



## **2018 Alabama Small Business Commission Legislative Results**

**April 11, 2018**

### **HB 107 – Traveling through taxing jurisdiction (Support)**

Rep. Paul Lee (Dothan)/Sen. Paul Sanford (Huntsville). Would provide that a business license is not required for a person traveling through a municipality on business if the person is not operating a branch office or doing business in the municipality

**Act No. 2018-411**

### **SB 111 - Tax Rate Notification (Support)**

Sen. Paul Sanford (Huntsville)/ Rep. Ritchie Whorton (Huntsville) The legislation would require local taxing jurisdictions to notify the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) 60 days in advance of implementing a tax change. In addition, allow relief for taxpayers from liability for incorrect tax collections if errors are made in reliance on rate information provided by DOR on behalf of local governments.

Currently, the notification is 30 days and taxpayers are held liable for filing a published incorrect tax rate.

**Act No. 2018-150**

### **SB 5 – Administrative Rule Change Notification (Support)**

Sen. Paul Sanford (Huntsville)/Rep. Paul Lee (Dothan). Requires state agencies promulgating rules and regulations to include notification to the Alabama Legislative Council that the proposed rule change is being litigated in court.

**Act No. 2018-139**

### **HB 83 – Unemployed Veteran’s Tax Credit (Support)**

Rep. Connie Rowe (Jasper)/Sen. Phil Williams(Gadsden)

Amend current law to provide a \$1,000 tax credit for hiring an unemployed veteran. Each unemployed veteran would be paid \$14.00 an hour on a full-time basis. The credit is available to the employer when the unemployed veteran completes 12 months of service.

**Act No. 2018-194**

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**SB 92 – Unemployment Benefits (Support)**

Sen. Arthur Orr (Decatur)/Rep. Danny Garrett (Trussville)

Reduce the maximum number of weeks that unemployment compensation benefits are payable from 26 weeks to the lessor of 14 weeks or a maximum of 20 weeks, depending upon the average unemployment rate calculated by the U.S. Dept of Labor. Increase the weekly benefit amount from \$265 to \$275. If a recipient is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a job training or certification program approved by the Al. Dept. of Labor, the recipient will receive an additional five weeks after all regular benefits have exhausted.

**Did not pass-Sen. Arthur Orr will reintroduce the bill for the 2019 Legislative Session**

**HB 198 – Alabama Assistance/Service Animal Housing Act (Support)**

Rep. Matt Fridy (Birmingham) Sen. Cam Ward (Alabaster) To require documentation from a medical provider of the need for an assistance animal or service animal in housing. The assistance animal must qualify as a service animal under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**Act No. 2018-235**

**HB 49 – Private Employer requirements for final wages (Oppose)**

Rep. Chris England (Tuscaloosa) To establish requirements for when and how a private employer must pay final wages upon separation of employment.

**Defeated**