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MIDWAY MARKS DROP IN BILLS

At the midway mark, the Legislature has approximately 1,050 bills to consider with 680 (300 from the Senate and 380 from the House) introduced in 2022. There are also almost 400 carryover bills from the 2021 Session. The next deadline is April 14, when bills and joint resolutions must be heard in a committee of the opposite chamber. Those bills that are assigned to the House A&B Committee have until April 22nd to be heard.

Of those bills, OML's priorities have been assigned to their respective committees and are awaiting a hearing. A couple of our priorities are as follows:

Open Records/Personal Information: [SB 1452](#) by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends the definition of "record" to mean any portion of any document of information provided an agency or entity of the state or a political subdivision to obtain licensure under the laws of this state or a political subdivision that contains an applicant's personal address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other contact information. Provided, however, lists of persons licensed, the existence of a license of a person, or an address expressly stated to be a business or commercial address submitted with an application for licensure be public records. Any portion of any record that contains the name or any other identifier of the occupants of any residential structure must be kept confidential. Public bodies that provide utility services to the public may keep confidential the personal information.

The bill is being heard on Wednesday in the House General Government Committee. Please contact the members of the [committee](#) and ask them to vote **YES** on the bill.

Firearms/Barrel Position: [SB 1366](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Tammy West (R-Bethany) requires a firearm that is not held in the hand but rather is carried on a shouldered sling with the firearm located in a general vertical position where the barrel of the firearm is safely pointed in an up or down direction or in a case designed for carrying a firearm. The provisions of this law shall not apply while lawfully at a gun range, while lawfully hunting, during an act of self-defense, or otherwise during lawful use of the firearm. The bill defines handguns, rifles and shotguns and collectively refers to all of them, including pistols, as "firearms".

The bill has been assigned to the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee.

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BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR STITT

Medical Marijuana/Setbacks for Commercial Growers: [SB 1511](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) prohibits medical marijuana commercial growers from being within one thousand (1,000) feet from a public or private school, while grandfathering in facilities currently within one thousand (1,000) feet. The bill does not force facilities to move if a public or private school opens within one thousand (1,000) feet of their current site. A property owned, used, or operated by a public school or by a private school that is not used for classroom instruction, such as an administrative building, athletic facility, ballpark, field or stadium, does not constitute a public school or private school unless such property is located on the same campus as a building for classroom instruction.

The bill took effect on March 30, 2022.

BILLS ON THE MOVE

Here is a snapshot of bills impacting cities and towns.

Elections/Registered Voters: [HB 2974](#) by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) requires the State Election Board to perform a query of the entire voter registration database to determine how many individuals are registered at the same residential address by June 1 of each year. If more than ten (10) registered voters share a single residential address, the State Election Board is required to provide a list to the district attorney for investigation of any possible criminal investigation. Registered voters sharing a residential address in a nursing home, veterans center, medical facility, multiunit housing, installations of the Armed Forces of the US where uniformed or overseas voters, or other locations authorized in writing by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee with the title restored by a [vote](#) of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Elections/Voter Registration Database: [HB 2976](#) by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) requires information contained in the voter registration database to only be shared with a court system if that court system agrees to regularly provide the names of persons convicted of a felony in that court system to the Secretary of the State Election Board and the appropriate secretary of a county election board.

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund: [HB 3037](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) creates the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and for each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be apportioned Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund for use by municipalities to repair roads as prescribed pursuant to the requirements of Section 2 of this act. The monies in the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund shall be allocated by ODOT only to municipalities having a population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) persons or most recent population estimate to repair damage to municipal roads caused by or reasonably caused by increased use of such roads resulting from oil or gas drilling activity. A municipality seeking funds must make the initial application to ODOT no later than May 1, 2023. A municipality is required to provide twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project costs to be eligible for the funds.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Veterans Sales Tax Exemption/Vehicle: [HB 3050](#) by Rep. Tommy Hardin (R-Madill) and Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) exempts the sales of motor from counting towards the Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) annual sales tax exemption limit for one hundred percent (100%) disabled veterans. The exemption may only be claimed for one vehicle every three years, unless the vehicle is a replacement for a vehicle that was destroyed or totaled.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Law Enforcement/Oklahoma Drug Court: [HB 3053](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) provides an option for sentences to be deferred when offenders successfully complete drug court programs.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure: [HB 3056](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) amends the definition of "municipal political committee to include municipal questions. The bill also requires committees and candidates when the municipality is not covered by this act based on the

population and budget requirements, but the candidate or committee expends or receives more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in donations or in-kind expenditures. The Ethics Commission does not have enforcement jurisdiction concerning candidates or committees that are covered by this act based on expenditures alone. Any violation of this act may be prosecuted by the district attorney or a locally adopted policy. An omission or failure to report expenditures shall constitute a misdemeanor with a fine of up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day, not to exceed a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The court shall give discretion as to the fine amount with the intent of the fine to obtain compliance and reporting requirements. Willful noncompliance is a misdemeanor offense with a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) with the fine to deter unlawful activity and punish willful offenders.

