

April 2023 Legislative Up Date

Please find below proposed legislation which are associated with our services as a Fire District or that have potential impacts. The information presented below was assembled by Engineer Adam Wennhold and reviewed by the administration for presentation. The District Administration would like to thank Engineer Wennhold for his monitoring of the legislation session and for providing this information.

AB158: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9824/Text>
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This bill proposes to include NV in the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

UPDATE: AB 158 passed out of committee no amendments

AB172: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9856/Text>

This bill proposes to require the sharing of contact info of eligible members of a bargaining unit to the labor group from administration. This is a non issue for us as this is current practice.

UPDATE: AB 172 amended and passed with minor changes

AB178: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9869/Text>

This bill proposes to change the time period for an agency EMS license renewal from one year to five years. On the surface, this seems like a good way to decrease the State EMS office workload and take one more thing off the plate of administration.

UPDATE: AB 178 amended to renew every two years down from 5 with other minor changes

AB211: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9936/Text>

This bill proposes to include "Law Enforcement Dispatchers" in Police/Fire PERS. I hope that an amendment will be introduced to clarify that Fire and EMS (or at least All Risk) Dispatchers would be included. I personally support this especially in light of the Douglas County 911 recruitment and retention crisis. However, there is a clear fiscal impact for Douglas County that would certainly be passed through to the District if adopted.

UPDATE: AB 211 received no hearing. Presumed dead for now

SB76: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9656/Text>

This bill as currently written is intended to regulate or ban PFAS Chemicals in various commercial products. I include it as the potential exists to widen the scope to include other

PFAS containing items such as structural firefighting clothing. Also, a connection could be made to the Workers Compensation Cancer Presumptions.

UPDATE: SB 76 Amended and passed out with no fire service references

SB261: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10095/Text>

This bill revises the process by which a local board adopts regulations that have the potential to impact businesses. Though the current legislation does not explicitly include a "NRS474 Fire Protection District" a case can be made that the intent would be to include any and all local government bodies. My reading of the draft is that the recent process to adopt fire prevention regulations would have been in compliance with the intent of the bill.

UPDATE: SB 261 amended and passed with minor changes

SB264: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10101/Text>

This bill proposes to include "a civilian who provides support services to a law enforcement agency" in a law enforcement collective bargaining unit. This has potential implications to the District and Assn if the logic of the bill is applied to fire and EMS.

UPDATE: SB 264 amended and passed to be LV Metro specific

SB283: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10138/Text>

This bill has something to do with a person being able to request their medical information from an ambulance service. I won't pretend to be able to intelligently comment further but it is clear the District is "the custodian of healthcare records or a person who owns or operates an Ambulance in this State."

UPDATE: SB 283 amended and passed removing reference to ambulances

SB289: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10145/Text>

This bill expands the applicability of enhanced penalties for assault or battery against a provider of health care. Since the majority of District Employees are covered under this provision, it warrants tracking.

UPDATE: SB 289 amended and passed adding a EMT/PM student to the list of protected parties

SB 304 <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL//82nd2023/Bill/10181/Text>

This bill appears to only impact chartered Cities that organize "Fire Departments" under their various City Charters.

UPDATE: SB 304 received no hearing. Presumed dead for now

NEW bills since the last meeting that have passed committee as of this writing that appear to be relevant to the District or Assn:

SB427: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10436/Text>

[SB427 Text](#)

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www.leg.state.nv.us

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/ExhibitDocument/OpenExhibitDocument?exhibitId=67461&fileDownloadName=SB427_WorkSessionDocument_CesarMelgarejo_CommitteePolicyAnalysis.pdf

A bill relating to heat illness and air quality requirements under OSHA. As introduced, no exemption for emergency services or events was included. An amendment was passed out of committee but not available online as of this writing that allowed exemptions for emergency services and events. So hopefully this will not impact us.

SB391: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10371/Text>

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https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/ExhibitDocument/OpenExhibitDocument?exhibitId=67683&fileDownloadName=SB391BillPage_Amendment.pdf

This is the Minden Siren Bill. Though it does not impact the District directly we are associated by the proximity of the Minden Siren to District property & staff as well as Association members working at Station 1. (Genoa Peak, BC, Training Captain)