

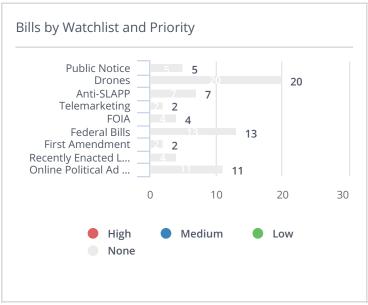
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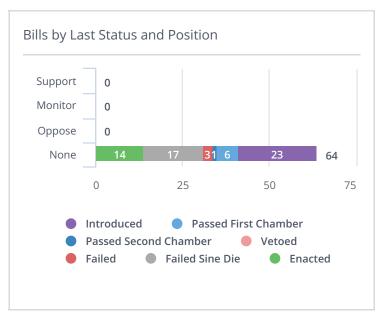
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State Bill Number LD 329 (HP 243) ME

Last Action

Status **Enacted** Position None Priority None

Taken From The Table By The President Ld 329 In Senate April 13 2017 This Bill Having Been Returned By The Governor Together With Objections To The Same Pursuant To The Provisions Of The Constitution Of The State Of Maine After Reconsideration The Senate Proceeded To Vote On The Question Shall This Bill Become A Law Notwithstanding The Objections Of The Governor 32 In Favor And 0

Against Accordingly It Was The Vote Of The

Senate That The Bill Become Law And The

Veto Was Overridden 2017 04 13

Introduction Date: 2017-01-31

An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices

Primary Sponsors Roland Daniel Martin

Title

NY

State Bill Number

S 1237

Last Action

Status

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Referred To Governmental Operations 2018 03

Introduction Date: 2017-01-06 Title

Authorizes state agencies to publish certain rule making notices by electronic means

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

State Bill Number

SB 745

Last Action

Referred To Local Government 2017 06 07

Status In Senate

Position None Priority None

Title

PA

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

State VT

Bill Number

Last Action

Status

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

H 483

Read First Time And Referred To The

Committee On Government Operations 2017

02 24

Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

Title

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

Primary Sponsors

Mary S. Hooper

Last Action

Status

Position

Priority

State VT

Bill Number S 97

Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On

Government Operations 2017 02 24

Failed sine die

None

None

Title

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

Primary Sponsors

Anthony Pollina

Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

Drones (20)

State CA

Bill Number SB 347

Last Action

June 19 Set For Second Hearing Canceled At

The Request Of Author 2018 06 19

Status In Assembly

Position None Priority None

Title

State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.

Primary Sponsors

Hannah-Beth Jackson

Introduction Date: 2017-02-14

FL

Indefinitely Postponed And Withdrawn From

Failed

Position None Priority None

HB 471

Consideration 2018 03 10

Title Introduction Date: 2017-10-27

Unmanned Aircraft

Description

Prohibits operating drone over certain facilities; authorizes use of drone in certain circumstances to facilitate collection of evidence at scene of crime or traffic crash; authorizes use of drone by local or state agency for specified purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Clay Yarborough, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

State FL

Bill Number SB 624

Last Action

Indefinitely Postponed And Withdrawn From

Consideration 2018 03 10

Status Failed Position

None

Priority None

Title Drones Introduction Date: 2017-10-24

Description

Redefining the term "critical infrastructure facility"; authorizing the use of a drone if a law enforcement agency possesses reasonable suspicion that, under particular circumstances, swift action is needed to facilitate the collection of evidence at a crime scene or traffic crash scene; authorizing the use of a drone by a local or state agency when used in the assessment of damage, flood state, wildfire, or land management, or the monitoring and collection of scientific or marketing data, etc.

Primary Sponsors

Dana Duden Young, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

State Bill Number

01 22

Priority

ΗΙ HB 1792 Referred To Trn Cpc Jud Referral Sheet 4 2018

Failed sine die

None

None

Title

Introduction Date: 2018-01-16

Relating To Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Description

Establishes a new chapter to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Requires the director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules as necessary. Establishes prohibited uses of unmanned aerial vehicles and penalties, and authorizes civil action for violations. Makes certain uses of an unmanned aerial vehicle a misdemeanor. Clarifies that under certain circumstances, the used of an unmanned aerial vehicle may constitute an invasion of privacy.