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Municipal Courts/Criminal History Information: [HB 3066](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) requires municipal courts to report criminal history information on each person subject to mandatory reporting requirements to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firearms/Transporting: [HB 3070](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) and Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) clarifies scope of transporting a firearm in the vehicle.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Regulated Utilities/Disclosure of Costs: [HB 3150](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) requires regulated utility entities doing business in this state and subject to the February 2021 Regulated Utility Consumer Protection Act, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall make available through posting to its public website, a report on any audits or true-ups performed under Section 9074 and 9078 of Title 47. The report shall include but not be limited to, the amount and the annual interest rate on the securitization bond, the total annual interest expense paid, total interest expense paid to date, total annual revenue collected per the utility tariff, total revenue collected to date per the utility tariff, remaining repayment term and outstanding principal balance, and

any other information the Oklahoma Corporation Commission deems necessary.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee by a [vote](#) of 10 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974/Out-of-State Companies: [HB 3484](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) and Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) requires state agencies to list the city, state and country in which contracted services will be prepared and produced, with any work the state awards not strictly awarded by the lowest price and that is not awarded to a company not preparing and producing the services in Oklahoma must include information from the awarding agency's director on why the services are not prepared and produced in Oklahoma.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Water Economic Impact Study: [HB 3636](#) by Rep. Eddie Dempsey (R-Valliant) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) creates a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to be designated as the "Oklahoma Water Economic Impact Study Fund" for the purpose of conducting instream flow studies. Water economic impact studies shall be conducted for the purpose of educating stakeholders on the value of all uses of the particular body of water at the subject of a study. A study conducted pursuant to this act shall have the goals of informing the communities and stakeholders about the protection, conservation, recreational use, and economic development of water resources and to encourage the protection of the rights of the citizens of the state to use water for riparian and domestic use. The water economic impact studies shall only be conducted on the Little River, the Glover River, and the Mountain Fork River.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption for Agriculture: [HB 3637](#) by Rep. Eddy Dempsey (R-Valliant) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) expands sales tax exemptions for agriculture to include those involved in the production of timber, seedling production, and forestry management. It also defines "livestock" to include the breeding of game animals which are animals bred to be hunted for sport or food.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Municipal Court Costs: [HB 3642](#) by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) and Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) increases the maximum fine for a municipal court not of record from Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

The bill failed the Senate Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 5 to 5.

Sales Tax Exemption/Veterans Transition Groups: [HB 3649](#) by Rep. Sheila Dills (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) adds an exemption from sales tax sales of tangible personal property or services to an organization which provides support to veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, reservists, and members of the National Guard to assist with the transition of civilian life.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Law Enforcement/All-Terrain Vehicles: [HB 3661](#) by Rep. Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) deletes divided highway crossing prohibition for all-terrain vehicles.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Rural Hazard Mitigation Funding: [HB 3819](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) creates the Oklahoma Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Matching Fund Act. There is an appropriation of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to the Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Matching Fund. The Department of Commerce shall administer the fund. A voluntary association of Oklahoma local governmental jurisdictions or another legal entity, including a public trust or nonprofit corporation or other entity which performs functions for the benefit of Oklahoma local governmental jurisdictions, is eligible to obtain funding for rural hazard mitigation projects. The governing board of an entity described in subsection A or B of Section 4 of this act, shall develop a plan for the use of available funds for providing matching amounts as required to the terms of applicable federal law to obtain federal funds for the prevention of damage or to repair damages caused by a qualifying hazard. "Qualifying hazard" shall include, but not be limited one or more of the following conditions: high winds, tornadoes, hail, rain, flooding, freezing rain or ice, heavy snow, wildfires, seismic disturbances, or other hazardous conditions that a Governor's disaster declaration covers. Not later than

