB 446		Sen. Larson	<i>S: introduced</i>

Notes: AB 448: Introduced Sept. 28, 2023; referred to Committee on Transportation

SB 446: Introduced Sept. 20, 2023; referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government

Summary: Under current law, a person may not ride a play vehicle on a roadway except while crossing at a crosswalk. "Play vehicle" is defined as "a coaster, skate board, roller skates, sled, toboggan, unicycle or toy vehicle upon which a person may ride." Under this bill, skateboards are removed from the definition of "play vehicle" and are therefore not subject to the regulations that apply to play vehicles.

Also under current law, a person may not ride in-line skates on a roadway under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, but may ride in-line skates on other roadways subject to any restrictions imposed by the local authority having jurisdiction over the roadway. Under the bill, skateboards are similarly authorized to operate on roadways under the jurisdiction of a local authority subject to restrictions imposed by the local authority.

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AB 689	Homelessness; Pay for Performance Grants	Rep. Dallman	<i>A: introduced</i>
SB 668		Sen. Tomczyk	<i>S: hearing held</i>

Notes: AB 689: Introduced November 27, 2023; referred to Committee on Housing and Real Estate

SB 669: Introduced November 9, 2023; referred to Committee on Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry; public hearing December 6.

Summary: This bill establishes "pay for performance" requirements for certain grants issued under those programs to grant recipients. ... This bill authorizes DOA and, under the circumstances described below, cities, villages, towns, and counties (political subdivisions) to designate public property, other than county fairgrounds and public parks, for use as a "structured camping facility" at which DOA may assign a homeless individual or family a specific location for the purpose of allowing the individual or family to set up temporary residence at the facility. DOA may allow homeless individuals and families assigned to a structured camping facility to bring camping equipment and other personal items onto the facility. Additionally, DOA must provide for public safety at structured camping facilities and must ensure that potable water and adequate sanitary facilities are available at each facility.

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AB 723 **Competitive Bidding** Rep. Brooks **A: hearing**
SB 688 Sen. Stroebel **scheduled**
S: introduced

Notes: AB 723: Introduced December 6, 2023; referred to Committee on Local Government; public hearing December 14.

Summary: SB 688: Introduced November 15, 2023; referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government
This bill increases to \$50,000, with an exception for certain highway projects, the threshold governing sealed, competitive bids that is applicable to a local unit of government. The bill also requires a school board and the board of school directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools to comply with these bidding requirements if the estimated cost of a contract exceeds \$150,000 and the contract is for the construction, repair, remodeling, or improvement of a public school building or for the furnishing of supplies or materials.

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SB 791 **EV Charging** Rep. VanderMeer **A: not introduced**
Sen. Marklein **S: introduced**

Notes: SB 669: Introduced December 8, 2023; referred to Committee on Utilities and Technology

Summary: This bill creates an exception from regulation as a public utility for a person who supplies electricity through an EV charging station to EVs, if the person charges a fee based on the amount of kilowatt-hours of electricity that the user consumes, and if all of the electricity supplied is provided by the person's electric utility or retail electric cooperative. The bill also prohibits a local governmental unit that does not operate an electric utility from owning, operating, managing, or leasing an electric vehicle charging station at which Level 1 or Level 2 chargers are available to the public, unless all Level 1 or Level 2 charges are available for public use free of any charge. However, the bill also allows a local governmental unit to own, operate, manage, or lease an electric vehicle charging station containing a Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 charger if the charger is not available to the public and is used solely to charge vehicles owned or leased by the local governmental unit.

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LRB-3236 **Alcohol in Parks** Rep. Clancy **A: not introduced**
Sen. Larson **S: introduced**

Notes:

Summary: This bill allows a municipality or county to sell wine and distilled spirits in its public parks without an alcohol beverage license.

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Athletics & Schools

AB 163 **Anti-Choking Devices** Rep. Tranel *A: committee 9-4*
SB 156 Sen. Cabral-Guevara *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 163: Introduced Apr. 10, 2023; referred to Committee on Education; public hearing July 20; executive session Oct. 10; passage recommended 9-4

SB 156: Introduced Apr. 3, 2023; referred to Committee on Education

Summary: Current law requires every school board and the governing body of every private school to provide a standard first aid kit for use in cases of emergency. This bill requires school boards and governing bodies of private schools to make accessible, as part of a first aid kit, an anti-choking device that is registered as a Class I or Class II medical device with the United States Food and Drug Administration. The bill also requires school boards and the governing bodies of private schools to annually provide training on the use of anti-choking devices according to the device manufacturer's instructions.