State Bill Number Last Action

Re Referred To Cph Jdc Wam 2018 01 17

Status

Introduction Date: 2017-01-20

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

HI

Relating To Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

SB 454

Description

Establishes a new chapter to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Requires the director of DCCA to adopt rules regarding unmanned aerial vehicles. Establishes prohibited uses of unmanned aerial vehicles and penalties, and authorizes civil action for violations. Makes certain uses of an unmanned aerial vehicle a misdemeanor. Clarifies that, under certain circumstances, first and second degree invasion of privacy may be committed using an unmanned aerial vehicle.

State **HI** Bill Number SB 710

Last Action

Re Referred To Psm Cph Jdc 2018 01 17

Status

Failed sine die

Position None

Priority
None

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-01-20

Title

Relating To Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Description

Establishes restrictions on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Amends the offenses of violation of privacy in the first and second degrees to specifically address the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in the commission of these offenses.

Primary Sponsors

Laura H. Thielen, William C. Espero, Michelle N. Kidani

Status In House

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook
3.7% 0.0%

State MA

Title

Bill Number

Last Action

Hearing Rescheduled To 06 05 2017 From 01

00 Pm 05 00 Pm In Gardner Auditorium 2017

06 05

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

Rill Number

S 1349

Colleen M. Garry

Last Action

Bill Reported Favorably By Committee And

Referred To The Committee On Senate Ways

And Means 2018 02 26

Status

In Senate

Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

Position

None

Priority

None

FN Outlook 7.4% 0.09

Title

State

MA

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 MI

Bill Number HB 5495

Last Action 2018 04 10

Referred To Committee On Transportation

Position None Priority None

Title

Introduction Date: 2018-01-30

Status

In Senate

Crimes; other; prohibition on using an unmanned aircraft in a manner that interferes with the operations of a key facility; provide for. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 45a.

Primary Sponsors

Roger Hauck

State Bill Number

SB 715

Last Action

Referred To Committee On Communications In House

And Technology 2018 05 10

Status

Position None Priority None

Title

MI

Aeronautics; unmanned aerial systems; local ordinances; allow Mackinac Island to regulate unmanned aerial systems. Amends sec. 5 of 2016 PA 436 (MCL 259.305).

Primary Sponsors

Wayne A. Schmidt

State Bill Number MS HB 1220

Last Action

Died In Committee 2018 01 30

Status Failed

Introduction Date: 2017-12-12

None

Priority None

Title

Unmanned aircrafts; prohibit counties and municipalities from regulating for certain purposes.

Description

An Act To Prohibit The Governing Authorities Of Counties And Municipalities From Restricting And Regulating The Use Of Unmanned Aircraft Systems; To Provide Certain Definitions; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Brad Touchstone

Introduction Date: 2018-01-15

NH HB 1759 Inexpedient To Legislate Ma Vv 03 22 2018 Hj 10 P 18 2018 03 22

Failed

None

None

Title

regulating the use of drones.

Primary Sponsors

Neal M. Kurk

Introduction Date: 2017-11-20

State NJ

Bill Number A 1765

Last Action

Introduced Referred To Assembly Homeland Security And State Preparedness Committee

2018 01 09

In Assembly

Status

Position None Priority None

Title

Regulates and prohibits certain operation of drones.

Primary Sponsors

Annette Quijano, Jon M. Bramnick, Vincent Mazzeo, Raj Mukherji,

Daniel R. Benson

Introduction Date: 2018-01-09

State

Bill Number S 1741

Last Action

Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Law And Public Safety Committee 2018 02 05

In Senate

Status

Position None Priority None

Title

NJ

Requires certain retailers to provide notice of FAA safety guidelines for flying drones to consumers.

Primary Sponsors

Richard James Codey

Introduction Date: 2018-02-05

State NY

Bill Number A 10625

Referred To Transportation 2018 05 09

Introduction Date: 2018-05-09

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

Relates to regulating the use of unmanned aircraft in the state

Description

Regulates the use of unmanned aircrafts in the state; defines terms; authorizes permitted uses of unmanned aircrafts; restricts use of unmanned aircrafts; makes related provisions.

