

The Arizona State Legislature is in session. There are many bills in the House and in the Senate that we are concerned about for the hobby. *Most recent changes in Italics.*

**Special Note:** the newly introduced Bills in the House and the Senate have listed the provisions for the success of the bills getting approved. This is a tax and to be approved, it must pass a Committee hearing with a 2/3 vote of either the House (HB 2319) and/or the Senate (SB 1001)

**Bills of Interest:**

**HB2319** Highway Users Revenue Fund, deals with money transfers from the fund to small cities and counties. Sent to the Senate 2/28/2019. First Senate reading 3/4/2019 and it was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee which reported on the Bill on 4/2/19 and the result was to hold the Bill. Second Senate reading on 3/5/2019 does not have any results to report on.

**HB2320** Reduction of the Highway Safety Fee to a flat rate not to exceed \$ 18.00. Got a Due Pass, sent to the Senate on 3/12/19. The first reading in the Senate was scheduled for 3/12, the second reading was scheduled for 3/13, no actions, no results.

**HB2318** *Texting while driving; prohibition: enforcement. Transferred to the Governor 4/18/2019, Waiting for his signature.*

**HB2504** *Also will deal with the Highway Safety Fee that is based on your vehicle's value. Bill was held. Second House Reading was scheduled for 2/5/2019. No votes recorded. Probably DOA in the House.*

**SB1001** Repeal the Highway Safety Fee. This the first step to repeal the Highway Safety Fee so various new House Bills can start the process all over and establish a budget for DPS and the funds generated for DPS will be paid out of the Arizona State General fund. The House First Reading was 3/27/2019, Passed by the House Transportation Committee, Passed by the House Appropriations Committee on 4/4/19. The second reading was scheduled for 2/27/2019 *but no action on the Bill by the House. I don't think this Bill will go to the Governor until a replacement bill to reset the Highway Safety Fee at \$ 18.00 is passed and signed off by the Governor.*

**HB2536** will be a massive tax increase that will hurt everybody. *I sent an e-mail to Transportation Committee Chairman Noel Campbell and he replied today saying that HB2536 is dead for this year. I am sure we will see this next January 2020.*

**SB1125** deals with Motor Fuel Taxes. Dead since 1/22/19, no action in the Senate. No changes.

**SB1165** No texting while driving. Transferred to the House on 3/4/2019. First House Reading on 3/5 and the Bill was transferred to the Transportation Committee. Transportation Committee meeting on 3/13/2019 Do Pass vote approved. The Rules Committee on 4/8/19 passed the committee. The second House reading was scheduled for 3/6/19 *and since it did not finish up until 4/8/2019, I think it will be passed back to the Senate and on its way to the Governor.*

**SB1332** another Bill for raising the VLT for alternative fueled vehicles. This Bill has passed the Majority Caucus & the Minority Caucus, got a Pass vote by the COW. Transferred to the House 2/25/2019. On 3/13, the bill was passed by the Ways & Means Committee. 3/18, the Bill was passed by the House Rules Committee. The Bill was passed by the House Majority Caucus and the House Minority Caucus on 3/19/2019. *This bill will go back to the Senate and on its way to the Governor.*

I hope that you will read it and check out the Bills yourself at [azleg.gov](http://azleg.gov) website. Thank you for your time.

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