

INCMA Tracking List
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HB1001 STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION (TURNER P) Specifies that if the acquisition cost of a taxpayer's business personal property in a county is less than \$20,000 for a particular assessment date in 2016 or later: (1) the taxpayer is not required to file a personal property return for the taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that assessment date; and (2) the taxpayer's business personal property in the county is exempt from taxation for that assessment date. Specifies that this exemption does not apply to mobile homes assessed as personal property, personal property held as an investment, or personal property that is owned by certain utilities subject to regulation by the utility regulatory commission and is assessed as utility property. Requires the taxpayer to file an annual certification with the county assessor. Provides that the tax rate for certain tax increment financing areas shall be calculated as if this exemption were not in effect. Allows a designating body to grant a property tax abatement under the existing abatement laws for new business personal property that has an acquisition cost of at least \$3,000,000. Specifies that if an abatement is granted for such new business personal property for a taxpayer: (1) the abatement may not exceed 20 years (rather than the standard 10 year limit on the abatement); (2) the percentage amount of the abatement deduction must be the same for all years in which the abatement is allowed; and (3) the designating body may waive the application of minimum valuation rules to that new business personal property for specified assessment dates or for all assessment dates after the installation of the new business personal property (and the waiver of the minimum valuation continues to apply to the property, regardless of whether the abatement ordinance is amended or repealed). Provides that these abatement provisions do not apply to mobile homes assessed as personal property, personal property held as an investment, or personal property that is owned by certain utilities subject to regulation by the utility regulatory commission and is assessed as utility property. Provides that if a county or municipality receives a reimbursement, repayment, or penalty from a taxpayer on account of the taxpayer's failure to comply with the statement of benefits provided by the taxpayer as part of a property tax abatement or on account of the taxpayer's failure to comply with any other requirement to receive a property tax abatement, the county or municipal fiscal officer shall distribute the amount of the reimbursement, repayment, or penalty on a pro rata basis to each taxing unit that contains the property that was subject to the abatement deduction. Phases down the corporate income tax rate from 6.5% in 2015 to 4.9% after June 30, 2021. Phases down the financial institutions tax rate to 4.9% in calendar year 2023. Provides that a taxpayer is not entitled to: (1) a biodiesel tax credit in a taxable year beginning after 2014; (2) an ethanol production tax credit in a taxable year beginning after 2014; or (3) a new employer tax credit for wages paid in a taxable year beginning after 2014. Repeals the voluntary remediation tax credit statute. (Under current law, tax credits may not be awarded for taxable years after 2007, and the carryforward period has expired.) Repeals the energy savings tax credit. (Under current law, the tax credit may not be awarded for costs incurred after December 31, 2011, and may not be carried forward.) Provides that a retail merchant engaged in selling bulk propane at retail in Indiana shall claim a credit in April 2014 equal to the sales tax paid by the retail merchant's customers after December 31, 2013, and before April 1, 2014, on that part of the price of bulk propane that exceeded \$2.50 per gallon. Requires such a retail merchant to provide a credit to customers of the retail merchant on their next purchase of bulk propane occurring after March 31, 2014. Establishes the commission on business personal property and business taxation to study certain issues during the 2014.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - DEAD BILL

Recent Status: 3/11/2014 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
3/6/2014 - Senator Mishler added as advisor

HB1038 DEDUCTION FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES (LEONARD D) Eliminates the add back of the federal deduction for domestic production activities under Section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code in the definition of "adjusted gross income" for purposes of the Indiana adjusted gross income tax and the financial institutions tax.

