



## **Legislative Report for March 13, 2025**

### **General Bills**

#### **SB 7002: Water Management Districts**

GENERAL BILL by Environment and Natural Resources

Water Management Districts; Requiring the Commission on Ethics to investigate a lobbyist or principal who has made a prohibited expenditure and to provide the Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations regarding such investigation; requiring the South Florida Water Management District, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide a detailed report that includes the total estimated remaining cost of implementation of the Everglades restoration comprehensive plan and the status of all performance indicators; authorizing the districts to levy ad valorem taxes on property by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the governing board, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$1,554,756,118

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

**Last Action:** 3/5/2025 Reported favorable by Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

#### **HB 1169: Water Management Districts**

GENERAL BILL by Conerly

Water Management Districts; Provides requirements for Commission on Ethics relating to prohibited expenditures by water management districts; requires quorum & affirmative vote of majority of members of governing board before any action may be taken by board; requires South Florida Water Management District to provide specified detailed report; prohibits water management district from using state funds for specified purpose; authorizes districts to levy ad valorem taxes on certain property; provides requirements for maximum total millage rate; provides requirements for South Florida Water Management District's & other water management district's budgets; requires water management district give preference to certain bids, proposals, or replies for certain capital improvement projects; provides requirements for construction bonds & competitive selection process; requires certain projects for Statewide Flooding & Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan be ranked on separate list; provides requirements for certain projects; restricts funding available to water management districts; authorizes department to issue certain loans; provides for repayment of such loan; provides penalty; requires department to create & maintain separate account in Resilient Florida Trust Fund for certain funds; provides requirements for revolving loan program. APPROPRIATION: \$1,554,756,118

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/2025 House - Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

## **SB 1452: Department of Business and Professional Regulation**

GENERAL BILL by [Truenow](#)

Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Repealing provisions relating to expenditure of excess funds; the Board of Employee Leasing Companies, membership, appointments, and terms; rules of the board; the Barbers' Board; the Board of Cosmetology; interior design, practice requirements, disclosure of compensation for professional services; disciplinary proceedings against registered interior designers; the Board of Landscape Architecture; the Board of Professional Geologists; the Drug Wholesale Distributor Advisory Council; and liens for interior design services, respectively, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:**

**Last Action:** 2/26/2025 Senate - Filed

## **HB 1461: Department of Business and Professional Regulation**

GENERAL BILL by Yarkosky

Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Revises boards, commissions, & programs established in DBPR; revises general licensing provisions for individuals desiring to be licensed by department; creates auctioneers licensing program, employee leasing companies licensing program, barbers' licensing program, cosmetology licensing program, and professional geologists licensing program in department; revises Clay Ford Scholarship Program; requires department to adopt rules governing licensure, operation, & inspection of mobile barbershops; requires applicants desiring to be licensed as cosmetologist, or in any specialty practice within practice of cosmetology, to submit to department complete set of fingerprints; creates Board of Architecture & Landscape Architecture in department; revises meeting requirements of Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits operators of public lodging establishments from offering or charging hourly rates for temporary lodging or sleeping purposes & from offering or renting rooms on hourly basis or for less than one overnight stay.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; State Administration Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/2025 House - Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

## **HB 1185: Department of Management Services**

GENERAL BILL by Sapp

Department of Management Services; Provides for equal employment opportunity; prohibits discrimination in employment; prohibits executive agencies from engaging in certain employment practices; authorizes certain persons to file complaint with Attorney General or Department of Business of Professional Regulation; provides for competitive procurement of claims review services for state group health insurance plans; revises exempt positions that are not covered by career service system; revises recruitment provisions relating to career service system; revises personnel rules of DMS; revises specified benefits of law enforcement officers & firefighters, respectively; revises powers & duties of Board of Governors; revises provisions relating to advertising & awarding contracts.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Government Operations Subcommittee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/25 House - Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

## **SB 1532: Executive Branch**

GENERAL BILL by [McClain](#)

Executive Branch; Revising policies regarding equal employment opportunity in state government; repealing a provision relating to utilization of minority business enterprises in contracts for public construction works; revising provisions governing preferences for Florida-based businesses in procurement; repealing a provision relating to the certification of minority business enterprises; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a vendor or affiliate that violates specified provisions, etc.

