



FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL WEEK UPDATE-- CALL ALERT FOR MAY 3, 2013

The 2013 Legislative Session ended today when the ceremonial white handkerchief was dropped to signal "Sine Die." The big question for community associations on the final day of session was whether the "mortgage foreclosure bill" (HB 87) would pass. The good news is that the bill was taken up by the Senate and passed 26-13 and is now headed to the Governor. Congratulations to Representative Passidomo and Senator Latvala for passing this good bill. It includes a provision that will give associations the right to ask the court for the entry of a final judgment of foreclosure in certain cases. Please contact Governor Scott and ask him to approve the mortgage foreclosure bill. Here is a message you can send to him:

"Please approve HB 87, the mortgage foreclosure bill. Community associations have been prejudiced by unnecessary delays in the foreclosure process and HB 87 will give associations some tools to move cases forward that are ready for a final judgment. Please support community associations by approving HB 87."

Please make sure to include your name, your association name, and your city. Governor Scott's contact info is as follows:

Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott
400 S Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-7146

<http://www.flgov.com/contact-gov-scott/email-the-governor/>

Another bill that we have been tracking is SB 1770, dealing with Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. The bill passed without any rate increases. The bill sets up a clearinghouse to shop prospective customers in the private market and sets up an inspector general for Citizens.

I am also pleased to announce that CALL will be hosting a Webinar on May 16, 2013 to discuss all of the bills of interest that passed, with our special guest, Rep.

George Moraitis. Stay tuned for further information regarding how to sign up for the Webinar.

Other bills that passed this week are:

HB 277 (Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda), Relating to Assessment of Residential and Nonhomestead Real Property. HB 277 implements a constitutional amendment approved in 2008 which prohibits consideration of certain improvements in the assessed value of real property. Specifically, the bill provides that, in determining the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes, a property appraiser may not consider the increase in the just value attributed to the installation of renewable energy source device. Originally, the bill also provided that improvements made for the purpose of improving a property's resistance to wind damage would not be considered in the assessed value of the property. However, that language was removed from the bill.

HB 573 (Rep. Hooper), Relating to Manufactured and Mobile Homes. HB 573 provides that Citizens must offer coverage on mobile homes or manufactured homes for a minimum insured value of at least \$3,000. It also specifies the procedure for requesting and obtaining funds from the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund to pay for the operational costs of the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation and the relocation costs of mobile home owners.

SB 468 (Sen. Hukill), Relating to Property and Casualty Insurance Rates and Forms. SB 468 includes an anti-consumer provision which will allow insurance companies to file form changes with the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) without review by OIR. Historically, over 90% of the policy forms filed with OIR contain a violation of Florida law. To permit no prior approval by OIR, as contemplated by SB 468/HB 335, will permit over 90% of the forms to violate Florida law.

HB 7025 (Rep. Eagle), Relating to Vacation and Timeshare Plans. HB 7025 exempts timeshare plans from the election procedures in the Condominium Act and includes a number of technical changes to the non-judicial foreclosure procedures in the Timeshare Act.

HB 999 (Sen. Altman), Relating to Environmental Regulation. HB 999 will exempt multi-family homes with boat docks, including condominiums, from paying submerged land lease fees for an area equal to or less than 10 times the riparian shoreline times the number of units with boat docks.

I will send another CALL Alert next week with a full recap on the 2013 session. Also be on the look-out for further information about our 2013 Legislative Guide and webinars and classes to fully educate you on all of the new legislation. I will also continue to update you as the bills make their way to the Governor and as

he takes action on them. Remember, the bills will not become law until approved by the Governor.

Thank you for all your support this session. I hope you have enjoyed these updates as much as I have enjoyed keeping you updated.

Very Truly Yours,

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