Current Status: 2/3/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/21/2014 - Representative Ober added as coauthor
1/7/2014 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1083 CHILD LABOR LAW AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TORR J) Provides that a legal entity whose ownership is limited to the parents of an employed child or persons standing in place of the parent of an employed child is not subject to certain provisions of the child labor law. Provides that all blank forms necessary to carry out child labor law regulation must be prepared by the department of labor and supplied to issuing officers by means of electronic or printed publication and repeals language providing that funds to pay expenses incurred by the department in printing and distributing the blank forms are appropriated annually out of any money in the state general fund that is not otherwise appropriated. Authorizes a child between the ages of 16 and 17 to work until 11 p.m. on a night followed by a school day if the employer has obtained written permission from the child's parent and placed the written permission on file in the employer's office. Authorizes a child to work in an occupation designated as hazardous by the child labor provisions of the federal FLSA when the child is working for the child's parent or a person standing in the place of the child's parent on a farm owned or operated by the parent or person. Adds language concerning the public policy involved in the application and payment of unemployment benefits (benefits). Removes any burden of proof from the determination of eligibility for benefits and the determination of gross misconduct. Repeals provisions concerning the process for determining a positive drug test for purposes of an individual's disqualification for benefits. Removes language concerning a department of workforce development's rule or policy regarding an employer's filing of a notice in connection with an individual, group, or mass separation arising from a vacation period. Provides that holiday and vacation pay are deductible income for the week in which the holiday or vacation occurs. Redefines "employer" for purposes of participation in the unemployment insurance system as an employing unit that: (1) has incurred liability for wages payable to one or more individuals; or (2) incurs liability for payment of wages of at least \$1 in any calendar quarter during the current or immediately preceding calendar year. Provides that a benefits overpayment includes any week for which the failure to disclose or falsification of a fact caused benefits to be paid improperly. Provides that, when an individual's most recent separation from employment is a disqualifying separation, the individual must earn remuneration from employment for eight weeks and the remuneration must equal or exceed eight times the weekly benefit amount before the individual again qualifies for benefits. Provides that payment of private unemployment benefits that is conditional upon the signing of a release of employment related claims against the employer is severance pay and is deductible income. Increases from 15 to 30 days the time in which a party has to file an appeal of a review board's decision with the court of appeals. Authorizes the use of money in the special employment and training services fund for the prevention, detection, and recovery of delinquent contributions and penalties and improper benefit payments. Updates references to the high school equivalency diploma program and corrects a reference to the rulemaking body for the program.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call

HB1126 WAGE PAYMENT AND WAGE ASSIGNMENT (OBER D) Provides that an employer who fails to make timely payment of wages to an employee and was not acting in good faith shall, in addition to the wages due, pay: (1) liquidated damages not to exceed 10% of the unpaid wages for each day that the amount due the employee remains unpaid, with the total amount awarded not to exceed double the amount of wages due; and (2) a reasonable fee for the employee's attorney. Provides that an employer may assign wages for: (1) the purchase of uniforms or equipment necessary to fulfill the duties of employment, subject to the restriction that the total amount of the wages assigned may not exceed the lesser of: (A) \$2,500 per year; or (B) the maximum deduction allowed for a wage overpayment under IC 22-2-6-4; (2) reimbursement for education or employee skills training, subject to the restriction that an employer may not require, as a condition of employment, that an employee pay or reimburse the employer for training that is specific to the employee's job with the employer; and (3) an advance for payroll or vacation pay. Provides that the interest rate charged on amounts loaned or advanced to an employee and repaid using a wage assignment may not exceed the bank prime loan interest rate as reported by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any successor rate, plus 4%.

Current Status: 3/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline for House bills (Rule 79(b))

Recent Status: 3/4/2014 - Third reading Failed: yeas 23 and nays 25
3/4/2014 - House Bills on Third Reading

HB1132 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COSTS (FRIEND W) Provides that a public utility that provides water or wastewater service may petition the utility regulatory commission for an adjustment of its basic rates and charges to allow for recovery of eligible infrastructure improvement costs. (Current law provides that only a public utility that provides water service may apply for a distribution system improvement charge.) Requires a public utility to annually reconcile the difference between its utility rate improvement adjustment revenues and infrastructure improvement costs. Repeals definitions related to distribution system improvement charges. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 3/27/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/5/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

HB1143 ENVIRONMENTAL RULES AND STANDARDS (WOLKINS D) Prohibits the environmental rules board from adopting a rule or standard that is more stringent than the corresponding regulation or standard established under federal law. Makes corresponding changes in the law concerning the adoption of environmental rules.

Current Status: 3/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline for House bills (Rule 79(b))

Recent Status: 2/24/2014 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/4/2014 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

HB1162 CERTIFICATES OF NEED FOR UTILITIES (BRAUN S) Requires the utility regulatory commission to make additional findings before granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to an applicant that proposes to construct a facility with a generating capacity of more than 80 megawatts.

