

EIGHTH WEEK OF 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Busy Legislative Week Results in Advancement of BCA Legislative Priority, Other Bills of Interest

The Alabama Legislature held a three-day work week which resulted in the completion of its 19th, 20th and 21st legislative working days.

Both the House and Senate debated several hot-button issues, whether in committee or on the chamber floor. BCA saw another big legislative victory this week when HB 408, a legislative priority issue, received final passage in the Senate on Tuesday. HB 408, sponsored by representative Rep. Wes Kitchens in the House and Sen. Clay Scofield in the Senate, now goes to the Governor for her signature. If signed into law, this legislation will provide businesses with clear and consistent guidelines when classifying employees. The Senate also passed a bill would allow the Secretary of State to waive the \$25 Certificate of Existence fee if a state of emergency has been declared and a bill that would establish a statewide lottery. The House Judiciary Committee approved an amended version of the Senate bill that would authorize the use of medical marijuana in the state. Below is a further list of notable bills that received legislative action this week:

- [The Senate passed a compromised substitute bill relating to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers. Read more about the substitute bill in the Other Bills of Interest section of the Capital Briefing.](#)
- [The House passed a bill that would create a lifetime concealed carry permit and would require the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to develop a statewide firearm prohibited person database. The fee for a lifetime concealed carry permit would be \\$300 or \\$150 for applicants older than 60.](#)
- The House passed legislation that would establish the COVID-19 Recovery Capital Credit Protection Act which would make certain changes to the state capital credit program.
- The Senate passed a bill to revise the 2021 payment date for financial institutions excise taxes and income taxes to coincide with the revised due dates for federal taxes.
- The Senate Tourism Committee passed a House bill that would allow wine manufacturers to ship a limited quantity of wine directly to individuals for personal use.