Primary Sponsors

William B. Magnarelli

Bill Number

A 10939 NY

Last Action

Referred To Codes 2018 05 29

Status

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

State

Relates to conducting unlawful surveillance by use of a drone

Description

Relates to conducting unlawful surveillance by use of a drone.

Primary Sponsors

Christopher W. Tague

Introduction Date: 2018-05-29

State Bill Number Last Action Status Position Priority
NY S 8936 Referred To Rules 2018 06 06 Failed sine die None None

Title

Relates to regulating the use of unmanned aircraft in the state

Description

Regulates the use of unmanned aircrafts in the state; defines terms; authorizes permitted uses of unmanned aircrafts; restricts use of unmanned aircrafts; makes related provisions.

Primary Sponsors

David J. Valesky

Introduction Date: 2018-06-06

State Bill Number PA HB 1346

Last Action
Re Reported As Committed 2018 06 18

Status
In Senate

Position None Priority None FN Outlook
6.8% 77.1%

Title

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft.

2018 07 18

Primary Sponsors

Jeffrey Paul Pyle

Introduction Date: 2017-06-28

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State Bill Number US HR 6401

Referred To The Subcommittee On Aviation

riation In House

None

Priority None FN Outlook

Title

Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018

Primary SponsorsMichael T. McCaul

Introduction Date: 2018-07-17

State VA

Bill Number

Last Action

Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap

Status **Enacted** Position None Priority

None

SB 307

0617 2018 03 30

Title

Unmanned aircraft systems; work group to explore issues related system activities.

Description

Department of Aviation; unmanned aircraft systems. Directs the Department of Aviation to convene a work group with stakeholders to explore issues related to unmanned aircraft system activities in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and other responsible federal agencies. The bill defines "unmanned aircraft" and "unmanned aircraft system" for application to Title 5.1 (Aviation), but such definitions shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2019 Session of the General Assembly.

Primary Sponsors

John A. Cosgrove Jr.

Introduction Date: 2018-01-08

Anti-SLAPP (7)

Bill Number

Position

Priority

H 2263

Accompanied A Study Order See H 4721 2018

Introduced Referred To Assembly Judiciary

07 10

None

None

Title

MA

An Act relative to strengthen the Commonwealth's Anti-SLAPP law

Description

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2263) of Mark J. Cusack and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to ensure full participation by citizens and organizations in discussion of issues regarding the right to the freedom of petition, the freedom of speech, the freedom of expression or any matter of public concern. The Judiciary.

Primary Sponsors

Mark James Cusack

Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

In House

State Bill Number

A 2077

Status

In Assembly

Position None Priority None

Title

NJ

Authorizes application for dismissal of a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation " ("SLAPP").

Committee 2018 01 09

Primary Sponsors

Joseph A. Lagana, Paul D. Moriarty

Introduction Date: 2018-01-09

State NJ

Bill Number S 2616

Last Action

Status Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate In Senate Position None Priority None

Judiciary Committee 2018 05 31

Title

Introduction Date: 2018-05-31

Authorizes application for dismissal of a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation " ("SLAPP").

Primary Sponsors Joseph A. Lagana

Bill Number State

S 3417

Last Action

Referred To Judiciary 2018 01 03

Status

Failed sine die

Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

Position None Priority None

Title

NY

Creates the anti-SLAPP act

Description

Creates the anti-SLAPP act.

Primary Sponsors

Kevin S. Parker

State

Bill Number SB 206

Refer To Committee Government Oversight

And Reform 2017 10 18

Status

In Senate

Introduction Date: 2017-10-03

Position

None

Priority None

Title

ОН

Protect persons engaging in certain communications

Primary Sponsors Matt Huffman

State Bill Number

PA SB 95

Referred To Judiciary 2017 04 26

Status

In House

Position None Priority None

Title

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.