Current Status: 3/27/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/12/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

HB1183 RECYCLING REPORTING, STATE GOAL, AND STUDY (WOLKINS D) Requires every recycler that recycles materials generated by two or more persons to report to the commissioner of the department of environmental management (commissioner) on the recycling activities conducted by the recycler. Allows a recycler the option of reporting annually or quarterly. Allows certain persons who are not subject to the reporting requirement, including those who recycle materials other than municipal waste, to report voluntarily. Requires the commissioner to post on the department's Internet web site a uniform recycling activity report form to be used in making the recycling activity reports. Requires the commissioner to submit an annual written report summarizing the information obtained through the recycling activity reports submitted to the commissioner. Establishes a state goal of recycling at least 50% of all municipal waste. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee, for the 2014 interim period, the task of producing a written report setting forth the committee's analysis of a number of recycling-related subjects.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

HB1195 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION (CHERRY R) Provides an assessed value deduction to offset the effects of the 30% minimum personal property tax depreciation floor for depreciable personal property or utility distributable property for property newly acquired or installed after the 2014 assessment date.

Current Status: 2/3/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/14/2014 - Coauthored by Representative Thompson
1/14/2014 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1234 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS (THOMPSON J) Requires county treasurers to mail property tax statements at least 15 business days, instead of 15 calendar days, before the first payment is due. Provides that an employee of an assessor's office or an appraiser may not serve as a voting member of the property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) in the county where the individual is employed. Allows a county fiscal body to waive certification requirements for certain members of the PTABOA appointed by the fiscal body. Provides that a school corporation with a majority of its property tax levies imposed in LaPorte County may, before September 1, 2014, transfer from the school corporation's debt service fund to the school corporation's rainy day fund a total amount equal to not more than 20% of the school corporation's 2014 certified debt service fund budget. Establishes assessor, appraiser, and tax representative standards of conduct. Establishes a certification appeal board to conduct appeals brought by assessors and employees of assessors whose certifications are revoked by the department of local government finance.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 466: yeas 48 and nays 0

HB1241 ENVIRONMENTAL COVERAGE (CARBAUGH M) Specifies the manner in which the meaning of "pollutant", as used in certain liability insurance policies, must be construed.

Current Status: 3/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading

deadline for House bills (Rule 79(b))

Recent Status: 2/27/2014 - Committee Report Filed, Do Not Pass (Y: 3, N: 6)
2/27/2014 - Senate Insurance, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

HB1342 ENVIRONMENTAL FEES AND EXPENSES (WOLKINS D) Provides that the hazardous waste disposal fee (which replaces the hazardous waste disposal tax), the fee on the disposal or incineration of solid waste, and the annual registration fee paid by owners of underground storage tanks shall be collected by the department of environmental management instead of the department of state revenue. Provides that 75% of the revenue from the hazardous waste disposal fee shall be deposited in the hazardous substance response fund and 25% shall be paid over to the county in which the hazardous waste is disposed of. Provides that: (1) 50% of the registration fees paid in connection with underground petroleum storage tanks and deposited in the petroleum trust fund shall be used to pay for corrective actions that involve releases of regulated substances from underground storage tanks that are not eligible to receive funds from the underground petroleum storage tank excess liability trust; and (2) not more than 11% of the funds expended for the corrective actions may be used to pay for administrative and personnel expenses incurred in carrying out the corrective actions. Allows the commissioner of the department of environmental management, under certain circumstances, to authorize the modification of a restrictive covenant that the owner of a property contaminated with a hazardous substance has been required to execute and record. Provides for the administrative and personnel expenses incurred by the state in evaluating a proposed modification of a restrictive covenant to be paid from the hazardous substances response trust fund, and requires the environmental rules board to adopt rules providing for the recovery of those expenses by the state. Removes references to the solid waste management board, which was abolished on January 1, 2013.