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AB 194 **School District Consolidation** Joint Legislative *A: introduced*
SB 183 Council *S: introduced*

Notes: AB 194: Introduced Apr. 20, 2023; referred to Committee on Education

SB 183: Introduced Apr. 3, 2023; referred to Committee on Education

Summary: Under current law, when two or more school districts consolidate, or when a union high school district consolidates with its included elementary school districts, the newly consolidated school district is eligible for consolidation aid. The bill changes the formula for consolidation aid so a consolidated school district receives a percentage of the statewide average base revenue limit.

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AB 347 **AED (Defibrillator) Requirement** Rep. Anderson *A: introduced*
SB 349 Sen. Smith *S: hearing held*

Notes: AB 347: Introduced June 30, 2023; referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care

SB 349: Introduced June 29, 2023; referred to Committee on Health; public hearing December 7.

Summary: This bill requires automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be available at high school athletic activities and University of Wisconsin System athletic events.

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AB 377 SB 378	Sex Designation in School Sports	Rep. Dittrich Sen. Knodl	<i>A: passed on 10/12</i> <i>S: introduced</i>
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Notes: AB 377: Introduced Aug. 11, 2023; referred to Committee on Education; public hearing Oct. 4; executive session Oct. 10; passage recommended 9-4; on Assembly floor Oct. 12; passed Assembly 63-35

SB 378: Introduced Aug. 9, 2023; referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

Summary: This bill requires each school board, independent charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program (educational institution) that operates or sponsors an interscholastic, intramural, or club athletic team or sport to designate the athletic team or sport as falling into one of three categories based on the sex of the participating pupils. The three designations are 1) males, 2) females, and 3) males and females. The bill defines "sex" as the sex determined at birth by a physician and reflected on the birth certificate. The bill also requires an educational institution to prohibit a male pupil from participating on an athletic team or in an athletic sport designated for females. Finally, the bill requires the educational institution to notify pupils and parents if an educational institution intends to change a designation for an athletic team or sport.

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AB 740 SB 708	Trampoline Parks	Rep. Sinicki Sens. Larson, Smith	A: introduced S: introduced
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Notes: AB 740: Introduced Dec. 6, 2023; referred to Committee on Consumer Protection

SB 708: Introduced Nov. 21, 2023; referred to Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs

Summary: Subject to specified exemptions, this bill prohibits a person from operating a trampoline park without an annual license issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services. ... For license issuance or renewal, the operator of a trampoline park must pay a fee specified in rules promulgated by DSPS. The operator must also submit a certificate of insurance demonstrating that the operator has liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000 in the aggregate and \$500,000 per incident to cover injuries to participants arising out of any negligence or misconduct by the operator or the trampoline park's staff in the construction, maintenance, or operation of the trampoline park. ... The bill imposes several duties on an operator of a trampoline park.

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Boating & Pools

AB 5 SB 3	Regulation of Pools at Short-Term Rentals	JCRAR	<i>Both houses: on the floor; referred back to committee</i>
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Notes: AB 5: Introduced Feb. 6, 2023; on Assembly floor Mar. 14; referred to Committee on Tourism
SB 3: Introduced Jan. 27, 2023; on Senate floor Mar. 22; referred to Committee on Administrative Rules

Summary: Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is responsible for regulating public swimming pools. This bill prohibits DATCP from regulating pools located at short-term rentals. Current law defines a “short-term rental” as “a residential dwelling that is offered for rent for a fee and for fewer than 30 consecutive days.” ... The suspended portion of the rule provides that a pool that serves a “tourist rooming house” qualifies as a “public pool” and is therefore subject to DATCP regulation.

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AB 656 SB 680	Wakesurfing and Wakeboarding	Rep. Swearingen Sen. Felzkowski	A: introduced S: introduced
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Notes: AB 656: Introduced Nov. 9, 2023; referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation
SB 680: Introduced Nov. 15, 2023; referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage

Summary: Under current law, various regulations apply to water skiing, aquaplaning, “or similar activity,” and under current law, wakesurfing and wakeboarding likely fall under “aquaplaning” or “similar activity.” The bill explicitly provides that “aquaplaning” includes wakesurfing and wakeboarding, and thereby applies the same safety regulations that apply to water skiing and aquaplaning to wakesurfing and wakeboarding. These regulations include requiring an observer or a wide-angle mirror on the motorboat, restricting wakesurfing and wakeboarding to between sunrise and sunset, prohibiting intoxicated wakesurfing and wakeboarding, requiring a motorboat used for wakesurfing or wakeboarding to stay more than 100 feet away from any occupied anchored boat, personal watercraft, or marked swimming area or public boat landing, and prohibiting a person engaged in wakesurfing or wakeboarding from being within 100 feet, or allowing a tow rope to be within 100 feet, of a personal watercraft.