Introduction Date: 2017-03-21

State **SC** Bill Number H 4897

Last Action

Referred To Committee On Judiciary House

Status

Introduction Date: 2018-02-08

Failed sine die

Position None

Priority
None

Journal Page 31 2018 02 08

TitleCitizens Participation in Government Act

Description

A Bill To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Article 3 To Chapter 36, Title 15 So As To Enact The "Citizens Participation In Government Act Of 2018" And To Provide That Acts In Furtherance Of The Constitutional Right To Free Speech, Right To Petition, Or Right Of Association Are Immune From Civil Liability Except When The Acts Are Not Aimed At Procuring A Governmental Or Electoral Action, Result, Or Outcome, To Provide Expedited Procedures For Hearing Motions In Actions Brought In Opposition To A Citizen'S Right To Petition The Government, To Create A Toll-Free Hotline In The Office Of The Attorney General For Use By The Public In Reporting Violations Of This Act, To Provide Remedies For Violations, Including Attorney'S Fees And Costs To The Prevailing Party; And To Designate Sections 15-36-10 Through 15-36-100 As Article 1, Chapter 36, Title 15 Entitled "South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act" And To Redesignate Article 36 As "Sanctions".

Primary Sponsors

James Emerson Smith Jr.

Telemarketing (2)

State Bill Number

Last Action

Stati

Position

Priority

KY HB 63

To Small Business Information Technology H 2018 01 02

Failed sine die

None

None

Title

AN ACT relating to telephone solicitation.

Description

Amend KRS 367.46955 to prohibit knowingly using a caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent of defrauding or causing to another person or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

Primary Sponsors

Kimberly King, Myron B. Dossett, C. Wesley Morgan

Introduction Date: 2018-01-02

 State
 Bill Number
 Last Action
 Status
 Position
 Priority

 SC
 H 4628
 Act No 218 2018 05 31
 Enacted
 None
 None

Title Introduction Date: 2018-01-16

Telephone Privacy Protection Act

Description

An Act To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Chapter 21 To Title 37 So As To Enact The "South Carolina Telephone Privacy Protection Act"; To Define Relevant Terms; To Prohibit Telephone Solicitors From Initiating Or Causing To Be Initiated A Telephone Solicitation During Certain Hours Of The Day And To Provide Exceptions; To Require Telephone Solicitors To Disclose Certain Information At The Outset Of A Telephone Solicitation, Including The Consumer'S Right To Be Added To The Telephone Solicitor'S In-House "Do Not Call List" Upon Request; To Prohibit A Person, With Fraudulent Or Other Specified Intent, From Making Or Initiating A Telephone Call Or Text Message Or Engaging In Conduct That Results In The Display Of Misleading, False, Or Inaccurate Caller Identification Information; To Require Telephone Solicitors To Play Certain Prerecorded Identifications And Opt-Out Messages Under Certain Circumstances; To Prohibit A Person From Initiating Or Causing To Be Initiated A Telephone Solicitation Directed To A Telephone Number When A Person At That Telephone Number Previously Stated A Desire Not To Be Contacted, And To Prohibit Telephone Solicitors From Initiating Or Causing To Be Initiated A Telephone Solicitation To A Telephone Number On The National Do Not Call Registry; To Provide Remedies For Violations: To Authorize The Administrator Of The Department Of Consumer Affairs To Issue Administrative Orders Requiring A Person To Cease And Desist, Or Return Property Or Money Received In Violation Of This Act, To Impose Penalties, And To Authorize The Attorney General To Investigate And Enforce Alleged Violations Of This Act; To Provide That Nothing In This Act May Be Construed To Limit Other Remedies Available Under Federal Or State Law; And To Delete Section 16-17-445. - Ratified Title

Primary Sponsors

Richard Ansel Martin Jr.

FOIA (4)

State Bill Number Last Action Status Position Priority
CT HB 5261 Public Hearing 03 05 2018 02 28 Failed sine die None None

Introduction Date: 2018-02-27

Title

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Description

To clarify that agencies may charge a fee for electronic copies and to allow municipalities to charge a higher fee for requests for a public record for commercial purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections

State MI Bill Number HB 4427

Last Action

Assigned Pa 8517 With Immediate Effect 2017

Status **Enacted**

Position None

Priority
None

08 16

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 **NY**

Bill Number
A 2750

Last Action

Approval Memo 33 2017 12 13

Status **Enacted** Position None

Priority
None

Title

Relates to freedom of information requests and attorney's fees

Description

Establishes that in a FOIL proceeding, the court shall assess against an agency reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs incurred when a person substantially prevails unless the court finds otherwise.