Current Status: 3/27/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

HB1346 COUNTY GOVERNMENT ISSUES (LEONARD D) Provides that in a county having a population of more than 300,000 but less than 400,000, a public question shall be held in the county at the 2014 general election on whether the executive and legislative structure of county government should be changed. Provides that if the public question is approved, the voters of the county shall not elect a board of county commissioners, but shall instead elect a single county executive to serve as the county executive and shall elect a county council that has the legislative and fiscal powers and duties of the county. Provides that in a county with a single county executive, the county council must consist of nine members elected from single-member districts (instead of four members elected from single-member districts and three members elected at large). Provides that if the office of single county executive becomes vacant, the county council shall appoint an individual to serve as interim single county executive until the office is filled. Provides that in a county that has abolished the board of county commissioners and has elected a single county executive, the county council may adopt an ordinance to change the county government structure back to a structure that includes: (1) the election of a board of county commissioners (instead of a single county executive); and (2) a county council in which four members are elected from single-member districts and three members are elected at large (instead of a county council in which all nine members are elected from single-member districts). Provides that if such an ordinance is adopted, a public question shall be held to determine whether the county government structure shall be changed back to a structure that includes the election of a board of county commissioners. Provides that in a county that has a single county executive, the drainage board consists of: (1) the single county executive; and (2) two or

four persons (as determined by the single county executive) who are appointed by the single county executive.

Current Status: 3/24/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/13/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

HB1393 **LAND APPLICATION OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRODUCTS** (MORRIS R) Requires the department of environmental management (department) and the environmental rules board to allow a person to use industrial waste products in a land application operation or as ingredients in a soil amendment or soil substitute under certain circumstances. Requires the department to allow the use of industrial waste products in a land application operation or as ingredients in a soil amendment or soil substitute on the same basis as other materials under the rules concerning land application and marketing and distribution permits. Prohibits the department from: (1) discriminating against the use of industrial waste products on the basis that the industrial waste products lack biological carbon or other materials; (2) imposing requirements beyond criteria found in the environmental rules board rules concerning land application of biosolid and industrial waste products; (3) requiring that the finished soil amendment, soil substitute, or material to be land applied must be of a particular economic value; or (4) requiring that an industrial waste product or the finished soil amendment, soil substitute, or material to be land applied satisfies the department's risk integrated system of closures nonrule policy document or any other standards other than criteria found in rules adopted by the environmental rules board concerning land application of biosolids, industrial waste products, and pollutant bearing water.

Current Status: 2/3/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/15/2014 - Referred to House Environmental Affairs
1/15/2014 - First Reading

HB1419 **REPEAL OF COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE STATUTE** (LEONARD D) Repeals the common construction wage statute. Repeals related statutes superseded by the repeal of the common construction wage statute. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 2/3/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/16/2014 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
1/16/2014 - First Reading

SB1 **STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION** (HERSHMAN B) Specifies that the county income tax council of a county may adopt an ordinance providing that if for a particular assessment date the acquisition cost of a taxpayer's business personal property in a county is less than \$20,000: (1) the taxpayer is not required to file a personal property return for the taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that assessment date; and (2) the taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that assessment date is exempt from taxation. Specifies that such an exemption ordinance may apply to assessment dates after December 31, 2015. Specifies that this exemption does not apply to mobile homes assessed as personal property, personal property held as an investment, or personal property that is owned by certain utilities subject to regulation by the utility regulatory commission and is assessed as utility property. Requires the taxpayer to file a certification with the county assessor before May 15 of the year in which the assessment date occurs, and imposes a penalty if the annual certification is not timely filed. Provides that the tax rate for certain tax increment financing areas shall be calculated as if this exemption were not in effect. Provides that a county income tax council may adopt an ordinance to exempt

from property taxation any new business personal property that is located in the county. Specifies that this exemption does not apply to mobile homes assessed as personal property, personal property held as an investment, or personal property that is owned by certain utilities subject to regulation by the utility regulatory commission and is assessed as utility property. Provides that a designating body may establish an enhanced abatement schedule for personal property that may not exceed 20 years. Provides that if a county or municipality receives a reimbursement, repayment, or penalty from a taxpayer on account of the taxpayer's failure to comply with the statement of benefits provided by the taxpayer as part of a property tax abatement or on account of the taxpayer's failure to comply with any other requirement to receive a property tax abatement, the county or municipal fiscal officer shall distribute the amount of the reimbursement, repayment, or penalty on a pro rata basis to each taxing unit that contains the property that was subject to the abatement deduction. Phases down the corporate income tax rate from 6.5% in 2015 to 4.9% after June 30, 2021. Phases down the financial institutions tax rate to 4.9% in calendar year 2023. Provides that a retail merchant engaged in selling bulk propane at retail in Indiana shall claim a credit before June 30, 2014, equal to the sales tax paid by the retail merchant's customers after December 31, 2013, and before April 1, 2014, on that part of the price of bulk propane that exceeded \$2.50 per gallon. Requires such a retail merchant to provide a credit to customers of the retail merchant on their next purchase of bulk propane occurring after the retail merchant claims the credit. Specifies that retail merchants are entitled to a collection allowance for administering the credits provided to customers. Establishes the commission on business personal property and business taxation to study certain issues during 2014.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 510: yeas 63 and nays 37

