

July State Legislation Update

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Introduction

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Key Updates on Issues

UAS (Drone) Related Bills:

AK SCR 4: Enacted, Sent to Governor 07.18.17

NC HB 337: Enacted, Signed by Governor 07.21.17

FOIA Related Bills:

MI HB 4427: Enacted, Sent to Governor 07.12.17

Independent Contractor:

NC HB 205: Vetoed by Governor 07.17.17

No July Updates for:

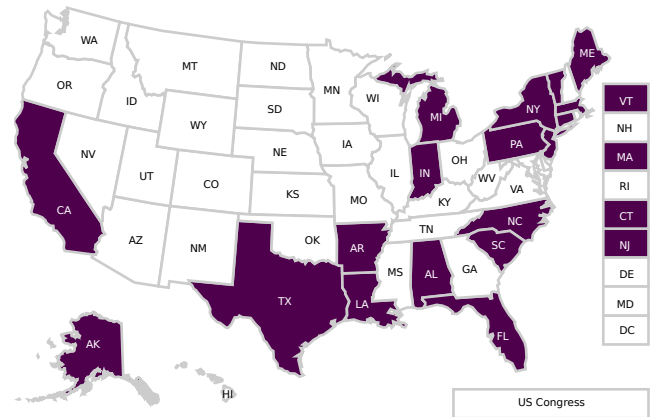
Public Notice

Anti-SLAPP

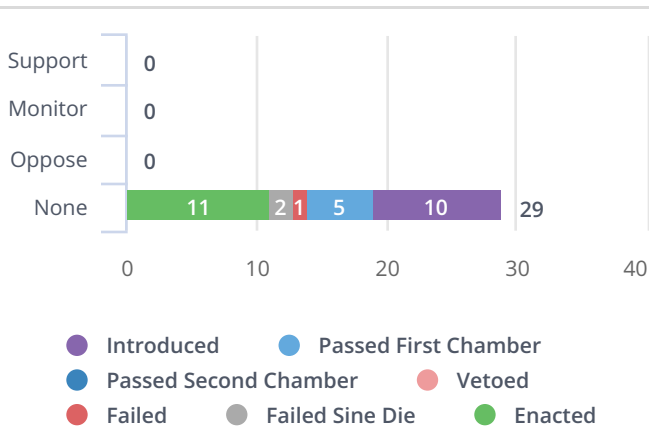
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Unclaimed Property/Escheatment

Bills by State



Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Watchlist

Public Notice (6)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
ME	LD 329 (HP 243)	On Motion By Senator Mason Of Androscoggin Tabled Until Later In Todays Session Pending Consideration 2017 04 13	Enacted	None	None	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px;">20.8%</div><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #FFA500; color: white; padding: 2px;">55.1%</div></div>
Title An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices			Introduction Date: 2017-01-31			
Primary Sponsors MARTIN of Sinclair						
NY	S 1237	Passed Senate 2017 06 07	In Assembly	None	None	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px;">46.9%</div><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px;">86.6%</div></div>
Title Authorizes state agencies to publish certain rule making notices by electronic means			Introduction Date: 2017-01-06			
Description Authorizes state agencies to publish and transmit certain rule making notices by electronic means; provides for the provision of the state register by electronic means; authorizes the legislative administrative regulations review commission to accept data transmitted by electronic means.						
Primary Sponsors David J. Valesky						
PA	SB 745	Referred To Local Government 2017 06 07	In Senate	None	None	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px;">41.3%</div><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px;">73.8%</div></div>
Title An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes,in legal advertising, further providing for additional publication in legal journals; providing for electronic publication of legal notices by local government units; and making an appropriation.			Introduction Date: 2017-06-07			
TX	HB 1530	Comm Report Sent To Local Consent Calendar 2017 05 05	Failed sine die	None	None	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px;">51.7%</div><div style="width: 40%; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px;">78.4%</div></div>
Title Relating to the publication of required notice by a political subdivision in media other than a newspaper.			Introduction Date: 2017-02-03			
Primary Sponsors Paul Daniel Workman						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
VT	H 483	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Government Operations 2017 02 24	In House	None	None	2.2% 74.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

An act relating to the publication of State, county, and municipal notices on electronic news media

Primary Sponsors

Mary S. Hooper

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
VT	S 97	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Government Operations 2017 02 24	In Senate	None	None	47.3% 61.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

An act relating to the publication of State, county, and municipal notice on electronic news media

Primary Sponsors

Anthony Pollina

Electronic Notification (0)

No bills to show.