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Employer & Workforce

AB 274 SB 271	CDL Training Grant Program	Rep. Pronschinske Sen. Wimberger	<i>A: committee 12-2</i> <i>S: committee 5-0</i>
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Notes: AB 274: Introduced May 17, 2023; referred to Committee on Transportation; public hearing June 6; executive session June 20; passage recommended 12-2

SB 271: Introduced May 8, 2023; referred to Committee on Economic Development and Technical Colleges; public hearing Sept. 27; executive session Oct. 11; [Sub. 1](#) recommended 5-0; passage recommended 5-0

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to establish a commercial driver training grant program. Under the program, DWD provides grants to persons or other entities that provide training leading to an individual receiving a commercial driver's license. The training must, in order to qualify for a grant, satisfy entry-level driver training requirements established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), including that the grant applicant be listed on the FMCSA's registry of approved training providers. Grants under the bill may not exceed, for each individual trained, 50 percent of the costs of training the individual in the operation of commercial motor vehicles or \$3,000, whichever is less. DWD may not award grants for applications to participate in the training program received after June 30, 2025.

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SS 114-21 (Rule)	Child Labor and Street Trades (Ch. DWD 270, 271)	Dept. of Workforce Development	<i>Scope statement approved</i>
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Notes: Scope statement approved Dec. 16, 2021 (expires June 20, 2024)

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Summary: Ch. DWD 270 is currently titled "child labor." As directed by 2017 Wisconsin Act 11 (Act 11), the proposed rule will repeal and recreate the title of ch. DWD 270 as "employment of minors." The proposed rule will repeal ch. DWD 271 relating to "street trades" and consolidate relevant provisions under ch. DWD 270. In addition, the proposed rule will update ch. DWD 270 to implement statutory changes under Act 11 and 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 (Act 32), and revise language to conform to federal regulations and state statutes.

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Food & Farms

AB 750 SB 710	Payment Processing (Farms and Farmer's Markets)	Rep. Shankland Sen. Pfaff	A: introduced S: introduced
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Notes: AB 750: Introduced Dec. 6, 2023; referred to Committee on Jobs, Economy and Small Business Development

SB 710: Introduced Nov. 27, 2023; referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Health Services to provide electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card processing equipment and services to farmers' markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers as a payment processing program. The bill specifies that the electronic benefit transfer processing equipment and services must include equipment and services for the food stamp program, which is known as FoodShare. Under the bill, the vendor that processes the electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card transactions must also process any local purchasing incentives. The bill provides \$735,000 for this payment processing program, and included in that amount is funding for a portion of a full-time employee position for DHS to coordinate and provide other services for the payment processing program.

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AB 756 SB 713	Food Security Grants	Reps. Considine, Jacobson Sen. Pfaff	A: introduced S: introduced
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Notes: [Circulated](#) for co-sponsorship; not yet introduced

Summary: AB 756: Introduced Dec. 6, 2023; referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight

SB 716: Introduced Nov. 21, 2023; referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

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AB 755 SB 712	Farm to Fork Grants	Rep. Shelton Sen. Pfaff	A: introduced S: introduced
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Notes: AB 755: Introduced Dec. 6, 2023; referred to Committee on Agriculture

SB 712: Introduced Nov. 21, 2023; referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

Summary: This bill creates a farm to fork program, similar to the existing farm to school program, to connect entities that are not school districts and that have cafeterias to nearby farms to provide locally produced foods in meals and snacks, to help the public develop healthy eating habits, to provide nutritional and agricultural education, and to improve farmers' incomes and direct access to markets. Under the bill, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection must provide grants to entities for these purposes.

