ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-seventh Legislature - Second Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Report of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
House Hearing Room 5 -- 2:00 P.M. OR UPON RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF FLOOR

Convened 3:49 P.M
Adjourned 4:00 P.M.

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Members Present
Representative Aguilar
Representative Blackman
Representative Carter
Representative Diaz
Representative Hendrix
Representative Villegas
Representative Wilmeth
Representative Way, Vice-Chairman
Representative Weninger, Chairman

Members Not Present
Representative Cavero
Representative Connolly

Agenda
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Request to Speak
Report – Attachment 2

Committee Attendance
Report – Attachment 3

Presentations

Name	Organization	Attachments (Handouts)
Ryan DeMenna	DeMenna Public Affairs on behalf of Arizona Society of CPA's	6

Committee Action

Bill	Action	Vote	Attachments
SB1181	DP	10-0-0-1	4,5
SB1252	DP	10-0-0-1	7,8
SB1254	HELD		9
SB1415	DP	10-0-0-1	10,11

Stephanie Smith, Committee Secretary
March 11, 2026

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE Tuesday, March 10, 2026 ROOM HHR 5 TIME 2:00 P.M. or upon recess or adjournment of Floor

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Members:

Representative Aguilar	~~Representative Connolly~~	Representative Volk
Representative Blackman	Representative Diaz	Representative Wilmeth
Representative Carter N	Representative Hendrix	Representative Way, Vice-Chairman
Representative Cavero	Representative Villegas	Representative Weninger, Chairman

Bills		Short Title	Strike Everything Title
~~SB1128~~		~~study committee; scrap metal theft~~	
		~~(Gowan)~~	
		~~COM, RULES~~	
SB1181	DP	certified public accountants; certification; alternative	
1		(Mesnard)	
	10-0-0-1	COM, RULES	
SB1252	DP	uniform assignment; benefit of creditors	
2		(Mesnard)	
	10-0-0-1	COM, RULES	
SB1254	HELD	real property conveyances; formal requirements	
		(Mesnard)	
		COM, RULES	
SB1415	DP	insurance adjuster license; eligibility	
3		(Bolick)	
	10-0-0-1	COM, RULES	

ORDER OF BILLS TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN

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~~03/05/2026~~
03/09/2026

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Attachment 1

Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Commerce (3/10/2026)

SB1181, certified public accountants; certification; alternative

Testified in support:

Ryan DeMenna, AZ SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Support:

Stephen Shadegg, Americans For Prosperity Arizona; Jonathan Soto Robles, representing self; Alexis Monet Bacs, THE LIBRE INITIATIVE ARIZONA; Andrea Hernandez Falcon, representing self; Hunter Anderson, representing self

Neutral:

Joana da Silva-Gonzalez, representing self

All Comments:

Joana da Silva-Gonzalez, Self: SB 1181 will relax barriers to entry into the profession by allowing aspiring CPAs to meet the education and experience requirements through one of three pathways, increasing flexibility. It will help get more CPAs in the door and without sacrifices.

SB1252, uniform assignment; benefit of creditors

Testified in support:

Jane Sternecky, representing self

Support:

Alexis Glascock, Arizona Uniform Laws Commission; Tim Berg, AZ COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

SB1254, real property conveyances; formal requirements

Support:

Eddie Cook, Maricopa County Assessor's Office; Kevin McCarthy, ARIZONA TAX RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (ATRA); Tom Farley, Arizona Association Of Realtors; James Roth, representing self; Christian Curry, Maricopa County Assessor's Office

All Comments:

James Roth, Self: this is an attempt to provide a layer of protection against fraudulent conveyances

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SB1415, insurance adjuster license; eligibility

Testified in support:

Don Isaacson, STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES

Support:

Mike Huckins, GREATER PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; Marie Isaacson, STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES

Neutral:

Fausto Burruel, AZ DEPT. OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Oppose:

Bart James, representing self

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

COMMITTEE ON **COMMERCE**

CHAIRMAN: Jeff Weninger VICE-CHAIRMAN: Michael Way

DATE	03/10/26	
CONVENED	3:49 pm	
RECESSED		
RECONVENED	4:00 PM	
ADJOURNED		
MEMBERS	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
Aguilar	✓	
Blackman	✓	
Carter N	✓	
Cavero		✓
Diaz	✓	
Hendrix	✓	
Villegas	✓	
Volk	✓	
Wilmeth	✓	
Way, Vice-Chairman	✓	
Weninger, Chairman	✓	
TOTAL	10	1

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ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Majority Research Staff
Senate: RAGE DP 7-0-0-0 | Third Read 27-0-3-0-0

SB 1181: certified public accountants; certification; alternative
Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 13
Committee on Commerce

Overview
Makes revisions to Certified Public Accountants (CPA) statutes.

History
The Arizona State Board of Accountancy (Board) protects the public from unlawful, incompetent, unqualified or unprofessional certified public accountants through certification, regulation and rehabilitation. (Title 32, Chapter 6, A.R.S.).

An applicant for certification must meet statutory qualifications, pass the uniform certified public accountant examination and: 1) have at least 2,000 hours of experience in the practice of accounting; and 2) has obtained a baccalaureate degree or higher degree with at least 150 semester hours of specified accounting courses (A.R.S. § 32-721).

Provisions

State Board of Accountancy

1. Alters Board responsibilities, which include:
   a. investigating complaints to determine whether a registrant or limited reciprocity privilege individual or firm, rather than a CPA, has committed a violation; and
   b. delegate to the executive director the authority to approve a request for inactive status and approve reinstatement from canceled or expired status. (Sec. 2)
2. Prohibits the basic requirements for continuing professional education from exceeding 80 hours in any two-year registration period, rather than any registration renewal period. (Sec. 2)

Certified Public Accountant

3. Revises the requirements for applicants who have never been certified, registered or licensed in this state or another jurisdiction by:
   a. removing language relating to the requirement to have at least 2,000 hours of experience in the practice of accounting and completion of 150 semester hours of specified accounting courses; and
   b. requiring applicants to present satisfactory evidence of obtaining either a:
      i. baccalaureate degree and has at least two years of experience;
      ii. baccalaureate degree, 30 additional semester hours and has at least one year of experience; or
      iii. postbaccalaureate degree and at least one year of experience. (Sec. 3)

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4. Removes the alternative certification requirement for applicants who have a certificate, registration or license in another jurisdiction relating to having a baccalaureate degree and employment history with specified semester hours of accounting courses. (Sec. 3)

5. Adds as an alternative certification requirement for applicants who have a certificate, registration or license to practice as a CPA in another jurisdiction that the applicant has been employed as a CPA in the practice of accounting for at least:
   a. three years and has obtained either:
      i. a postbaccalaureate degree; or
      ii. a baccalaureate degree and 30 additional semester hours; or
   b. five of the ten preceding years and has obtained a baccalaureate degree. (Sec. 3)

6. Instructs the Board to adopt rules regarding the required number of semester hours of accounting courses. (Sec. 3)

7. Defines *experience.* (Sec. 3)

8. Restates that a person is allowed to take the uniform CPA examination provided the person has either a baccalaureate degree or a postbaccalaureate degree that includes the required number of semesters hours of accounting courses as determined by the Board. (Sec. 4)

Miscellaneous

9. Revises the requirements to qualify to exercise the limited reciprocity privilege for individuals who hold a valid registration certification or license issued by another jurisdiction by:
   a. deleting language outlining current requirements; and
   b. including the requirement that the individual:
      i. meets statutory qualification requirements for CPAs or out-of-state applicants; or
      ii. holds a valid active registration, certificate or license as a CPA from any jurisdiction as of December 31, 2024. (Sec. 5)

10. Adds the uniform registration fee applied to registrants for less than two years be charged on a pro rata basis for the remainder of the registration period. (Sec. 6)

11. Specifies the uniform registration fee applied to retired status registration is due during the month of the anniversary of the registrant's birth and be charged on a pro rata basis for registrants of less than two years. (Sec. 6)

12. Allows the Board to reduce or waive certain registration fees before the due date of any registration fee, rather than any renewal fee. (Sec. 7)

