



## **AIF BILLS THAT PASSED --2000 SESSION--**

The following bills are those that AIF had a position on, and that passed both the House and Senate. The bills are now on their way to the Governor for his action.

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### **HB 67 Intangible Personal Property Taxes by Rep. Mike Fasano (R-New Port Richey)**

**SUMMARY:** Increases exemption from annual tax granted to natural persons.

### **HB 135 Citizen Participation in Government Act by Rep. Mike Fasano (R-New Port Richey)**

**SUMMARY:** Creates the Citizen Participation in Government Act; prohibits Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation by governmental entities because certain persons or entities exercise certain constitutional rights; provides for expedited resolution of motions regarding SLAPP suits; authorizes courts to award actual damages, including costs and attorney fees; requires reporting of SLAPP suits to the Attorney General.

### **HB 399 Newborn Hearing Screening by Rep. Manuel Prieguez (R-Miami)**

**SUMMARY:** Provides requirements for screening newborns for hearing impairment; provides for education of parents of newborns; provides for certain insurance and managed care coverage; provides for referral for ongoing services.

### **HB 917 Voting by Absentee Ballot by Rep. Tracy Stafford (D-Ft. Lauderdale)**

**SUMMARY:** Provides alternative procedure for voting by absentee ballot; revises requirement establishing composition of election boards; eliminates requirement that poll workers be trained at formal classes; provides for deputy sheriff to be present at each polling place.

**HB 1105 Tax Exemption: Farm/Forest Equipment by Rep. Adam Putnam (R-Bartow)**

**SUMMARY:** Revises application of the partial sales tax exemption for self-propelled, power drawn, or power-driven farm equipment used exclusively on farm or in a forest in specified activities; includes rental or lease of such equipment in such exemption.

**HB 1425 Solid Waste Management by Rep. Rodolfo Garcia (R-Hialeah)**

**SUMMARY:** Prohibits local governments from displacing private waste collection companies under certain circumstances; limits local authority over contracts between recovered material dealers and source-separated material generators; authorizes solid waste fee waivers; relates to hazardous waste facility permits; provides for special district ad valorem taxes and assessments; provides for citrus juice processing facility air pollution, construction and operations permits.

**HB 2339 Patient Protection Act of 2000 by Rep. Tom Feeney (R-Oviedo)**

**SUMMARY:** Patient Protection Act of 2000. Deletes certificate-of-need requirement for licensure of Medicare-certified home health agencies; pertains to State Health Plan; licensing of home health agencies by AHCA; Medicare-certified home health agencies; assessment on hospitals to fund public Medical Assistance; benefits for hospital outpatient services; nursing home certification; hospice care; HMO subscriber protections; and more.

**HB 2433 Taxation Time Period for Certain Departments by Rep. George Albright (R-Ocala)**

**SUMMARY:** Relates to taxation; specifies the time period within which the Department of Revenue and Department of Business and Professional Regulation may determine and assess the amount of certain taxes, penalties, or interest due beginning July 1, 2002. SB 388 Taxation by the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action. **SUMMARY:** Provides exemption from tax on sales, use, and other transactions for sales or leases to all organizations exempt from federal income tax under specific provision of Internal Revenue Code; removes and revises various specific exemptions to conform; provides for application of provisions regarding temporary exemption certificates to newly organized organizations exempt under specific provision. .

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**SB 770 Alcoholic Beverages and Surcharge by Senator Jack Latvala (R-Palm Harbor)**

**SUMMARY:** Reduces surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer sold for consumption on premises; provides exemption from surcharge to certain nonprofit organizations; increases portion of surcharge which is transferred to Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund; provides for future repeal of provision which imposes surcharges on alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on premises.

**SB 1338 Telecommunications by Senator Jim Horne (R-Orange Park)**

**SUMMARY:** Provides legislative intent relating to the taxation of telecommunications services.

**SB 1508 Health Maintenance Organizations by Senator Virginia Brown-Waite (R-Brooksville)**

**SUMMARY:** Revises provision in relation to provider billing. .

**SB 1890 Pain Management and Palliative Care by Senator Ron Klein (D-Delray Beach)**

**SUMMARY:** Revises the Florida Patient's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to include pain management and palliative care within those medical services for which a patient has a right to request or refuse as treatment.

**SB 2086 Small Employer Health Alliances by Senator Jim King (R-Jacksonville)**

**SUMMARY:** Relates to small employer health alliances; provides for insuring small employers under policies issued to small employer health alliances.

**SB 2532 Workers' Compensation Net Premiums by Senator Pat Thomas (D-Quincy)**

**SUMMARY:** Clarifies legislative intent that terms net premiums written and net premiums collected as used in Workers' Compensation law, include ceded reinsurance premiums in accord with original intent; clarifies legislative intent that term major contributing cause as used in law be interpreted in accord with original intent.

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