Primary Sponsors

Amy R. Paulin

Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

 State
 Bill Number
 Last Action
 Status
 Position
 Priority

 SC
 H 3352
 Act No 67 2017 05 31
 Enacted
 None
 None

Title Introduction Date: 2016-12-15

0.55

Office of Freedom of Information Act Review

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 (13)

Bill Number HR 4

Last Action

2018 07 17

S Amdt 3396 Senate Amendment Submitted

Status In Senate Position None Priority None

Title

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors William Franklin Shuster Introduction Date: 2018-04-13

Bill Number HR 2997

Last Action

Placed On The Union Calendar Calendar No 213 2017 09 06 Status
In House

Introduction Date: 2017-06-22

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook 61.9% 48.5%

Title21st Century AIRR Act

Description

21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act or the 21st Century AIRR Act This bill reauthorizes and modifies Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs. It also establishes the American Air Navigation Services Corporation as a federally chartered, not-for-profit corporation to assume operational control of FAA air traffic services on October 1, 2020. The bill revises requirements for the pilot program for passenger facility charges at nonhub airports and the airport improvement program. The bill extends the authorization for airport development at Midway Island Airport. The Department of Transportation (DOT): shall carry out an environmental mitigation pilot grant program for sponsors of public-use airports; and may make grants to such sponsors for environmental mitigation projects to reduce or mitigate aviation impacts on noise, air quality, or water quality at the airport or within five miles of the airport. DOT shall establish a Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee. The FAA must establish: the FAA Task Force on Flight Standards Reform, a Regulatory Consistency Communications Board, a safety workforce training strategy, and minimum dimensions for passenger seats on aircraft operated by air carriers. The FAA must also issue an order requiring the installation of a secondary cockpit barrier on aircraft manufactured for delivery to a passenger air carrier in the United States. DOT shall take appropriate actions to promote U.S. aerospace standards, products, and services abroad. DOT shall modify regulations regarding flight duty limitations and rest requirements to ensure that: (1) a flight attendant scheduled for a duty period of 14 hours or less is given a scheduled rest period of at least 10 consecutive hours, and (2) the rest period is not reduced under any circumstances. The bill prescribes certain requirements for improving passenger air service. The bill also reauthorizes the essential air service program and the small community air service development program. DOT shall: develop a comprehensive plan to accelerate the integration of civil unmanned aircraft systems (drones) into the national airspace system, establish a regional air transportation pilot program to provide operating assistance and grants to provide and maintain air service to communities not receiving sufficient air service, require each air carrier to submit for approval a one-page document that accurately describes the rights of passengers in air transportation, require large ticket agents to adopt minimum customer service standards, and establish a remote air traffic control tower pilot program for rural or small communities. Each air carrier must submit to the FAA an Employee Assault Prevention and Response Pla... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

William Franklin Shuster

Bill Number HR 3228

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Last Action

Referred To The House Committee On

Oversight And Government Reform 2017 07 13

Status
In House

Introduction Date: 2017-07-13

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook 53.5% 39.1%

Title

Free Press Act of 2017

Description

Free Press Act of 2017 This bill requires the President to provide for video recorded press briefings covering the official business of the President to the White House press corps at least two times per week.

Primary Sponsors

James A. Himes

Bill Number

HR 4382

Last Action

Referred To The Subcommittee On Crime

Terrorism Homeland Security And

Investigations 2017 12 13

Status

In House

None

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Priority **None** FN Outlook

Title

US

Free Flow of Information Act of 2017

Primary Sponsors

Jamin B. Raskin

Introduction Date: 2017-11-14

Bill Number HR 5573

Last Action

Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2018 04 18 Status
In House

Introduction Date: 2018-04-18

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook 21.8% 55.9%

Title

ROBOCOP Act

Description

Repeated Objectionable Bothering of Consumers on Phones Act or the ROBOCOP Act This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to: (1) require providers of text messaging or voice services, for no additional charge, to enable technology that verifies the accuracy of caller ID information; (2) require providers to offer subscribers optional free robocall-technology blocking technology; and (3) provide an exemption process for subscribers originating a call if there is a need to provide misleading or inaccurate information (such as a call to conduct an activity of a domestic violence shelter or medical practice). The bill allows private actions to enjoin or recover damages for violations of the FCC's caller identification technology standards. States may bring civil actions for a pattern or practice of a failure to provide such technology or options. The bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to make it unlawful for persons within or outside the United States, with the intent to cause harm, to intentionally interfere with call-blocking technology. The FCC must report on whether the requirements of this bill have reduced unwanted calls to consumers.