13. Prohibits a registrant who is under investigation by the Board from canceling the certificate or registration. (Sec. 8)

14. Authorizes the Board to offer to a registrant relinquishment of a certificate or registration. (Sec. 9)

15. Clarifies that a registrant, in order to complete the relinquishment, must acknowledge that an investigation or disciplinary proceeding has been initiated. (Sec. 9)

16. Revises the requirement relating to certificate reinstatement by removing references of required semester hours and adding that the individual obtains a baccalaureate degree or postbaccalaureate degree. (Sec. 11)

17. Clarifies continuing professional education audits are presumed to be public records. (Sec. 17)
18. Defines pertinent terms. (Sec. 1)
19. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027. (Sec. 18)
20. Cites the act as the "Certified Public Accounting Act of 2026". (Sec. 19)
21. Makes clarifying and technical changes. (Sec. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16)

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON Commerce BILL NO. SB 1181

DATE March 10, 2026 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Aguilar		✓			
Blackman		✓			
Carter N		✓			
Cavero					✓
Diaz		✓			
Hendrix		✓			
Villegas		✓			
Volk		✓			
Wilmeth		✓			
Way, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Weninger, Chairman		✓			
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COMMITTEE SECRETARY

APPROVED:

JEFF WENINGER, Chairman
MICHAEL WAY, Vice-Chairman

ATTACHMENT 5

Representative Weninger,

I wanted to include a quick note to let you know that this is the Senate's version of the CPA pathways legislation.

SB 1181 is identical to HB 2476, which passed House Commerce with unanimous support. There were plans to do a mirror bill swap at the start of session, but those plans fell through which is why you're seeing the bill again.

I would really appreciate another YES vote on SB 1181. If you have any questions, please reach out!

Thanks.



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DeMenna
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Jeff Weninger
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: *Please Vote YES on SB 1181*

Dear Chairman Weninger,

On behalf of the Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA), ***we respectfully request your support for SB 1181*** (certified public accountants; certification; alternatives).

For years, the CPA profession has been experiencing workforce shortages. In response, the American Institute of CPAs launched a nationwide effort to broaden the CPA candidate pipeline and meet growing demand by developing additional pathways into the profession. SB 1181 is Arizona's version of this important effort, and to date 24 states have enacted similar legislation.

These new certification pathways will support workforce growth in the CPA profession, strengthen Arizona's business community, and ensure that Arizona CPAs remain competitive in a national market.

SB 1181 also makes updates and enhancements to the statutes governing CPAs in Arizona by broadening practice privilege mobility, clarifying existing definitions, and modernizing the registration process.

Enclosed you will find additional information about this important legislation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

We would sincerely appreciate your support by voting ***YES on SB 1181***!

Respectfully,

Ryan DeMenna
DeMenna Public Affairs

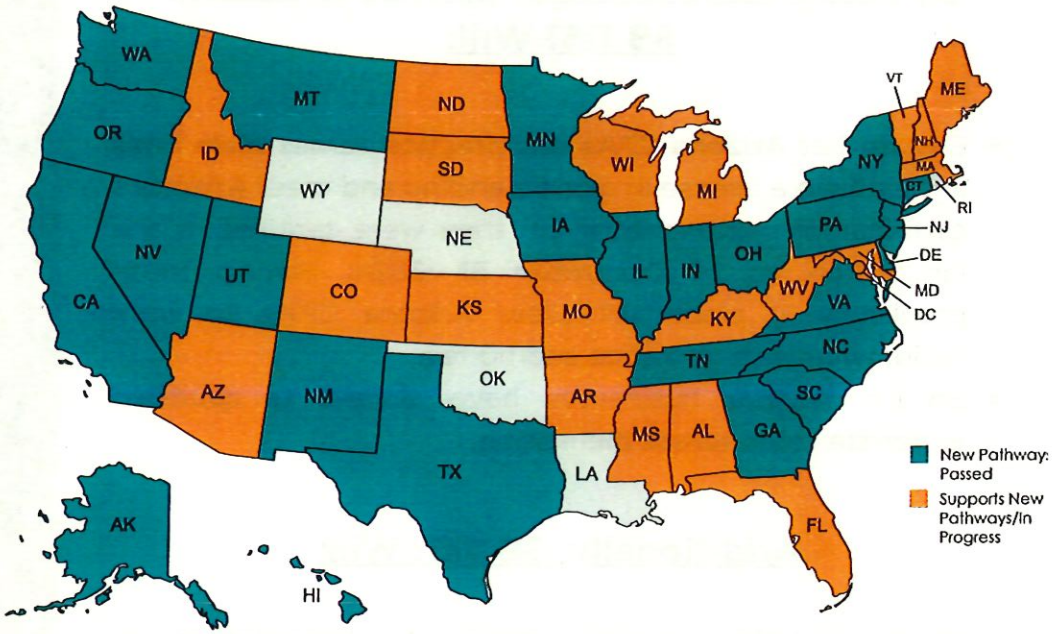
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Arizona Society of CPAs

