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## February 17, 2023

### **SB105/HB88 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Military waivers for commercial driver licenses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Requires the department of safety to waive the knowledge test and accept alternative requirements for active duty and honorably discharged service members applying for temporary commercial learner's permits. Requires the applicant to certify that the applicant has not had a driver license suspended, revoked, or canceled in this state or another state during the one year preceding the application. Requires the application to be accompanied by documentation establishing the applicant's military occupational specialty and driving experience, including military orders or other documentation acceptable to the department establishing the applicant's military occupational specialty and current duty station assignment and a valid military identification card, if the applicant is on active duty. Requires an applicant who obtains the knowledge test waiver to successfully complete any applicable vision and skills tests, and pay the appropriate fees, other than the skills testing fee.

*Amendment Summary:* House Transportation Committee amendment 1 (003622) includes members of the national guard along with active duty members in receiving licensure. Changes the process for honorably discharged from military service licensure requirement documentation. Allows the application to apply to a United States reserve technician. Adds one year to the effective date.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2023) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$20,000 in FY23-24.

*Senate Status:* 02/15/23 - Set for Senate Transportation & Safety Committee 02/22/23.

*House Status:* 02/15/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 02/22/23.

### **SB209/HB256 TAXES SALES: Exemption - retail sale of food and food ingredients.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Raper, Kevin

*Summary:* Exempts the retail sale of food and food ingredients from the sales tax if sold during the period beginning August 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

*Senate Status:* 01/21/23 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*House Status:* 01/24/23 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

### **SB506/HB488 TAXES GENERAL: Allocating tax on beer and soft drinks to the highway fund.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Extends the repeal date from July 1, 2028 to August 1, 2028, for the allocation of a portion of the beer tax and the tax on soft drinks to the highway fund for the purpose of funding programs for the prevention and collection of litter and trash and matters related to the programs. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/23 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/23 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

### **SB573/HB550 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Tennessee Waste Reduction and Recycling Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Harris, Torrey

*Summary:* Enacts the Tennessee Waste Reduction and Recycling Act to require sellers, distributors and importers of certain packaging materials to take steps to reduce the amount of packing material that becomes litter. Requires the commissioner of environment and conservation to appoint a producer responsibility program advisory board consisting of 13 members to serve four-year terms and who reflect and represent the state's demographic diversity. Outlines criteria for voting and non-voting appointments. Sets standards for advisory board meetings. Requires producers to establish producer responsibility organizations to conduct needs assessments and to develop a producer responsibility plan in coordination with the department and advisory board. Sets civil penalties for violations of a producer responsibility plan. Defines pertinent terms. (17 pp.)

*Senate Status:* 01/30/23 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/23 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

### **SB726/HB1255 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Annual report relevant to solid waste planning and management.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Changes from March 31 to February 1, the date by which each region must submit its annual report to the commissioner of environment and conservation for the immediately preceding calendar year that includes data on collection, recycling, transportation, disposal, public costs, and other information deemed relevant to solid waste planning and management. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/02/23 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/02/23 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### **SB803/HB1451 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Notification to persons that have violated the Litter Control Law.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

*Summary:* Requires that upon receiving a citizen complaint that a person has violated the Litter Control Law, the special unit of the Tennessee highway patrol charged with enforcing such law to notify the alleged offender of the Litter Control Law and penalties for violations thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, rather than by letter. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/23 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/02/23 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### **SB1310/HB157 TAXES BUSINESS: Elimination of business tax.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Baum, Charlie

*Summary:* Eliminates the business tax for tax periods that begin on or after January 1, 2024. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/15/23 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 02/21/23.

*House Status:* 01/24/23 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

### **SB1352/HB243 TAXES SALES: Exemption on food sold to persons 70 years of age or older.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hale, Michael

*Summary:* Exempts the retail sale of food and food ingredients from the sales tax if sold to a person who is 70 years of age or older during the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/23 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*House Status:* 01/24/23 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

### **SJR153 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Litter Awareness Month," March 2023.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken ,

*Summary:* Recognizes March 2023 as Tennessee Litter Awareness Month.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/23 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

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