Unclaimed Property/Escheatment (0)

No bills to show.

Small UAS (15)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
AK	SCR 4	S 1 57 Pm 7 18 17 Transmitted To Governor 2017 07 18	Enacted	None	None	94.8% 73.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-22

Relating to the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Primary Sponsors

Shelley Hughes

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
AL	HB 498	Read For The First Time And Referred To The House Of Representatives Committee On Judiciary 2017 04 11	Failed sine die	None	None	14.4% 85.4%

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-04-11

Unmanned aircraft systems or drones, use of prohibited under certain conditions, criminal penalties, injunctive relief, use by governmental agencies authorized under certain conditions, rulemaking authority, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act, Secs. 13A-6-24, 13A-6-90.1, 13A-7-22, 13A-10-2, 13A-10-38, 13A-11-32, 23-1-388 am'd.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Sells

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
CA	SB 347	June 27 Set For First Hearing Canceled At The Request Of Author 2017 06 27	In Assembly	None	None	4.6% 82.9%

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-02-14

State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.

Primary Sponsors

Hannah-Beth Jackson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
CT	HB 7260	No Action Ps 2017 05 01	Failed sine die	None	None	7.4% 63.3%

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-03-09

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE AND REGULATION OF DRONES.

Description

To regulate the use of drones.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Judiciary

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
CT	SB 975	Signed By The Governor 2017 06 13	Enacted	None	None	89.8% 79.7%

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-03-03

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

Description

To prohibit municipalities from regulating unmanned aircraft.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Planning and Development

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
FL	HB 1027	Chapter No 2017 150 2017 06 26	Enacted	None	None	95.5% 89.4%

Title
Unmanned Devices

Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

Description

Authorizing operation of personal delivery devices within a county or municipality under certain circumstances; exempting personal delivery devices from certain registration and insurance requirements; creating the "Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act," etc.

Primary Sponsors

Clay Yarborough, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
FL	SB 832	Laid On Table Companion Bill S Passed See Cs Hb 1027 Ch 2017 150 Sj 729 2017 05 03	Failed sine die	None	None	94.9% 73.6%

Title
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Introduction Date: 2017-02-09

Description

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Primary Sponsors

Dana Duden Young, Senate Committee on Rules, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
LA	SB 69	Effective Date 6 14 2017 2017 06 14	Enacted	None	None	5.5% 81.1%

Title
AIRCRAFT/AVIATION: Provides for the exclusive regulation of drones by the state. (gov sig)

Introduction Date: 2017-03-28

Primary Sponsors

Troy Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
MA	H 3581	Hearing Rescheduled To 06 05 2017 From 01 00 Pm 05 00 Pm In Gardner Auditorium 2017 06 05	In House	None	None	3.7% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

An Act to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles

Description

By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3581) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. The Judiciary.

Primary Sponsors

Colleen M. Garry

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
MA	S 1349	Hearing Scheduled For 05 31 2017 From 10 00 Am 12 00 Pm In B 1 2017 05 22	In Senate	None	None	6.4% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

An Act to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles

Description

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1349) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Richard J. Ross, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Primary Sponsors

Patrick M. O'Connor

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
NC	HB 337	Signed By Gov 7 21 2017 2017 07 21	Enacted	None	None	4.5% 83.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-14

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law Revisions.

Primary Sponsors

John Alan Torbett

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
NJ	S 3370	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Law And Public Safety Committee 2017 06 26	In Senate	None	None	2.3% 73.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-06-26

Regulates and prohibits certain operation of drones.

Primary Sponsors

James Whelan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
TX	HB 1424	Signed By The Governor 2017 06 15	Enacted	None	None	54.0% 79.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-01
 Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities or sports venues; creating a criminal offense.

Primary Sponsors
 James Richard Murphy, Paul Daniel Workman, Brian Birdwell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
TX	HB 1643	Signed By The Governor 2017 06 15	Enacted	None	None	54.4% 85.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-07
 Relating to the regulation of the operation of an unmanned aircraft and the prosecution of a related criminal offense.

Primary Sponsors
 Drew Springer, Patrick Fallon, Ron Simmons, Greg Bonnen, Kelton Gray Seliger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
TX	SB 838	Committee Report Sent To Calendars 2017 05 19	Failed sine die	None	None	95.5% 87.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-13
 Relating to certain images captured by an unmanned aircraft.

Primary Sponsors
 Judith Pappas Zaffirini, James Richard Murphy

Anti-SLAPP (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
CT	SB 981	Signed By The Governor 2017 06 30	Enacted	None	None	89.8% 70.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-07
 AN ACT CONCERNING STRATEGIC LITIGATION AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND A SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS.