SB 1181 Certified Public Accounting Act of 2026

Overview

The CPA profession nationwide is focused on rebuilding the "pipeline" of new CPAs due to a decline in accounting graduates and a shortage of qualified professionals.

Like 24 other states that enacted similar legislation in 2025, SB 1181 **expands pathways** to obtain a CPA certificate in Arizona, and broadens limited reciprocity privilege (a.k.a mobility) to ensure a more flexible and accessible profession.



	EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	EXAM
Current	Bachelor's Degree or Higher (150 hours)	1 Year Work Experience	CPA Exam
Path 1 *new*	Bachelor's Degree	2 Years Work Experience	CPA Exam
Path 2 *new*	Bachelor's Degree + 30 semester hours	1 Year Work Experience	CPA Exam
Path 3 *new*	Post-Bachelor's Degree	1 Year Work Experience	CPA Exam

All applicants must have a minimum concentration in accounting and related courses.

Key Provisions

To align with nationwide efforts, SB 1181 introduces **three new certification pathways and broadens practice privilege** requirements that will allow Arizona CPAs to practice across state lines.

These changes will modernize certification, support workforce growth, strengthen Arizona's business community, and **ensure that Arizona CPAs remain competitive in the national market.**

The Arizona Society of CPAs - Your Connection to the Accounting Profession

By Adding Additional Pathways SB 1181 Will:

- **Provide Flexibility:** Accommodates students' needs by providing additional career paths.
- **Reduce Barriers:** Eases both the financial and time burdens associated with a fifth year in college.
- **Promote Workforce Development:** Broadens the CPA candidate pipeline to meet growing demand.

By Broadening Practice Privilege Mobility SB 1181 Will:

- Ensure that **Arizona CPAs can practice across state lines** if they have a license in good standing and meet Arizona's certification requirements, or they were certified in any jurisdiction as of December 31, 2024. Having these provisions in place will allow Arizona CPAs to work nationwide with no notice and no fee.
- Ensure Arizona businesses have **access to qualified expertise from across the nation.**

Additionally, SB 1181 Will:

- **Clarify existing statute relating to cancellation vs. relinquishment of a CPA certificate.**
  - Registrants cannot request cancellation while under investigation. Cancellation is used only for non-disciplinary situations, such as choosing not to renew, and simply indicates the credential is no longer active.
  - Relinquishment applies when a certificate or registration is surrendered because of an investigation or disciplinary action.

- **Modernize the Board's online two-year registration system** to include: initial registrations for newly certified CPAs, prorated registrations for CPAs with registration terms less than two years, and reinstatement of CPAs previously on cancelled, expired, relinquished, or revoked status.

Background

For years, the CPA profession has been experiencing workforce shortages due to declining student enrollment, the high cost of education, turnover within the profession, and more, making it difficult to attract the next generation of CPAs.

In response, the American Institute of CPAs created the National Pipeline Advisory Group to:

1. Develop strategies to address the talent shortage;
2. Promote the CPA career path;
3. Expand access to the profession;
4. Improve student experiences;
5. Reduce educational barriers; and
6. Collaborate with employers to foster supportive cultures and modern business models.