Primary Sponsors

Karen Lorraine Jacqueline Speier

Bill Number

HR 6437

Status In House

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook

Title

State

US

Secure America from Russian Interference Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Steny Hamilton Hoyer

Introduction Date: 2018-07-19

State **US**

S 564

I act Action

Introduced In Senate 2017 03 08

Introduced In House 2018 07 19

In Senate

Position None

Priority None FN Outlook

Title

HANGUP Act

Description

Help Americans Never Get Unwanted Phone Calls Act of 2017 or the HANGUP Act This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to repeal provisions that authorize the use of automated telephone equipment (robocall or robotext equipment) to call cellular telephones or residential telephone lines for the purpose of collecting debts owed to the U.S. government.

Primary Sponsors

Edward John Markey

Introduction Date: 2017-03-08

State Bill Number

S 760

Number Last Action

Placed On Senate Legislative Calendar Under

General Orders Calendar No 180 2017 07 24

Status
In Senate

Introduction Date: 2017-03-29

Position None Priority
None

FN Outlook 95.4% 52.9%

Title

US

Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act

Description

Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act or the OPEN Government Data Act (Sec. 4) This bill requires open government data assets made available by federal agencies (excluding the Government Accountability Office [GAO] and certain other government entities) to be published as machine-readable data. When not otherwise prohibited by law, and to the extent practicable, public data assets and nonpublic data assets maintained by the federal government must be available: (1) in an open format that does not impede use or reuse and that has standards maintained by a standards organization; and (2) under open licenses with a legal guarantee that the data be available at no cost to the public with no restrictions on copying, publishing, distributing, transmitting, citing, or adapting. If published government data assets are not available under an open license, the data must be considered part of the worldwide public domain. Agencies may engage with outside organizations and citizens to leverage public data assets for innovation in public and private sectors. Agencies must: (1) make their enterprise data inventories available to the public on Data.gov, and (2) designate a point of contact to assist the public and respond to complaints about adherence to open data requirements. For privacy, security, confidentiality, or regulatory reasons, agencies may maintain a nonpublic portion of their inventories. The General Services Administration must maintain a single public interface online as a point of entry dedicated to sharing open government data with the public. (Sec. 5) The Chief Operating Officer of each agency shall submit to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a report assessing the coverage, quality, methods, effectiveness, and independence of the evaluation, research, and analysis efforts of the agency. The GAO shall submit to Congress a report that summarizes agency findings and highlights trends from the reports submitted and, if appropriate, recommends actions to further improve agency capacity to use evaluation techniques and data to support evaluation efforts. (Sec. 6) The OMB must develop and maintain an online repository of tools, best practices, and schema standards to facilitate the adoption of open data practices.

Primary Sponsors

Brian Emanuel Schatz

State Bill Number US \$ 1989

Committee On The Judiciary Subcommittee On Crime And Terrorism Hearings Held 2018 06 26

In Senate

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook 95.4% 57.0%

Title

Honest Ads Act

Primary Sponsors Amy Klobuchar Introduction Date: 2017-10-19

Bill Number S 2705

Last Action

Status

In Senate

Introduction Date: 2018-04-18

Position None Priority None

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation

2018 04 18

Title **ROBOCOP Act**

Description

Repeated Objectionable Bothering of Consumers on Phones Act or the ROBOCOP Act This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to: (1) require providers of text messaging or voice services, for no additional charge, to enable technology that verifies the accuracy of caller ID information; (2) require providers to offer subscribers optional free robocall-technology blocking technology; and (3) provide an exemption process for subscribers originating a call if there is a need to provide misleading or inaccurate information (such as a call to conduct an activity of a domestic violence shelter or medical practice). The bill allows private actions to enjoin or recover damages for violations of the FCC's caller identification technology standards. States may bring civil actions for a pattern or practice of a failure to provide such technology or options. The bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to make it unlawful for persons within or outside the United States, with the intent to cause harm, to intentionally interfere with call-blocking technology. The FCC must report on whether the requirements of this bill have reduced unwanted calls to consumers.