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AB 245 SB 301	Shared Revenue Reform	Rep. Kurtz Sen. Felzkowski	<i>Enacted 6/20/2023</i> as 2023 Act 12
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Notes: AB 245: Introduced May 3, 2023; referred to Committee on Local Government; public hearing May 4; executive session May 11; passage recommended 84; passed Assembly 56-36 on May 17 ([Am. 2](#) adopted); Senate concurred in 21-12 on June 14 ([Sen. Am. 1](#) adopted); Assembly [amended](#) and concurred in Sen. Am. 1; Senate concurred in 29-4; presented to the Governor June 15.

SB 301: Introduced May 18, 2023; referred to Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections and Consumer Protection; public hearing May 23; executive session June 12; passage recommended 3-2; referred to Joint Committee on Finance; executive session June 13; passage recommended 10-4.

Summary: This bill modifies shared revenue programs, addresses the retirement systems of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County, eliminates the personal property tax, and contains various other provisions.

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AB 171 SB 207	Local Wildlife Control Grants	Rep. Tusler Sen. Cowles	<i>Enacted 12/07/2023</i> as 2023 Act 50
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Notes: AB 171: Introduced Apr. 10, 2023; referred to Committee on Environment; public hearing June 8; executive session June 15; passage recommended 9-0.

SB 207: Introduced Apr. 3, 2023; referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy; public hearing Apr. 13; executive session May 11; passage recommended 5-0; on Senate floor June 7; passed Senate (voice vote); on Assembly floor Nov. 7

Summary: Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources administers a program to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to urban communities to cover up to 50 percent of the costs of wildlife abatement or control projects. This bill eliminates the undefined term “urban communities” and provides that DNR may provide grants under the program to any city, village, or town with a population density of not less than 125 persons per square mile.

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Tracking Report Guide

Bill Numbers	Short Description of Bill	Authors	<i>Bill Status</i>
Notes:	Description of bill history.		
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LRB – Legislative Reference Bureau preliminary draft number. (Called “LRB number” because the Legislative Reference Bureau is the agency that works with legislators on drafting bills.) This is the bill number before introduction while the bill is circulating.

SB – Senate Bill

AB – Assembly Bill

Circulating – For most legislation, before introduction, lead authors of a bill will send out a draft of the bill to all legislators. The lead authors give other legislators a week or two to decide if they would like to “cosponsor” the legislation (i.e. add their name as a coauthor on the bill).

Cosponsorship due – The deadline that the lead authors have given other legislators to sign on to the bill.

Companion – Most legislation will be introduced as two separate but identical “companion bills,” one in the Senate and one in the Assembly. The Senate bill will go through the committee process in the Senate. The Assembly bill will go through the committee process in the Assembly. Ultimately, the Senate or Assembly will both vote on either the Senate or Assembly version of the bill, and that bill will be the version that passes and is sent to the governor to sign into law.

Introduced – The bill has been formally introduced and given a bill number in the Legislature.

Referred to committee – The bill has been sent to a standing committee in the Legislature for review.

Public hearing – The committee will hold a hearing where members of the public can testify on the merits of the legislation.

Executive session – The committee will meet and vote on the bill.

Am. – Amendment. A revision to the bill has been offered.

Sub. – Substitute Amendment. A revised version of the bill that replaces the entire original draft has been offered.

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Am. Adopted – The committee or legislature has approved the amendment.

Passage from committee recommended/Passed Committee – The committee has voted to advance the bill in the legislative process. The bill is now eligible for a vote in the full Senate or Assembly.

On Senate/Assembly floor – The bill has been added to the list of bills that the full Assembly or Senate will vote on.

Voice vote – The Senate or Assembly passed the bill without a roll call – individual legislators' votes were not recorded.

Messaged to Assembly/Senate – The bill passed in one house and has been sent to the other house.

Tabled (companion bill passed) – The Senate and Assembly passed one of the companion bills, so the bill from the opposite house has been set aside and will not be acted upon. For example, the Senate and Assembly both passed the Assembly bill, so the companion bill in the Senate has been “tabled.” The Senate bill will no longer be acted upon because the Assembly version has passed in both houses.

Messaged to governor – The bill passed both the Senate and Assembly and has been sent to the governor.

Signed by governor/Signed Into Law – The governor has signed the bill, and it is now law.

Likely dead – The bill did not pass the Assembly before the Assembly adjourned. Or the bill did not pass the Senate before the Senate adjourned. Therefore, the bill is unlikely to move in the remainder of the current session.

[Act #](#) - Link to the final version of the bill that was signed into law.

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