

LHBA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TAXES

HB 628 imposes a Commercial Activity Tax on the taxable gross receipts of businesses operating in Louisiana.

Status: Voluntary Deferred in House Ways and Means

Position: Oppose

HB 655 REYNOLDS and HB 562 JACKSON expands state sales and use taxes to services. An adopted amendment on HB 655 removed taxes on repairs and remodeling. Yard Maintenance, landscaping, garbage collection, pest control and debris removal are included in listed services in HB 655.

Status: Did not pass out of House Ways and Means

Position: Oppose

HB 648 HAVARD levies the Louisiana Business Tax on corporations and entities taxed as corporations.

Status: Failed in Ways and Means

Position: Oppose

HB307 LYONS requires a tax clearance from the Dept. of Revenue for certain licenses, permits, tax resale certificates, and state contracts. HB 307 was heavily amended. Only procurement contracts will need to get a tax clearance.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 211**

Position: Changed to Monitor from Oppose after amendments

MINIMUM WAGE

SB153 T.CARTER establishes a state minimum wage and sets it at \$8.00 per hour beginning Jan. 1, 2018 and to \$8.50 beginning on Jan. 1, 2019.

Status: Failed in Senate Finance

Position: Oppose

EQUAL PAY

SB2 MORRELL provides that the Louisiana Equal Pay Act be applicable to men and private employers. Also requires government contractors to verify equal pay.

Status: Did not have a hearing on Senate Floor

Position: Oppose

HB282NORTON provides that pay equality shall extend to all persons employed.

Status: Did not pass out of House Labor and Industrial Relations

Position: Oppose

HB112BOUIE requires public contractors have equal pay for all employees.

Status: Failed in House Labor and Industrial Relations

Position: Oppose

CONTRACTOR LICENSING

SB165 BARROW requires that the board maintains on its website certain information regarding dishonest, fraudulent or other acts of a licensed contractor. Also, changes the board membership to allow AFL-CIO appointees and university system appointees.

Status: Voluntary Deferred in Senate Commerce

Position: Oppose

SB205 MORRELL provides that a board or commission shall refer disciplinary actions to an administrative law judge.

Status: Did not pass out of Senate Commerce

Position: Oppose

HB440/HB 675 DAVIS requires the contractor to provide the contractor's license number, classification, and evidence of insurance to the contracting party for whom the work is to be performed.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 231: Effective August 1st, 2017**

Position: Monitor

SB104 APPEL provides that the bid specifications require that the contractor certify he holds an active license by showing his license number on the bid envelope.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 49**

Position: Support

HCR3 ARMES repeals administrative licensing requirements relative to residential specialty classifications.

Status: Failed in House Commerce

Position: Oppose

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

HB389 CARMODY authorizes the office of conservation of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to regulate pipeline utilities and facilities.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 218**

Position: Support

WORKERS COMPENSATION

HB 592 TALBOT provides for the creation of a workers' compensation pharmacy formulary.

Status: Pending Senate Labor and Industrial Relations

Position: Support

EMPLOYERS

HB222MORENO prohibits retaliation against an employee who discusses wages

Status: Failed in House Labor and Industrial Relations

Position: Oppose

LOCAL ZONING

SB162 APPEL provides relative to the Louisiana Inclusionary Zoning and Workforce Affordable Housing Act.

Status: Failed by one vote in House Commerce

Position: Support

TAX EXEMPTIONS

SB 140 WALSWORTH is a Constitutional Amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property delivered to a construction site.

Status: Passed both the House and Senate. Will be on the fall ballot.

Position: Support

CODES

HB571 BERTHELOT makes revisions and creates new provisions relative to licensing, inspections, and fees applicable to the state fire marshal's regulation of certain individuals, firms, and water boilers.

Status: Pending House Commerce

MORTGAGES

SB236 LAFLEUR provides for the uniform filing fee that a recorder may charge for the filing and recordation.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 173**

Position: Support

SB159 LAMBERT provides for payment of insurance proceeds jointly to the mortgagee and the mortgagor of damaged residential property.

Status: Failed, by a tie in Senate Commerce

Position: Monitor

HB 400 GAROFALO provides for certain form requirements imposed on financial institutions relative to the cancellation of mortgages.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 62**

Position: Monitor

LANDLORD/TENENT

SB120 WARD provides for security deposits and evictions involving residential leases.

Status: Withdrawn from the files

Position: Oppose

MODULAR HOUSING

HB471 FOIL makes changes to manufactured and modular housing licensing. LHBA amended HB 471 to clarify the locals inspect for the IRC.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 221**

Position: Amend/Monitor

TITLES

HB328COUSSAN provides for extinction of rights relating to immovable property.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 102**

Position: Monitor

INSURANCE

HB393CONNICK provides for the elimination of contents coverage on residential properties following a declared disaster.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 219**

Position: Monitor

HB287TALBOT requires the return of unearned premium to the mortgagee named.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 299**

Position: Monitor

SB134 ALLAIN creates the LA Citizens Home Strengthening Grant Pilot Program.

Status: Pending Senate Insurance

Position: Monitor

REAL ESTATE

HB469FALCONER amends provisions of the La. Condominium Act for insurance requirements imposed on condominium associations, unit owners, and lessees.

Status: Pending House Commerce

SB108 B.WHITE increases the fines and penalties when in violation of the real estate licensing law.

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 50**

Position: Monitor

HB290COX provides relative to appraisal management company license applications and renewals

Status: **Signed by the Governor - Act 11**

Position: Support