

WEEKLY TALLAHASSEE UPDATE



Hello everyone! My name is Justin Taylor and I currently serve as the co-chair of the Public Policy Committee of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce alongside Victoria Stultz. Some of you may know that yesterday was the official start of the Florida Legislative session. The Florida Legislature meets every year consecutively for sixty days. The Florida Legislature starts their sixty-day session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years, and on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of even-numbered years.

From municipal, county, state, and federal levels of government, it is important that as the local business community, we stay aware, and involved, of decisions taking place that will impact our businesses and economy. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to intern in the Florida Legislature for Senator Nancy Detert for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions in Tallahassee. For the remainder of the 2021 legislative session, I will be writing weekly legislative updates that will be distributed through the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce's email blast. I will do my best to provide brief updates of what our local representatives are doing in Tallahassee, and the pieces of legislation that might have an impact on the members of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. These updates will be non-opinionated and non-political.

It is important for everyone to know that by the time I draft the weekly legislative update and by the time you read it, there might have been changes to bills that I could not have included because it did not exist when I drafted the update. For this week's update, I would like everyone to know that they are more than welcome to send in submissions of legislation they might want me to include updates on so that I can add it to my priority list. If you are interested in learning more than what I include in the weekly update, I would recommend viewing www.flsenate.gov and www.myfloridahouse.gov. Both websites have live updates of the happenings in committees and on the floor of their chambers. They also have bill tracking which you can register for and receive email updates on legislation that you would like to track.

The purpose of this update is to educate and inform the members of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. If you feel that you would like this update to cover different topics, or you have ideas of what additional items to include, please contact me by emailing your inquiries to dmattar@venicechamber.com.