ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: March 10, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator J.D. Mesnard **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita

ANALYST: Laura Benitez

ATTENDANCE **BILLS**

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Borrelli*	X			HB 2367	DP
Senator Bowie	X			HB 2374	DP
Senator Gabaldón*	X			HB 2507	DP
Senator Livingston	X			HB 2623	DPA
Senator Navarrete	X			HB 2844	DP
Senator Pace	X				
Senator Peshlakai*	X				
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Vice-Chairman			X		
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X				

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*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of March 3, 2021 are approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2844 – wineries; microbreweries; distilled spirits – DO PASS

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2844.

Representative Weninger, bill sponsor, answered questions posed by the Committee and provided comments regarding HB 2844.

Camila Alarcon, Arizona Craft Brewers Guild, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2844 and provided comments regarding HB 2844.

Barbara Meaney, Triadvocates, on behalf of the Arizona Wine Growers Association, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2844 and provided comments regarding HB 2844.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2844 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved HB 2844 with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 1 and 1a).

HB 2623 – fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition – DO PASS AMENDED

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2623, the 13-line Pace amendment dated 03/09/2021 at 12:17 p.m. (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Pace provided comments regarding the Pace amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Shah, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding HB 2623, the Pace amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Brian Freudenthal, Commander of the Maryvale/Estrella Mountain Precinct, City of Phoenix Police Department, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2623 and provided comments regarding HB 2623.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on HB 2623.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2623 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved that HB 2623 with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Pace moved the 13-line Pace amendment dated 03/09/2021 at 12:17 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2623 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 2 and 2a).

Senators Bowie and Peshlakai explained their vote.

HB 2374 – additional wagering facilities; cap; removal – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2374.

Representative Dunn, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding HB 2374.

Kevin DeMenna, on behalf of Rillito Park Foundation, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2374 and provided comments regarding HB 2374.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2374 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved HB 2374 DO PASS. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 3 and 3a).

HB 2367 – special event licenses; charitable organizations(now: special event license; issuance) – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2367.

Representative Payne, bill sponsor, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, provided comments regarding HB 2367.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2367 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved HB 2367 with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 4 and 4a).

HB 2507 – landlords; deceased tenant; pets – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2507.

Jake Hinman, representing the Arizona Multihousing Association, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2507 and provided comments regarding HB 2507.

Meagen Epstein, on behalf of her cousin Matthew Meisner, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2507 and stated the importance of the bill.

Missy Pruitt, Founder of La Gattara Cat Rescue, on behalf of the cats, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2507 and stated the importance of the bill.

Senator Mesnard offered comments.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2507 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved HB 2507 with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 5 and 5a).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew
Committee Secretary

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