Description
 To establish a special motion to dismiss in civil proceedings involving a strategic lawsuit against public participation.

Primary Sponsors
 Joint Committee on Judiciary

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
IN	HB 1021	First Reading Referred To Committee On Judiciary 2017 01 04	In House	None	None	6.0% 72.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-04
Retaliatory lawsuits against zoning remonstrators.

Description
Retaliatory lawsuits against zoning remonstrators. Specifies, for purposes of Indiana's anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) statute, that an "act in furtherance of a person's right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Indiana in connection with a public issue" includes conduct by remonstrators who express an opinion relating to planning, zoning, land use, eminent domain, and similar matters, even if the eventual determination of the matter affects only private interests.

Primary Sponsors
Cherrish S. Pryor

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
NJ	A 603	Received In The Senate Referred To Senate Judiciary Committee 2017 05 01	In Senate	None	None	95.2% 71.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2016-01-27
Authorizes application for dismissal of a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation " ("SLAPP").

Primary Sponsors
Joseph A. Lagana, Troy E. Singleton, Paul D. Moriarty

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
NJ	S 3340	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Judiciary Committee 2017 06 22	In Senate	None	None	4.4% 75.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-06-22
Authorizes application for dismissal of a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation " ("SLAPP").

Primary Sponsors
Paul A. Sarlo

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
PA	SB 95	Referred To Judiciary 2017 04 26	In House	None	None	95.0% 77.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-21
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for immunity for constitutionally protected communications.

No bills to show.

FOIA (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
AR	HB 1866	Died In House At Sine Die 2017 05 01	Failed	None	None	15.6% 72.5%

Title

To Exempt Certain Information Pertaining To A Law Enforcement Officer From The Freedom Of Information Act Of 1967; And Concerning Public Record Websites.

Introduction Date: 2017-03-02

Primary Sponsors

Robin Lundstrum

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
MI	HB 4427	Approved By The Governor 7 12 2017 10 49 Am 2017 08 16	Enacted	None	None	16.5% 87.0%

Title

Law enforcement; other; release of recording taken by law enforcement officers with a body-worn camera; prohibit in certain circumstances. Creates new act.

Introduction Date: 2017-03-28

Primary Sponsors

Jim Runestad

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
SC	H 3352	Act No 67 2017 05 31	Enacted	None	None	75.2% 62.2%

Title

Office of Freedom of Information Act Review

Introduction Date: 2016-12-15

Description

An Act To Amend Section 30-4-30, Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, Relating To Rights To Inspect Public Records Under The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Include Electronic Transmissions Among The Record Formats Available For Inspection, To Provide Certain Limitations Applicable To Prisoners, To Provide Public Bodies Are Not Required To Create Electronic Versions Of Public Records To Fulfill Records Requests, To Revise Requirements Concerning Records Request Fulfilment Fees, To Permit Public Bodies To Charge Certain Deposits Before Searching And Copying Public Records In Response To Records Requests, And To Revise The Time Limits And Manner For Responding To Records Requests And Complying With The Provisions Of The Act; To Amend Section 30-4-40, As Amended, Relating To Matters Exempt From Disclosure In The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Revise Provisions Concerning Law Enforcement Records; To Amend Section 30-4-50, Relating To Categories Of Matters Declared To Be Public Information In The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Include Law Enforcement Vehicle-Mounted Videos And Audio Recordings Of Certain Incidents Involving Law Enforcement Officers, To Provide Procedures Through Which Enforcement May Seek Exemption Of Disclosure Of The Recordings From The Circuit Court If There Is Clear And Convincing Evidence Of Specific Harm From The Release Of The Recordings, And To Provide Requirements For Related Court Orders; To Amend Section 30-4-100, Relating To Equitable Remedies Available Under The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Include Time Constraints Within Which Determinative Hearings On The Requests For Relief Must Be Made; To Amend Section 30-4-110, Relating To Penalties For Violations Of The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Remove Criminal Penalties, And To Provide Rights And Remedies Of Public Bodies From Whom Requests Are Made And Persons With Specific Interests In Exempt Information For Which Disclosure Is Sought, Among Other Things; And To Amend Section 30-2-50, Relating To The Prohibition On Obtaining Personal Information From A State Agency For Commercial Solicitation, So As To Extend The Prohibition To Information Obtained From Local Governments And Political Subdivisions Of The State. - Ratified Title

Primary Sponsors

William Weston J. Newton

Ad Tax (0)

No bills to show.

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