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There have been 2090 bills introduced in this year's Legislative Session. There have been 97 bills pass in the House and 81 in the Senate. Eleven bills have completed legislation.

We are now past the halfway point in the 2020 Legislative Session. The last day to introduce bills in the House is February 11th and the last day to introduce bills in the Senate is February 17th.

IIAWV Specific Legislation

[SB659 – Prohibiting insurance companies from using credit ratings to establish home and auto premiums.](#)

[HB4588 – Requiring access to coverage of individuals with preexisting conditions.](#)

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit health insurers from denying coverage for accident or sickness as a result of a preexisting condition in the requirement and prohibitions of the Affordable Care Act are no longer enforceable or no longer preempt state law.

[HB4528 – Relating to the surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies.](#) The purpose of this bill is to increase the fire and casualty insurance surcharge from .55 percent to one percent to be distributed solely to volunteer and part-volunteer fire departments.

Update on IIAWV bills we are watching:

[HB4466 – Certificates of Insurance Act.](#) The purpose of this bill is to give the Insurance Commissioner authority over certain certificates of insurance. It addresses form requirements, limitations on use, notice requirements, applicability, enforcement, penalties and rulemaking. This bill passed the House and has been introduced in the Senate. It has been referred to the Senate Banking & Insurance Committee.

[HB4361 – Relating to Insurance law violations.](#) This is the Insurance Fraud Bill. It has passed in the House and is awaiting consideration in Senate Judiciary.

[HB4359 – Increasing filing fees for insurers.](#) This bill allows: A fee of \$50 ~~\$100~~ for every form filing and \$75 for every rate or rule filing shall be submitted with each filing for each insurer, irrespective of the number of forms, rules, or rates included within or affected by the filing. This bill has passed in the House and is awaiting consideration in Senate Banking & Insurance.

[HB4149 – Relating to insurance.](#) This bill updates definitions relating to insurance. This bill has passed the House and is awaiting consideration in Senate Banking & Insurance.

[HB 4477 - West Virginia Mutual to Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act.](#) This bill passed the House and is awaiting consideration in Senate Judiciary.

[HB 4502 - Relating to insurance adjusters.](#) The purpose of this bill is to update the requirements for insurance adjusters to become licensed, and maintain licensure, in this state. This bill passed the House and is awaiting consideration in Senate Banking & Insurance.

General Business

[HB4751 – Providing a tax credit for dues paid to trade associations.](#) The bill allows:
(a) Credit allowed. - For those tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, there is allowed a credit for any taxpayer against certain taxes imposed by this state as described in subsection (d) of this section for dues paid to trade associations by the taxpayer in the tax year.

(b) Amount of credit. - The tax credit equals dues paid to trade associations by the taxpayer in the tax year, not to exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate for all dues pay in the tax year.

(c) Trade association. - For purposes of this section, a trade association is an association of persons having some common business interest, the purpose of which is to promote such common interest and not to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit.

(d) Application of annual credit allowance. - The amount of credit as determined under subsection (b) of this section is allowed as a credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability applied as provided in subdivisions (1) through (2), inclusive, of this subsection, and in that order.

Business bills we are watching:

[SB 275 - Creating Intermediate Court of Appeals.](#) This bill passed in the Senate and has been ordered to the House.

[SB 300 - Updating certain terms in WV Corporation Net Income Tax Act.](#) This bill passed the Senate and is awaiting consideration in House Finance.



Find Your Legislators

The Legislature's website is an excellent resource to find contact information for your local Legislators and the committees on which they serve. Below are links to the member rosters for both the Senate and House.

[Members of the West Virginia Senate](#)

[Members of the West Virginia House](#)

2020 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR



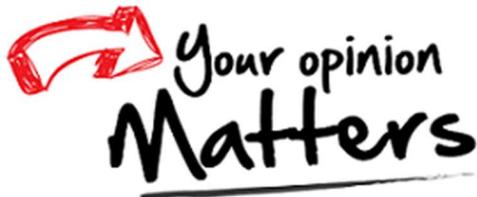
Thirty-fifth Day - February 11, 2020: Last day to introduce bills in the House. *House Rule 91a* does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills and does not apply to Senate or House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.

Forty-first Day - February 17, 2020: Last day to introduce bills in the Senate. *Senate Rule 14* does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills, and does not apply to Senate or House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.

Forty-seventh Day - February 23, 2020: Bills due out of committees in house of origin to ensure three full days for readings.

Fiftieth Day - February 26, 2020: Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin. Does not include budget or supplementary appropriation bills. (Joint Rule 5, paragraph b)

Sixtieth Day - March 7, 2020: Adjournment at Midnight. (WV Const. Art. VI, §22)



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