July 31, each entity shall transmit, in an electronic form created by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, a summary of each project upon which matching funds received by the entity from the Oklahoma Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Matching Fund were expending during the fiscal year ending on the June 30 date. No entity which qualifies for the funds, shall be required to provide matching funds or to provide equivalent value in order to obtain available funds of funds for planning expenditures. The funds allocated shall not be used for any direct expenditures on salaries, employee benefits, acquisition of real or personal property, or other than the available funding for which the allocated funds may be utilized, or any other purpose.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sales Tax Exemption/Avian Research: [HB 3854](#) by Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) and Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) creates a new sales tax exemption on the sale of tangible personal property to an avian research center which is exempt from the provisions of the IRS Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501 (c)(3) and which promotes conservation, education, and research of endangered, rare, and understudied birds.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Oklahoma Red and Blue Heart Awards: [HB 3970](#) by Rep. Ty Burns (R-Morrison) and Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) modifies the Oklahoma State Award Program by authorizing the Oklahoma Red Heart and Oklahoma Blue Heart award for serious line of duty injuries. The Oklahoma Red Heart Award is limited to municipal firefighters employed by cities and towns. The Oklahoma Blue Heart is limited to law enforcement and public safety members employed by municipal, county, state and employees of federal agencies working in Oklahoma.

The bill passed the Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority: [HB 3995](#) by Rep. Mike Dobrinski (R-Okeene) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) modifies rules, rights, and limitations of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA), including removal of obsolete references and procedures. election committee. It modifies when the Authority is prohibited to sell output relating to acquisition and construction contracts. It repeals statutes,

which relates to joint interest in Electric Generation Project; acquisition and construction contracts and personnel included in unclassified service.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee by a [vote](#) of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Public Buildings/Bonds: [HB 4099](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) and Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) allows the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to issue obligations to acquire real property, together with improvements for purposes of construction, repair and rehabilitation and improvements to real and personal property, of existing Oklahoma Historical Society facilities in a total amount necessary to generate net proceeds of Forty-six Million Dollars (\$46,000,000.00) after providing for cost of issuance, credit enhancement, reserves, and other associated expenses related to the financing, as long as no proceeds will be expended on the Oklahoma Museum of Pop Culture. The bill directs the Authority to use interest earnings on funds or accounts created for the purposes of this section to be utilized as partial payment of the annual debt service or for the purposes decided by the Authority. The obligations issued under this section, shall not be subject to taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county, municipality, or political subdivision therein.

The bill passed the Senate A&B Natural and Regulatory Services Subcommittee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Law Enforcement/Human Trafficking Response Unit: [HB 4210](#) by Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) requires the Oklahoma Attorney General to maintain data related to human trafficking and to assist law enforcement, social service agencies, and private victim services programs in identifying and supporting victims of human trafficking. The Office of the Attorney General the Human Trafficking Response Unit is authorized to maintain data and develop training programs to assist agencies and victims of human trafficking. The Human Trafficking Response Unit is to also create incentive programs to encourage state agencies to attend training programs and review policies, and appropriate targeted funding for victim service programs. The Human Trafficking Response Unit is to publish public service announcements on various media platforms to educate the public about the dangers of human trafficking.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. It now awaits a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Law Enforcement/Human Trafficking: [SB 1116](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) allows Department of Public Safety (DPS) to disqualify any person from operating a Class A, B, or C commercial motor vehicle for life for a felony conviction of human trafficking while operating a commercial motor vehicle, when the conviction has become final.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Next Week at the Capitol

(As of time of distribution this is a list of the meetings that have been posted.)

Monday, April 4, 2022

Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee 10:00 a.m. in Room 4s9

Police Pension/Disability Benefits: [HB 2745](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) requires the Police Pension and Retirement System when computing the disability benefit, to use the compensation paid to the highest paid nonsupervisory patrol officer in the employment of the municipality which employs the member who becomes disabled according to the standards prescribed by this paragraph or a one hundred percent (100%) disability based on the member's final average salary whichever computation results in the highest benefit.

OPERS/Military and EMS Personnel: [HB 2758](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) requires military police officers and emergency medical services personnel receive the hazardous duty multiplier in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. Any person who contributes to the System as a military police officer or as an emergency medical service personnel, who retires under normal retirement of early retirement, shall have retirement benefits for each year of full-time-equivalent participating service as a military police officer or emergency medical service personnel computed on two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the final average compensation based upon those years as a military police officer or emergency service personnel, and any years in excess of twenty (20) years as a military police officer or emergency medical service personnel or years credited to the members shall be calculated for retirement purposes at two percent (2%) of the final average compensation of the member multiplied by the number of years of service. It requires a monthly pension to be paid on behalf of any military police officer or emergency medical service personnel hired on or after

Nov. 1, 2022, who is killed or mortally wounded during the performance of their duties. It sets employee contributions to OPERS at eight percent (8%) of allowable compensation for military police officers and licensed emergency medical personnel employed for the first time on or after Nov. 1, 2022.