SB 1181 will establish these new pathways to the CPA profession in Arizona, and ensure that Arizona CPAs remain competitive in the national market.

QUESTIONS?

If there are any questions on the above information, contact:

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Senate: FIN DP 6-0-1-0 | Third Read 29-0-1-0-0

SB 1252: uniform assignment; benefit of creditors
Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 13
Committee on Commerce

Overview

Adopts the Uniform Law Commission's (ULC) Uniform Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act (Act) which governs a process for an assignor and an assignee to liquidate assets and distribute the proceeds to the assignor's creditors.

History

Every assignment made by an insolvent debtor, or in contemplation of insolvency, for the benefit of his creditors, is required to provide for a distribution of all real and personal property other than that which is by law exempt from execution, among all creditors in proportion to their respective claims. However the assignment is made or expressed, it is required to have such effect and be construed to pass all such property, whether or not specified. Every assignment for the benefit of creditors is required to be acknowledged and recorded in the manner provided by law for conveyances of real or other property (A.R.S. § 44-1031).

The Uniform Law Commission is an organization that provides states with non-partisan legislation which brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law. The ULC drafted the Uniform Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act which is a voluntary, debtor-initiated state law alternative to federal bankruptcy, state receiverships, and voluntary workouts.

Provisions

Act Applicability

1. Applies the Act to an assignment made by an assignor that is an organization that meets specified descriptions or an individual who is an Arizona resident. (Sec. 1)

Assignee Requirements

2. Specifies, for a person to be deemed as an assignee, the person cannot:
   a. be a creditor, affiliate or insider of the assignor;
   b. be an affiliate or insider of a creditor of the assignor;
   c. have a claim against the assignment estate, other than a claim for fees and expenses to be paid under the assignment agreement;
   d. have a material financial interest in the outcome of the assignment, other than a claim for fees and expenses to be paid under the assignment agreement;
   e. hold an equity interest in the assignor other than a noncontrolling interest in a publicly traded company; or

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f. be an affiliate of a person that fails to satisfy the outlined requirements. (Sec. 1)

3. Specifies an assignee is not precluded from being an assignee merely because the person performed services for the assignor before the assignment. (Sec. 1)

Assignment Agreement

4. Specifies that an assignment agreement must be in a record signed by the assignor and the assignee and outlines record requirements. (Sec. 1)

5. Deems the assignor's assets to be assigned if an assignee relies in good faith on the assignor's representation even if the representation is inaccurate. (Sec. 1)

6. Specifies the assignee obtains the rights, title and interest of the assignor in the assigned assets and if the assignor is an organization the assignee will obtain all of these after the assignment. (Sec. 1)

7. Outlines the effects of assigning the assets and assignment agreement for the assignee and assignor.

Filing and Recording Requirements

8. Allows an assignee of a legal or equitable interest in personal property to file a financing statement in certain filing offices. (Sec. 1)

9. Provides requirements for filing a financing statement. (Sec. 1)

10. Specifies that a filing of a financing statement is not itself a factor in determine whether an asset secures an obligation, and the rights of the assignee are not affected if the assignee does not file a financing statement. (Sec. 1)

11. Requires an assignee to:
    a. record the assignment of the interest or notice of the assignment under the real estate recording law of the jurisdiction where the property is located; and
    b. comply with other laws governing the transfer of title to an asset. (Sec. 1)

12. Specifies the assignor, by signing an assignment agreement, authorizes the assignee to take the actions relating to the filing requirements. (Sec. 1)

Creditor Notification

13. Requires an assignee, unless the creditor waives the right to notification, to send a notification of the assignment to each creditor known to the assignee within a reasonable time and not to exceed 30 days after the effective of the assignment agreement. (Sec. 1)

14. Outlines the notification requirements. (Sec. 1)

15. Requires an assignee to use reasonable means to provide the information in the notification to unknown creditors. (Sec. 1)

Assignor Duties

16. Declares the assignor has a duty to take all reasonable actions necessary for the assignee to administer the assignment, the assigned assets and the assignment estate. (Sec. 1)