SB42 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERPAYMENTS** (LANANE T) Requires the department of workforce development to waive repayment of unemployment benefit overpayments made because of an error by the department.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/7/2014 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
1/7/2014 - First Reading

SB134 **FRAUDULENT LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES** (WYSS T) Makes it a Level 6 felony for a person to file a false lien or a false encumbrance against another person. Allows a court to order certain actions if a lien or encumbrance is fraudulent.

Current Status: 3/3/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.2)

Recent Status: 2/10/2014 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
2/10/2014 - First Reading

SB141 **APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAW IN INDIANA** (DELPH M) Provides that any act, decree, injunction, law, opinion, order, rule, regulation, or statute of any branch of the federal government found by the general assembly to be inconsistent with the power granted to the federal government in the Constitution of the United States is void in Indiana. Provides that a resident of Indiana has a cause of action to enjoin the enforcement or implementation or the attempted enforcement or implementation of a federal act, decree, injunction, law, opinion, order, rule, regulation, or statute declared void by the general assembly. Provides that a plaintiff who prevails in such an action is entitled

to reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Removes a statement that the common law of England and certain statutes of the British Parliament are governing Indiana law. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally implements or enforces, or attempts to implement or enforce, a federal law that is declared void by the general assembly commits a Level 6 felony.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/8/2014 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure
1/8/2014 - First Reading

SB216 ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES (CHARBONNEAU E) Makes it a Class C misdemeanor for a person regulated under the air pollution control laws to knowingly violate certain air pollution control rules or to knowingly fail to file certain documents or maintain certain records required by the federal Clean Air Act. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor for a person regulated under the water pollution control laws to willfully or recklessly violate certain water pollution control rules or to negligently violate certain permit conditions or permit filing requirements. Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/9/2014 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
1/9/2014 - First Reading

SB217 UNDERGROUND TANK FEE AND DRAINAGE ONSITE REVIEWS (CHARBONNEAU E) Provides that if an underground storage tank consists of a single tank in which there are separate compartments, a separate annual registration fee shall be paid for each compartment within the single tank. Requires the owner of an underground storage tank to pay an annual registration fee for a calendar year if the underground storage tank is not closed before January 1 of that year. Requires the department of environmental management (instead of the department of state revenue) to collect the annual registration fee. Provides that: (1) for purposes of determining eligibility for payment of a tank owner's liability from the underground petroleum storage tank excess liability trust fund, only registration fees paid in 1991 or later shall be considered; (2) for the period preceding July 1, 2014, the payment of a single annual fee of \$90 for a tank containing separate compartments shall be deemed to satisfy the annual fee requirements; and (3) IDEM is not required to pay any refunds to a tank owner that, before July 1, 2014, paid a separate registration fee for each compartment within a tank. Provides that a county surveyor planning to perform a regulated drain reconstruction or maintenance project shall request a review of the project but is not required to request an onsite field review.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/6/2014 - Received by Governor
3/5/2014 - Signed by the President of the Senate

SB218 ANNUAL REPORTING OF RECYCLING ACTIVITIES (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires a person that recycles recyclable materials (including a recyclable materials broker and the owner or operator of a composting facility, a waste tire processing operation, a resource recovery facility, a waste-to-energy facility, or a solid waste disposal facility at which recycling occurs) to submit annually to the commissioner of the department of environmental management (commissioner) a completed recycling activity report concerning the recycling activities or waste-to-energy activities conducted by the person during the year. Requires the commissioner to post on the department's Internet web site a uniform recycling activity report form to be used in making the annual recycling activity reports. Requires the commissioner to submit to the environmental quality service council

an annual written report summarizing the information obtained through the recycling activity reports submitted to the commissioner.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/9/2014 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
1/9/2014 - First Reading