Public Retirement Systems/Military Service Credits: [HB 3709](#) by Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) authorizes prior service credit to members of the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System who served in any branch of the Armed Forces, who was honorably discharged, and began participation in the System after November 1, 2022. The bill also impacts the Retirement System for Justices and Judges, Law Enforcement Retirement System, and Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.

House A&B Health Subcommittee
10:30 a.m. in Room 206

Sales Tax Refund/Feminine Hygiene Program: [SB 1499](#) by Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) and Rep. Cynthia Roe (R-Lindsay) creates the Feminine Hygiene Program (Program), which shall be administered by the State Department of Health (Department). The Program shall provide feminine hygiene products, as defined in the measure, to women. Local health departments may apply to the Department for funds. The Department shall award grants in an amount based on a measure of the needs of the population the local health department intends to serve. The bill also creates the Feminine Hygiene Program Revolving Fund. For fiscal year 2024 and each subsequent fiscal year, before any other apportionment is made to the General Revenue Fund, apportions One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the Feminine Hygiene Program Revolving Fund. The sales tax exemption for the sale of feminine hygiene products is administered in the form of a refund and the vendor is required to collect the sales tax applicable to the transaction. The purchaser may apply for the refund within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year. The Tax Commission shall create a form for purposes of making the application for the refund. The bill lays out the products that are to be covered.

Senate Health & Human Services Committee
2:00 p.m. in Room 535

Emergency Medical Response: [HB 3132](#) by Rep. Gerrid Kendrix (R-Altus) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) allows the governing body of any municipality, public ambulance service district, or emergency medical service district to elect to enter agreements with local first responder agencies, whether governmental or nonprofit,

for the purpose of acquiring assistance with emergency medical response.

Underage Tobacco Use/Repeals Municipal Enforcement: [HB 3315](#) by Rep. Cynthia Roe (R-Lindsay) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) removes the administrative fine for a person under the age of twenty-one (21) who purchases, receives, or has in his or her possession a tobacco product, nicotine product or vapor product and requires the violator to complete an education or tobacco use cessation program approved by the State Department of Health. The bill also removes the ability for cities and towns to enact and municipal police officers to enforce ordinances prohibiting and penalizing the purchase or possession of tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products by a person under the age twenty-one (21).

House County & Municipal Government Committee
3:00 p.m. in Room 4s5

Small Police Departments: [SB 1188](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) allows a municipality with a population of four thousand five hundred (4,500) or less, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, to employ retired police officers who are more than forty-five (45) years of age and who have participated in the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and are receiving retirement benefits. Such officers shall not be eligible to reenter and participate in the System.

Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Division/Repeal: [SB 1317](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) and Rep. Rhonda Baker (R-Yukon) repeals 11 O.S. Section 52-103 relating to the clerks and treasurer's advisory committee.

Bonds/Public Facilities: [SB 1343](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) allows the Municipal and County Economic and Community Development Bonds Act to be used for county jails, detention facilities, and emergency or fire response facilities. It also adds public health facilities including but not limited to county or public hospitals, clinics, emergency medical service facilities, and county health department facilities.

House Banking, Financial Services and Pensions Committee
3:00 p.m. in Room 5s2

Police Pension and Retirement/Age: [SB 318](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) increases the maximum age for entry into the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System from

forty-five (45) years of age to fifty (50). A municipality that employs two (2) or fewer full-time police officers may employ a police officer who is more than fifty (50) years of age and who has never participated in the Police Pension System.

House A&B – Revenue & Taxation Subcommittee
4:30 p.m. in Room 450

Sales Tax Exemption/Blue Star Mothers: [SB 1104](#) by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) deletes language specifying that the sales tax exemption relating to sales of tangible property to service organizations of mothers who have children who are serving or who have served in the military shall not apply to any sales tax levied by a city, town, or county. Additionally, the bill deletes the language specifying that the exemption shall be provided in the form of a refund and removes the requirement that purchasers provide proof that the items were sent to military personnel overseas in a combat zone.

Medical Marijuana/OTC: [SB 1302](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) adds medical marijuana to the list which allows the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) to file assessment for certain unpaid business taxes for medical marijuana businesses upon the business owners themselves.

