

In this Issue, dated February 20, 2017 through March 24, 2017, the following Arizona Congressional Legislative Actions were taken—

I. Arizona Bills Introduced/Considered During the 53rd Legislature, First Regular Session 2017

[Organized by Latest Action—Description in Brief]

- i. **Mar. 27, 2017** – [HB 2373, tobacco settlement; Indian tribes; information. Transmitted to the House.](#) Introduced by Rep. Heather Carter (R-15) on Jan. 31, 2017 (House First Read) and referred to the House Committee on Government, and the House Committee on Rules. Voted do pass by the House Committee on Government by a vote of 7-1-0-0-0 and reported Feb. 9, 2017. Voted constitutional and in proper form by the House Committee on Rules by a vote of 7-0-0-2-0 and reported Feb. 15, 2017. Voted on Feb. 15, 2017 do pass by House Majority Caucus and do pass by House Minority Caucus on Feb. 16, 2017. Retained on Calendar, House Committee of the Whole Action on Feb. 20, 2017 and Do Pass Amended by the Committee of the Whole on Feb. 21, 2017 and Passed on House Third Reading by vote of 58-0-2-0.

II. No Action – Arizona Bills Introduced/Considered During the 53rd Legislature, First Regular Session 2017

[No Action Since Feb. 20, 2017—Description in Brief]

- i. **Feb. 1, 2017** – [SB 1460, Office of Indian Education; Assistance: Senate Second Read.](#) Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Jan. 31, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Rules.
- ii. **Feb. 1, 2017** – [SB 1466, Transaction Privilege Tax; tribal taxes: Second Senate Read.](#) Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Jan. 31, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Rules.
- iii. **Feb. 2, 2017** – [SCM 1012, Indian health care; urging Congress: Senate Second Read.](#) Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Feb. 1, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on the Rules.
- iv. **Feb. 2, 2017** – [SB 1465, liquor licenses; tribal councils; approval: Senate Second Read.](#) Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Feb. 1, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on the Rules.

- v. **Feb. 2, 2017** – [SB 1467, transaction privilege tax; Indian tribes; economic development: Senate Second Read](#). Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Jan. 1, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Rules.
- vi. **Feb. 8, 2017** – [HB 2478, transaction privilege tax; Indian tribes; motor vehicles: House Second Read](#). Introduced by Rep. Wenona Benally (D-7) on Feb. 7, 2017 (House First Read) and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the House Committee on Rules.

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 - Bill would amend Arizona Revised Statutes, [Sec. 42-2003](#), to authorize the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Attorney General to disclose confidential information to Indian tribes or local agencies in the State of Arizona for the purposes of enforcement of the Statutes and Agreements specified in Subsection T of this section, which states:

“The department shall release to the attorney general confidential information as requested by the attorney general for purposes of determining compliance with or enforcing any of the following: 1) Any public health control law relating to tobacco sales as provided under title 36, chapter 6, article 14.; 2) Any law relating to reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards as provided under title 37, chapter 9, article 5; and 3) Sections 44-7101 and 44-7111, the master settlement agreement referred to in those sections and all agreements regarding disputes under the master settlement agreement.”

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Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Jan. 31, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Rules. [Link to bill.](#)
 - Bill amends Arizona Revised Statutes, [Sec. 15-244](#), to authorize the Arizona Office of Indian Education, if sufficient resources and funding are available, to provide technical assistance to schools and Indian nations in the areas of: 1) professional development; 2) data literacy; 3) teacher recruitment and retention; 4) Native language development; 5) fiscal management, including the most efficient use of available monies; 6) family engagement; and 7) the incorporation of Native American culture into the curricula.
- ii. **Feb. 1, 2017 – SB 1466, Transaction Privilege Tax; tribal taxes: Senate Second Read.**
Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Jan. 31, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Rules. [Link to bill.](#)
 - Bill amends Title 42, Chapter 5, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes to add Sec. 42-5017.01 to allow a credit against taxes imposed by this article in the amount of taxes levied by an Indian tribe on the same tax base, and paid by the taxpayer to the tribe during the same taxable period. To qualify for this credit, the tribal tax must be levied on the gross proceeds of sales or gross income from the business conducted in the State of Arizona and may not exceed the amount of taxes due under this article for the taxable period. This section would not apply to gross proceeds of sales or gross income from a business engaged in the construction of an Indian gaming facility or in the business of mining or quarrying of mineral products within the State of Arizona.
- iii. **Feb. 2, 2017 – SCM 1012, Indian health care; urging Congress: Senate Second Read.**
Introduced by Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D-7) on Feb. 1, 2017 (Senate First Read) and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on the Rules. [Link to bill.](#)
 - Bill urges the U.S. Congress to support the retention of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in any efforts to repeal or replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Bill directs the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona to transmit a copy of the Memorial to the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.
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- Bill would amend Arizona Revised Statutes, [Sec. 4-201](#), to require an individual applying a liquor license for a premises that is located within three miles of the border of an Indian reservation must submit their application to the tribal council of that reservation, or its designated governing body. Approval of license must be received by the aforementioned tribal governing body prior to the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control issuing said license(s).
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- Bill would require the State Treasurer to transfer to the Treasurer, or other designated depository, of each qualifying Indian tribe xx percent of the amount of transaction privilege tax revenues received in the preceding month from all sources located on an Indian reservation established for a qualifying Indian tribe. Monies transfer to a qualifying Indian tribe are to be used to support economic and infrastructure development in the State of Arizona by the qualifying Indian tribe on its own reservation. Funds can be used for projects on the qualified Indian tribes' lands in conjunction with the tribe's own funds, and funds from other state government, local government, or private sources.
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- Bill amends Arizona Revised Statutes, [Sec. 42-5061](#), to require the payment of taxes by a business selling a motor vehicle to an enrolled member of an Indian tribe who resides on any reservation in the State of Arizona.

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