Primary Sponsors

Richard Blumenthal

State Bill Number US S 2836

Committee On Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Ordered To Be Reported

With An Amendment In The Nature Of A

Substitute Favorably 2018 06 13

Status

In Senate

Position None Priority None

Introduction Date: 2018-05-14

Title

Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018

S 3127

Primary Sponsors

Ronald Harold Johnson

Bill Number State

Introduced In Senate 2018 06 25

Status In Senate Position None Priority None

Title

US

Bot Disclosure and Accountability Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Dianne Feinstein

Introduction Date: 2018-06-25

Bill Number

Last Action

On Commerce Science And Transportation

2018 06 27

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee

In Senate

Status

Position None Priority None

Title

DO NOT Call Act

Primary Sponsors

Catherine Marie Cortez Masto

Introduction Date: 2018-06-27

First Amendment (2)

State Bill Number

Status

Position

Priority

ND SB 2201 Filed With Secretary Of State 04 05 2017 04 13

Enacted

None

None

Title

Relating To The Freedom Of Expression Of Student Journalists.

Description

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15-10-55 and 15.1-19-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the freedom of expression of student journalists.

Primary Sponsors

William R. Devlin, Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Corey R. Mock, David S.

Rust, Larry Luick, Erin Hill Oban

A 8333

Introduction Date: 2017-01-12

State Bill Number Last Action

Enacting Clause Stricken 2018 02 01

Status

Position None Priority None

Title

NY

Relates to the enactment of the student journalist free speech act

Description

Enacts the student journalist free speech act to protect student speech unless it is libelous, an invasion of privacy, or incites students to commit an unlawful act, violate school policies, or to materially and substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school.

Primary Sponsors

Philip A. Palmesano

Introduction Date: 2017-06-08

Failed sine die

Recently Enacted Laws (4)

State Bill Number SCR 4 ΑK

Last Action

S Appointment Of Public Member Industry

Representative Ryan Marlow 2017 11 29

Status **Enacted** Position None

Priority None

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-02-22

Primary Sponsors

Shelley Hughes

State Bill Number NC **HB 337**

Signed By Gov 7 21 2017 2017 07 21

Status **Enacted**

Introduction Date: 2017-03-14

Position None Priority None

Title

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law Revisions.

Relating to the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Primary Sponsors John Alan Torbett

State TX

Bill Number HB 1424 Last Action

Effective On 9 1 17 2017 06 15

Status **Enacted** Position None Priority None

Title

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

Introduction Date: 2017-02-01

Bill Number HB 1643 Last Action

Effective On 9 1 17 2017 06 15

Status **Enacted**

Introduction Date: 2017-02-07

Position None Priority None

Title

State

TX

Relating to the regulation of the operation of an unmanned aircraft

and the prosecution of a related criminal offense.

Primary Sponsors

Drew Springer Jr., Patrick Fallon, Ron Simmons, Greg Bonnen,

Kelton Gray Seliger

Online Political Ad Disclosure (11)

State CT Bill Number HB 5526

Last Action

Reported Out Of Legislative Commissioners

Status

Failed sine die

Position None

Priority
None

Office Lco 2018 04 16

Introduction Date: 2018-03-13

Title

AN ACT CONCERNING DARK MONEY AND DISCLOSURE.

Description

To (1) implement federal court rulings regarding independent expenditure political committees, (2) increase disclosure of independent expenditures and prohibit such expenditures by foreign-influenced entities, (3) reveal persons behind political committees and contributors to such committees, (4) require online platforms to disclose purchasers of political ads, and (5) increase transparency with respect to moneys paid to consultants.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Last Action

Position None

Priority
None

FN Outlook

State Bill Number HI HB 2247

Recommitted To Conference Committee As Amended In Cd 1 With None Voting No And

None Excused 2018 05 01

Title

Relating To Campaign Finance.