17. Delineates further duties of the assignor. (Sec. 1)

18. Applies the delineated duties to the designated representative acting on behalf of the assignor. (Sec. 1)

Assignee Powers and Duties

19. Declares the assignee has a fiduciary duty to the assignment estate for the benefit of creditors, as follows:
    a. of loyalty, including the duty to manage the assignment in good faith;
    b. to use reasonable care to maximize distributions; and
    c. to wind up the assignment in a manner compatible with the best interests of the assignment estate and creditors. (Sec. 1)

20. Delineates further powers and duties of the assignee. (Sec. 1)

21. Asserts certain powers are exclusive to the assignee with respect to a creditor that submits a proof of claim. (Sec. 1)

22. Outlines the lien status an assignee has on the assignment estate. (Sec. 1)

23. Details the assignee's powers relating to avoiding a transfer or the incurrence of an obligation which a creditor that has filed a proof of claim could have avoided under other law if the assignment had not been made. (Sec. 1)

Allowed Claims

24. Requires an assignee to allow a creditor's claim if:
    a. the creditor submits a proof of claim; and
    b. the assignee does not dispute the claim before final distribution. (Sec. 1)

25. Allows an assignee to either:
    a. allow a claim, pay a known liquidated claim or accept a notice to the assignee of a claim even if the creditor does not submit a proof of claim; or
    b. allow and pay a claim evidenced by a late-filed proof of claim, if the assignee determines there is a reasonable basis for excusing the late filing. (Sec. 1)

26. Requires any unsecured portion of an allowed claim to be valued as of the effective date of the assignment agreement. (Sec. 1)

27. Specifies a creditor's claim is allowed if the creditor succeeds in a dispute preceding. (Sec. 1)

28. Provides requirements for an assignee in creating a complete list of creditors that have submitted a proof of claim and notifying creditors who will receive no distribution. (Sec. 1)

Claims

29. Allows an assignee to dispute a creditor's claim before final distribution by sending notification on the nature of the dispute. (Sec. 1)

30. Includes stipulations for commencing a proceeding to disallow the claim, if a dispute cannot be resolved consensually. (Sec. 1)

31. Requires an assignee to create a dollar-for-dollar reserve for the estimated amount of the potential distribution on a disputed claim. (Sec. 1)

32. Provides requirements for disallowing a claim for reimbursement or contribution of a person that is liable with the assignor. (Sec. 1)

33. Specifies an assignee may reconsider the assignee's decision to allow or disallow a claim for cause and requirements for payment to a creditor on a reconsider claim. (Sec. 1)

34. Includes requirements for a proof of claim. (Sec. 1)

35. Specifies a proof of claim that is in compliance with the requirements for proof is prima facie evidence of the validity and amount of the claim. (Sec. 1)

36. Adds that the submission by a creditor of a proof of claim that complies with the requirements constitutes the creditor's consent to the jurisdiction of the applicable court and assignment to the assignee of any right of the creditor to bring a voidable transaction action relating to the creditor's claim. (Sec. 1)

37. Specifies subordinate agreements are enforceable to the same extent that the agreement is enforceable under other laws. (Sec. 1)

38. Outlines the claims that are subordinate to a claim or interest that is senior or equal in priority to a claim or interest represented by a security or other equity interest in the assignor or an affiliate of the assignor. (Sec. 1)

39. Stipulates a claim subject to subordination has the same priority as a common stock or another common equity interest if the security is common stock or another common equity interest. (Sec. 1)

Transferees' rights

40. Outlines an assignee's disposition of an asset. (Sec. 1)

41. Declares a transferee that acts in good faith takes free of the rights and interests described in the asset's disposition, even if the assignee fails to comply with the Act or the requirements of a judicial proceeding. (Sec. 1)

42. Stipulates the transferee, who does not take free of the rights and interests, takes the asset subject to outlines requirements. (Sec. 1)

43. Specifies any warranty arising by operation of other law is disclaimed to the extent permitted by other law, unless otherwise provided in a record. (Sec. 1)