SB267 **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COSTS** (MERRITT J) Provides that a public utility that provides water or wastewater service may petition the utility regulatory commission for an adjustment of its basic rates and charges to allow for recovery of eligible infrastructure improvement costs. (Current law provides that only a public utility that provides water service may apply for a distribution system improvement charge.) Requires a public utility to annually reconcile the difference between its utility rate improvement adjustment revenues and infrastructure improvement costs. Repeals definitions related to distribution system improvement charges. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/13/2014 - Referred to Senate Utilities
1/13/2014 - First Reading

SB294 **WORKER'S COMPENSATION** (BOOTS P) Changes the worker's compensation and occupational diseases compensation law by providing that: (1) a medical service provider may not be reimbursed for more than one office visit for each repackaged legend drug prescribed; (2) the maximum period during which a medical service provider that is not a retail or mail order pharmacy may receive reimbursement for a repackaged legend drug begins on the date of the injury or disablement and ends at the beginning of the eighth day after the date of the injury or disablement; (3) for purposes of determining pecuniary liability, a medical service provider is distinguished from a medical service facility on the basis of the provider's billing form for Medicare reimbursement; and (4) an officer of a corporation who is an employee of the corporation may elect not to be an employee of the corporation for purposes of worker's compensation and occupational diseases law. Removes language that provides that the reimbursement for an implant may not exceed the invoice amount plus 25%.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor
3/10/2014 - Motion to Concur in House Amendments: prevailed;
Roll Call 375: yeas 43 and nays 0

SB298 **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE** (STOOPS M) Increases the fee on the disposal or incineration of solid waste in a final disposal facility in Indiana: (1) from 50 cents per ton to \$1 per ton, in the case of solid waste delivered to the final disposal facility by a motor vehicle having a registered gross vehicle weight greater than 9,000 pounds; and (2) from 50 cents per load to \$1 per load, in the case of solid waste delivered to the final disposal facility by a lighter motor vehicle.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/14/2014 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
1/14/2014 - First Reading

SB302 **NUCLEAR ENERGY PROJECTS** (MERRITT J) Provides that projects involving the construction of nuclear energy production or generating facilities qualify for the financial

incentives available for clean energy projects. (Current law provides that only projects involving the life cycle management of such facilities qualify for the incentives.) For purposes of the statute governing the incentives, amends the definition of: (1) "nuclear energy production or generating facility" to include a facility constructed in Indiana after June 30, 2014; and (2) "qualified utility system expenses" to specify that the term includes preconstruction costs and applies to a new energy production or generating facility or a new nuclear energy production or generating facility.

Current Status: 2/4/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Recent Status: 1/14/2014 - Referred to Senate Utilities
1/14/2014 - First Reading

SB340 **DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS** (MERRITT J) Provides that industrial customers of an electricity supplier may opt out of participating in an energy efficiency program implemented by the electricity supplier in response to an order of the utility regulatory commission (commission) concerning demand side management (DSM) programs. Provides that the commission may adopt rules or guidelines to assist electricity suppliers and industrial customers. Provides that certain energy efficiency programs may not be renewed after December 31, 2014. Provides that, after December 31, 2014, an electricity supplier may offer an energy efficiency program and, if authorized by the IURC, recover associated costs. Requires the commission to provide a status report on energy efficiency programs implemented under DSM orders, including the effects on customer rates and charges, to the regulatory flexibility committee and the legislative council by August 15, 2014.

Current Status: 3/28/2014 - Became law without the Governors signature

Recent Status: 3/27/2014 - **BECAME LAW WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**

3/20/2014 - Received by the Governor

SB376 **STUDY OF EDUCATION FOR IDEM EMPLOYEES** (GLICK S) Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate committee for the 2014 interim period the task of studying whether an employee of the department of environmental management whose duties relate to certain solid waste matters should be required to complete an educational program provided by the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Current Status: 3/3/2014 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.2)

Recent Status: 2/10/2014 - Referred to House Environmental Affairs
2/10/2014 - First Reading