**Effective Date:** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

**Committee References:**

**Last Action:** 2/27/2025 Senate - Filed

## **HB 893: Construction Liens and Bonds**

GENERAL BILL by Overdorf

Construction Liens and Bonds; Requires, rather than authorizing, specified waiver to be in certain form; authorizes claimant to condition waiver on receipt of funds; provides that certain waivers are unenforceable; revises notice contractor must provide to owner of certain real property if direct contract between owner & contractor is more than specified amount; provides that person may not have lien on improved real property if contractor was paid in full under direct contract; provides that person may not have lien on improved real property if contractor was paid in full under direct contract; revises notice that certain lienors must provide to owner of real property before perfecting lien & recording claim of lien.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Industries and Professional Activities Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

**Last Action:** 3/4/2025 House - 1st Reading (Original Filed Version)

## **SB 658: Waiver or Release of Liens**

GENERAL BILL by [Truenow](#)

Waiver or Release of Liens; Requiring that waiver and release of lien forms include specific language; authorizing a lienor who executes such lien and release forms in exchange for payment, rather than a check, to condition such waiver and release on receipt of funds, rather than payment of a check, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

**Last Action:** 3/4/2025 Senate - Introduced

## **SB 690: Condominium Structural Integrity Reserve Studies**

GENERAL BILL by [Osgood](#)

Condominium Structural Integrity Reserve Studies; Defining the term “structural integrity reserve study”; requiring condominium associations that govern a building of a specified height to conduct a structural integrity reserve study for a specified purpose; providing that condominium associations that govern a building that does not meet such specified height requirement are not required to conduct a structural integrity reserve study, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

**Last Action:** 3/4/2025 Senate - Introduced

## **HB 1415: Structural Integrity Reserve Studies**

GENERAL BILL by Antone

Structural Integrity Reserve Studies; Defines "structural integrity reserve study"; requires condominium & cooperative associations that govern building of specified height to conduct structural integrity reserve study for specified purpose; provides that condominium & cooperative associations that govern building that does not meet such specified height requirement are not required to conduct structural integrity reserve study; authorizes certain condominium & cooperative associations to elect, by majority vote of unit owners, to waive or reduce reserve contributions.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/2025 House - Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

## **SB 1134: Alternative Plans Review and Inspections**

GENERAL BILL by [Calatayud](#)

Alternative Plans Review and Inspections; Requiring that a notice of private inspection services specify whether any scheduled inspection by a private provider will be conducted virtually or in person; authorizing a private provider to use an automated or software-based plans review system designed to make specific determinations; requiring the local building official to issue the requested permit or provide written notice of noncompliance within a specified timeframe for permits related to single-trade plans reviews for single-family or two-family dwellings, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Rules

**Last Action:** 3/12/2025 Senate - On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/17/25, 4:00 pm, 37 Senate Building

## **HB 1071: Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections**

GENERAL BILL by Benarroch

Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections; Revises definition of "single-trade inspection" & defines term "single-trade plans review"; authorizes specified notices to specify how scheduled inspection will be conducted; authorizes private provider to use specified review systems for single-trade plans reviews; authorizes private provider to specify which review system he or she used; requires certain actions by local building official within specified timeframe for certain permits; authorizes single-trade inspections to be performed in person or virtually.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

- Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
- Referred to Commerce Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/2025 House - Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

## **SB 1108: Fire Detection and Alarm Documents**

GENERAL BILL by [McClain](#)

Fire Detection and Alarm Documents; Providing that certain fire alarm contractors are not required to be licensed as engineers; requiring that fire detection and alarm system documents be prepared by specified persons for specified new buildings or additions to existing buildings that provide certain fire suppression systems; providing exceptions, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; Rules

**Last Action:** 3/4/2025 Senate - Introduced