



Newsletter From Rep. Brandt Smith District 58

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Daily Summary for March 27, 2019



INSURANCE AND COMMERCE

The House Insurance and Commerce Committee advanced SB514. This bill makes illegal robocalls originating from scammers using automatic telephone dialing systems a Class D felony and requires that a telecommunications service provider is held accountable for certain activities.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee advanced HB1778. This bill allows a judge to increase fines and penalties for animal cruelty cases.



STATE OF ARKANSAS *House of Representatives*

The House Rules Committee advanced HB1563. This bill amends the recent casino measure by allowing the racing commission to award a casino license to an applicant in either Pope, Johnson, or Conway County. Currently, the commission can only award a license in Pope and Jefferson County. This bill does not impact the Jefferson County license. The committee also advanced SB440. This bill prohibits a medical marijuana cultivation facility, dispensary, or processor from manufacturing products likely to appeal to minors by its shape or design. The full House passed SB2. This bill states a physician shall not perform an abortion with the knowledge that a pregnant woman is seeking an abortion-related to a diagnosis of Down Syndrome in an unborn child.

The House also passed SB8. This bill prohibits registered sex offenders from recording a person under the age of 14 in certain circumstances.

The House will reconvene on Thursday at 1:30 pm.