Description

Clarifies that certain disclosure requirements for campaign advertisements apply to advertisements communicated by electronic or digital means. (HB2247 CD1)

Primary Sponsors

Christopher Kalani C. Lee, Della Au Belatti, Thomas Michael Brower, Beth Keiko Fukumoto, Linda E. Ichiyama, Aaron Ling Johanson, Matthew Shelton LoPresti, Nicole E. Lowen, Daynette S.P. Morikawa, Mark M. Nakashima, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Roy Mitsuo Takumi, Thielen Introduction Date: 2018-01-24

Passed Senate

KS

SB 58

Last Action

Died In Committee 2018 05 08

Status Failed Position None

Priority
None

Title

State

Facilitating the identification of the sponsors of internet political campaign advertisements.

Primary Sponsors

Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

State MD Bill Number HB 981 Last Action

Enacted Under Article Ii Section 17 C Of The

Maryland Constitution Chapter 834 2018 05 26

Status Enacted

Position None Priority

None

Title

Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act

Altering the definition of "campaign material" to include certain material that is disseminated and certain qualifying paid digital communications; altering the definition of "public communication" to include certain qualifying paid digital communications that require a person who makes independent expenditures of a certain amount to file an independent expenditure report with the State Board; requiring, under certain circumstances, an online platform to apply for a compliance waiver before receiving certain payment; etc.

Introduction Date: 2018-02-05

State MD Bill Number SB 875 Last Action

Enacted Under Article Ii Section 17 C Of The Maryland Constitution Chapter 833 2018 05 26 Status

Enacted

Position None Priority None

Title

Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act

Description

Altering the definition of "campaign material" to include certain material that is disseminated and certain qualifying paid digital communications; altering the definition of "public communication" to include certain qualifying paid digital communications that require a person who makes independent expenditures of a certain amount to file an independent expenditure report with the State Board; requiring, under certain circumstances, an online platform to apply for a compliance waiver before receiving a certain payment; etc.

Primary Sponsors

Craig J. Zucker

Introduction Date: 2018-02-05

Bill Number State MN HF 4540

Introduction And First Reading Referred To **Government Operations And Elections Policy**

2018 05 19

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

Express advocacy definition modified, campaign advertisement disclosures required, electioneering communication disclosures provided, and penalties provided.

Primary Sponsors

Fue Lee

Introduction Date: 2018-05-19

State MN Bill Number SF 4113 Last Action

Referred To State Government Finance And

Policy And Elections 2018 05 19

Status Failed sine die Position None Priority None

Title

Campaign finance provisions modifications; express advocacy definition modification; campaign advertisements disclosures and electioneering communication disclosures requirement

Primary Sponsors

John Marty, Christine Ann Eaton, Jim A. Carlson, Carolyn Laine

Introduction Date: 2018-05-19

Bill Number HB 1065 Last Action

Withdrawn From Cal 2018 06 14

Status

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

State

NC

Digital Communications in Elections.

Primary Sponsors

Mary Price Taylor Harrison, David Ray Lewis Sr., David Grier Martin III, Jonathan Yates Hardister

Introduction Date: 2018-05-31

State

Bill Number HB 1847 Last Action

Comp Sb Subst 2018 04 16

Status

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

TN

Election Laws - As introduced, requires political communications through a social media platform to indicate the person, candidate, or political committee who paid for and, as applicable, authorized the communication. - Amends TCA Section 2-19-120.

Primary Sponsors

Jason Powell

Introduction Date: 2018-01-24

TN

State

Bill Number SB 1635 Last Action

Subst For Comp Hb 2018 04 16

Status

Failed sine die

Position None Priority None

Title

Election Laws - As introduced, requires political communications through a social media platform to indicate the person, candidate, or political committee who paid for and, as applicable, authorized the communication. - Amends TCA Section 2-19-120.

Primary Sponsors

Jeff Yarbro

Introduction Date: 2018-01-16

State Bill Number Last Action Status Position Priority
VT H 828 Signed By Governor On May 16 2018 2018 05 Enacted None None
16

Title Introduction Date: 2018-02-01

(Act 129) An act relating to disclosures in campaign finance law $\,$

Primary SponsorsJohn Gannon

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