44. Provides requirements for the assignee in filing a record with the official if a subordinate security interest or other lien is discharged. (Sec. 1)

Distributions

45. Instructs the assignee to pay claims from the assignment estate in the order of priority as outlined. (Sec. 1)

46. Prescribes the order of priority of distributions with the protected secured creditor having first priority before other distributions. (Sec. 1)

47. Requires, after the distributions made to the protected secured creditor, the assignee to pay the necessary costs of the administration of the assignment estate and outlines the costs. (Sec. 1)

48. Details the order of priority of distributions, including:
    a. payment of claims entitled to priority under federal law;
    b. payment of claims for wages, salaries or commissions earned; and
    c. payment to each creditor. (Sec. 1)

49. Outlines the distribution of claims if the assets are insufficient to pay the total amount of the claims. (Sec. 1)

50. Specifies, after payments are made, the residue must be distributed to allowed claims evidenced by a late-filed proof of claim and, after the allowed late-filed claims, as provided in the assignment agreement. (Sec. 1)

51. Allows an assignee to make interim distributions after considering future expenses and the reserves for disputed claims. (Sec. 1)

Liability

52. Asserts an assignor is not personally liable for an act or omission by the assignee nor is an assignee personally liable for an act or omission by the assignor. (Sec. 1)

53. Specifies a representative designated by an assignor is exculpated to the same extent as a person acting on behalf of the assignor had there been no assignment, except for an act or omission resulting from the representative's gross negligence or willful misconduct. (Sec. 1)

54. Specifies a term of an assignment agreement relieving the assignee of liability is unenforceable to the extent the agreement relieves the assignee of liability for an act of omission committed in bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes for the assignment or the interest of the creditors of the assignment estate. (Sec. 1)

55. Deems an assignee as personally liable for a breach of a fiduciary duty and outlines stipulations for being liable. (Sec. 1)

56. Adds that the assignee who relies in good faith on specified information is not liable. (Sec. 1)

Assignee Removal

57. Allows the assignor or a creditor to request a court of competent jurisdiction in Arizona to remove an assignee, if the assignor or creditor has a reasonable belief that grounds removal exist. (Sec. 1)

58. Outlines the specific grounds for removing an assignee. (Sec. 1)

59. Specifies the success assignee provided for in the assignment agreement, unless the assignee is not eligible, becomes the assignee. (Sec. 1)

60. Instructs the court to appoint a successor assignee if:
    a. the assignment agreement does not provide for a successor assignee; or
    b. the successor assignee provided for in the assignment agreement is ineligible to be an assignee or is subject to removal. (Sec. 1)

61. Specifies an assignee who resigns, or is removed, dies, or becomes incapacitated, is discharged from the assignee's duties when outlines conditions are met. (Sec. 1)

62. Authorizes a court to order an attorney, accountant or other person that has information relating to the assignment estate or the assignor's financial affairs to turn over or disclose the information to the successor assignee. (Sec. 1)

Winding Up

63. Instructs an assignee, on completion of their duties, to send a creditor whose claim is allowed, and not satisfied in full, a final accounting sufficient to inform the creditor of all material aspects of the assignment. (Sec. 1)

64. Includes information that must be sent to the creditor in the final accounting. (Sec. 1)

65. Deems an assignee as discharged from their duties when the assignee sends the final accounting and distributes all the assets of the assignment estate. (Sec. 1)

66. Directs the assignee to exercise the powers appropriate to complete the work if the final accounting describes additional work. (Sec. 1)

Miscellaneous

67. Stipulates an assignment made under the law of another state must be recognized and enforced on an issue if the result for the issue would be substantially similar to the result for the issue if the assignment had been made under the Act. (Sec. 1)

68. Requires the assignee to use the amount asserted or determined under the law of the other state if a claim for wages, salaries or commissions or a claim of a governmental unit exists in another state. (Sec. 1)

69. Stipulates the assignee, if determined that a creditor should receive the treatment the creditor would receive under an assignment made under the law of another state, may treat the creditor as the creditor would be treated in the other state. (Sec. 1)

