

May State Legislation Update

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Introduction

LawView is a tool that will track state legislation on a regular and as-needed basis. These monthly reports cover issues critical to the news media industry, including state legislative developments so that our members can engage and effect policy decisions at a local level. Since LawView is an interactive tool shaped and managed internally, we can add issues to cover, pull reports on a specific piece of legislation upon request, and are certainly open to suggestions for how we will shape this tool for you moving forward. It is intended to provide members value and we seek feedback to best shape it to your needs.

Key Updates on Issues

FOIA Related Bills:

SC H 3352: Enacted. Signed by Governor May 19, 2017
AR HB 1866: Failed. Died in House at Sine Die, May 1, 2017

Anti-SLAPP Related Bills:

NJ A 603: Passed Assembly (69-3-1). Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, May 1, 2017

UAS Related Bills:

TX HB 1643: Sent to Governor, May 30, 2017. Passed Senate, May 24, 2017.
TX HB 1424: Sent to Governor, May 30, 2017. Passed Senate, May 23, 2017.
LA SB 69: Scheduled for Senate floor debate on June 1, 2017.

Public Notice Related Bills:

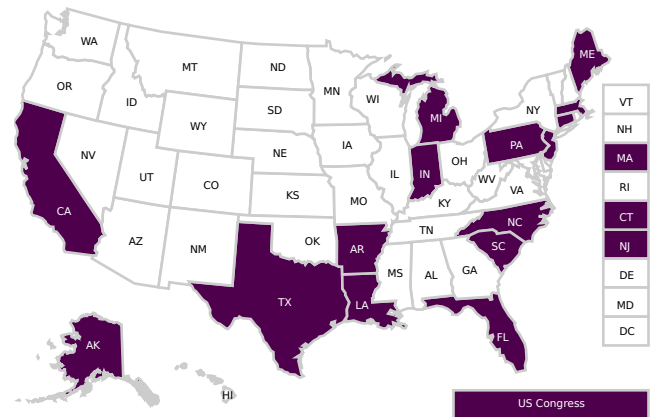
ME LD 329: Senate overrides Governor's veto 32-0, April 13, 2017

No May Updates:

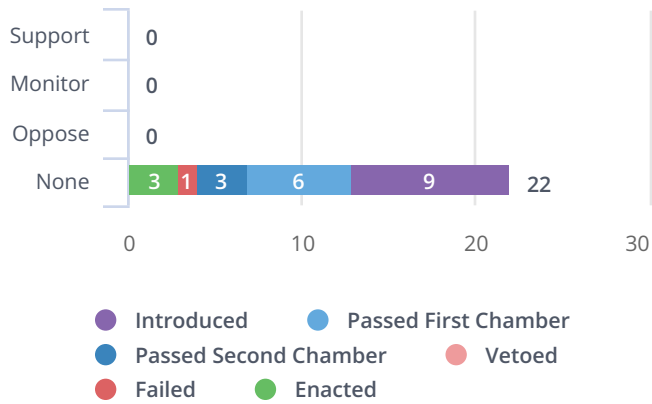
TCPA

Unclaimed Property/Escheatment

Bills by State



Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Watchlist

Public Notice (2)

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	8.8% 62.0%
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						
TX	HB 1530	Comm Report Sent To Local Consent Calendar 2017 05 05	In Lower	None	None	4.4% 85.5%
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						

Unclaimed Property/Escheatment (0)

No bills to show.

Small UAS (12)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
AK	SCR 4	S Manifest Error S See Full Text Above 2017 04 19	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
CA	SB 347	Read Second Time Ordered To Third Reading 2017 05 26	In Upper	None	None	7.3% 76.4%

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	In Lower	None	None	12.1% 74.2%

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	House Calendar Number 604 2017 05 26	In Lower	None	None	89.8% 74.8%

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	Message Sent To Senate 2017 05 05	Passed Upper	None	None	95.1% 81.5%

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 Refer To Cs Hb 1027 Sj 729 2017 05 03	In Upper	None	None	95.6% 73.6%

Title
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Introduction Date: 2017-02-09

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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	Scheduled For Floor Debate On 06 01 17 2017 05 26	In Upper	None	None	5.6% 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	S 1349	Hearing Scheduled For 05 31 2017 From 10 00 Am 12 00 Pm In B 1 2017 05 22	In Upper	None	None	3.1% 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	Reptd Fav Com Substitute 2017 05 24	In Upper	None	None	95.1% 84.1%

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
TX	HB 1424	Signed In The Senate 2017 05 30	Passed Upper	None	None	95.0% 84.3%

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 In The Senate 2017 05 30	Passed Upper	None	None	95.0% 91.5%

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	In Lower	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 (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
CT	SB 981	File Number 675 Lco 2017 04 20	In Upper	None	None	17.6% 69.5%

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 Lower	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 Upper	None	None	4.2% 80.0%
Title			Introduction Date: 2016-01-27			
Aurhorizes 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
PA	SB 95	Referred To Judiciary 2017 04 26	In Lower	None	None	95.4% 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.						

TCPA (0)

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	95.3% 83.1%
Title			Introduction Date: 2017-03-02			
To Exempt Certain Information Pertaining To A Law Enforcement Officer From The Freedom Of Information Act Of 1967; And Concerning Public Record Websites.						
Primary Sponsors						
Robin Lundstrum						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
MI	HB 4427	Referred To Committee On Judiciary 2017 05 24	In Upper	None	None	68.5% 76.2%
Title			Introduction Date: 2017-03-28			
Law enforcement; other; release of recording taken by law enforcement officers with a body-worn camera; prohibit in certain circumstances. Creates new act.						
Primary Sponsors						
Jim Runestad						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast	
SC	H 3352	Effective Date 5 19 17 2017 05 26	Enacted	None	None	94.8%	74.4%

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

Federal Bills (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Forecast
US	S 760	Committee On Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Ordered To Be Reported Without Amendment Favorably Markup Report Cq 2017 05 17	In Upper	None	None	29.1% 69.7%

Title
OPEN Government Data Act

Introduction Date: 2017-03-29

Primary Sponsors
Brian Emanuel Schatz

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