Sales Tax/Marketplace Facilitators: [SB 1339](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) and Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) requires the collection obligation of a marketplace facilitator or referrer that elects to collect and remit tax imposed under Section 1354 or 1402 of Title 68 to also apply to any other taxes administered by the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) administer are levied by local jurisdictions on a retail sale of a product.

Sales Tax/Trade-in Vehicles: [SB 1486](#) by Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) requires gross receipts to be calculated for a purchased vehicle to be based only on the difference between the value of the trade-in vehicle and the actual sales price of the vehicle being purchased.

Sales Tax Exemptions/Nonprofit Women's Veterans Organization: [SB 1496](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) creates a new sales tax exemption for women's veteran's organizations from the sale of tangible property or services.

Sales Tax Exemptions/Surviving Spouse: [SB 1670](#) by Sen. Chris Kidd (R-Waurika) and Rep. Toni Hasenbeck

(R-Elgin) expands exemption for people qualifying to receive sales tax exemption to include the surviving spouse of a person who is determined by the United States Department of Defense or any branch of the United States military to have died while in the line of duty if the spouse has not remarried.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

House Elections & Ethics Committee
10:30 a.m. in Room 5s2

Elections/Polling Places: [SB 1364](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Speaker Pro Tempore Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) for elections to be held after July 1, 2022, any political subdivision that held an election that was conducted by a county election board on or after January 1, 2018, and that owns, rents, or leases a facility in or near a precinct without a suitable polling place available to make space within the facility available for use as a polling place upon the written request of the secretary of the county election board. A reasonable maintenance or cleaning fee may be charged to the county election board for use of the facility as a polling place.

Election Fraud/Investigation: [SB 1637](#) by Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) requires notification of certain potential election fraud to the Attorney General. If the AG declines to investigate, the AG shall submit the notification from the county election board to the district attorney for that county. The district attorney, or a member of law enforcement designated by the district attorney shall then investigate any possible criminal violation of the law related to the absentee ballot requests. The AG shall submit the notification and documentation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the district attorney for the county or counties involved.

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:30 a.m. in Room 4s9

Court Costs and Fees: [HB 3196](#) by Rep. Danny Williams (R-Seminole) and Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) creates the Burt Holmes Fee Structure Policy Act of 2022. This bill modifies the structure of fees collected by the courts for various offenses.

House Veterans & Military Affairs Committed
3:00 p.m. in Room 4s5

Driver Licenses/Veterans Designation: [SB 1177](#) by Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) and Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) directs the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to include a numeric designation indicating a veteran's

100% disability rating granted by the Department of Veteran Affairs on the veteran's driver license. Additionally, the surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran who has not remarried is entitled to receive a driver license or identification card indicating his or her status as an eligible current spouse or an eligible surviving spouse who has not remarried entitled to the disabled veteran sales tax exemption. The label on the driver license shall serve as confirmation that the veteran or surviving spouse is entitled to the benefits afforded such persons as well as the sales tax exemption. The measure also directs the Department of Public Safety and Department of Veteran Affairs to implement a technology-based information exchange process allowing the Department of Public Safety and motor agents to validate an applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran disability status, status as a current spouse of an eligible disabled veteran, or status as an eligible surviving spouse of an eligible deceased disabled veteran.

supervision officers. The bill requires notification be provided to victims if the offender involved in the crime seeks to participate in the program. The coordinator shall file a form with the district attorney if a person wishes to be voluntarily placed in the program as well as keep a record of all presumptively eligible offenders who are not placed in the drug court.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

House Judiciary - Criminal Committee
10:30 a.m. in Room 206

9/11 Freedom Flag: [SB 1466](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) authorizes the 9/11 Freedom Flag to be flown on flagpoles throughout the state in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Drug Court Program: [SB 1548](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Speaker Pro Tempore Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) requires in each county with a drug court program that the county commissioners enter into an administrative contract with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) for establishing a drug court program. Juvenile drug courts may be established based upon the provisions of the Oklahoma Drug Court Act; provided, however, a juvenile shall not be held, processed, or treated in a manner that violates any provision of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes. An offender admitted to the drug court program for a crime which requires the offender to attend a batterers' intervention program certified by the Attorney General's office is required to undergo such treatment as a condition of drug court. Each drug court team shall develop agreed-upon, objective criteria to determine presumptive court eligibility for the offenders. The objective criteria shall be in writing and communicated to potential referral sources including but not limited to judges, law enforcement, defense attorneys, prosecutors, treatment professionals, and community