70. Includes authorizations for a court to:
    a. hear and resolve a matter involving the administration of an assignment or the exercise of an assignee's powers and duties; and
    b. appoint a person serving as an assignee in an assignment in another state as an ancillary assignee relating to assigned assets located in this State. (Sec. 1)

71. Contains requirements for provisions relating to variable agreements. (Sec. 1)

72. Directs a court, in applying and construing the Act, to consider the promotion of uniformity of the laws among states that enact the Act. (Sec. 1)

73. Specifies the modifications and limitations of the Act in relation to the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. (Sec. 1)

74. Applies the Act to an assignment made on or after the effective date of the Act. (Sec. 1)

75. Defines pertinent terms. (Sec. 1)

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Fifty-seventh Legislature - Second Regular Session

ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON Commerce BILL NO. SB 1252

DATE March 10, 2026 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Aguilar		✓			
Blackman		✓			
Carter N		✓			
Cavero					✓
Diaz		✓			
Hendrix		✓			
Villegas		✓			
Volk		✓			
Wilmeth		✓			
Way, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Weninger, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:

JEFF WENINGER, Chairman
MICHAEL WAY, Vice-Chairman

ATTACHMENT 8

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-seventh Legislature - Second Regular Session

ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON Commerce BILL NO. SB 1254

DATE March 10, 2026 MOTION:

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Aguilar					
Blackman					
Carter N					
Cavero					
Diaz					
Hendrix					
Villegas					
Volk					
Wilmeth					
Way, Vice-Chairman					
Weninger, Chairman					

APPROVED:

JEFF WENINGER, Chairman
MICHAEL WAY, Vice-Chairman

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ATTACHMENT 9

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Majority Research Staff
Senate: RAGE DPA 7-0-0-0 | Third Read 27-0-3-0-0

SB1415: insurance adjuster license; eligibility
Sponsor: Senator Bolick, LD 2
Committee on Commerce

Overview
Establishes requirements for salaried employees of insurers or managing general agents to be eligible for Arizona adjuster licensure without taking the state examination.

History
The Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (DIFI) oversees the licensing and regulation of insurance professionals including adjusters.

An *adjuster* is an individual who, for compensation, fee or commission, adjusts, investigates or negotiates settlement of claims arising under property and casualty insurance contracts on behalf of either the insurer or the insured. To obtain an adjuster license in Arizona, an individual must apply to DIFI and meet the following qualifications: 1) be at least 18 years of age; 2) be an Arizona resident or a resident of another state that allows residents of this state to act as adjusters in the other state; and 3) take and pass an examination that is given by or under the supervision of the director of DIFI and that reasonably tests the applicant's knowledge of insurance and legal responsibilities as an adjuster. Out-of-state licensed adjusters sent by an insurer to investigate a specific loss or a series of losses resulting from a common catastrophe are exempt from licensure (A.R.S. §§ 20-321, 20-321.01).

Provisions
1. Prescribes specified qualifications for salaried employees of insurers or managing general agents to be eligible for licensure as an adjuster without taking the Arizona adjuster examination. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires a salaried employee, to be eligible for licensure without taking the examination, to submit an application to DIFI by June 30, 2027. (Sec. 1)
3. Limits a person who has obtained licensure without taking the examination to only adjust claims as a salaried employee of an insurer or managing general agent. (Sec. 1)
4. Prohibits a person who has obtained licensure without taking the examination from adjusting claims on behalf of an insured or on behalf of an insurer in a capacity other than as a salaried employee of the insurer or a managing general agent. (Sec. 1)
5. Specifies an adjuster license that was issued without the examination requirement is valid and renewable only while the licensee adjust claims as a salaried employee of the licensed insurer or managing general agent. (Sec. 1)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes) ☐ Prop 108 (40 votes) ☐ Emergency (40 votes) ☐ Fiscal Note

Attachment 10

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON Commerce BILL NO. SB 1415

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	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Aguilar		✓			
Blackman		✓			
Carter N		✓			
Cavero					✓
Diaz		✓			
Hendrix		✓			
Villegas		✓			
Volk		✓			
Wilmeth		✓			
Way, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Weninger, Chairman		✓			
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