

The day in the Legislature: February 20, 2014

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A look at the action in the Legislature on Thursday, the 16th legislative day.

House of Representatives

Passed HB 373, sponsored by Rep. Bill Poole, R-Northport, which would subject prepaid wireless services to sales and use tax.

Passed HB 87, sponsored by Rep. K.L. Brown, R-Jacksonville, which would strengthen consumer protection over preneed contracts and cemetery endowment care funds.

Passed HB 78, sponsored by Rep. Bill Poole, R-Northport, which would allow municipal planning commissions to adopt minor subdivision approvals without notice or a public hearing under certain conditions.

Passed HB 45, sponsored by Rep. Duwayne Bridges, R-Valley, which is a constitutional amendment that would authorize the display of the Ten Commandments on public property.

Passed a variety of Alabama sunset bills, which would allow the following departments and agencies to exist and function, including the State Radiation Control Agency, the Board of Home Medical Equipment Service Providers, the Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission, the Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission, the Alabama Athletic Commission, the Alabama Construction Recruitment Institute and the Alabama Surface Mining Commission.

The House will return at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Senate

Passed SB 318, sponsored by Sen. Roger Bedford, D-Russellville, authorizing the Alabama Mental Health Finance Authority to state entities that can sell and lease their property.

Passed HB 155, sponsored by Rep. Mike Hill, R-Columbiana, which would eliminate a complaint process to the Public Service Commission for telecommunications.

Passed SB 319, sponsored by Sen. Bill Holtzclaw, R-Madison, related to ignition interlock devices.

Passed SB 85, sponsored by Sen. Bryan Taylor, R-Prattville, extending scholarship benefits to veterans who served during peacetime.

Passed SB 79, sponsored by Sen. Dick Brewbaker, R-Montgomery, which would award state contracts of \$100,000 or less to state businesses that come within five percent of the lowest reasonable bid.

Passed SB 164, sponsored by Sen. Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, lowering the penalty for falsification or fraud on the application for an Alabama voter ID card from a Class C Felony to a Class A

Misdemeanor.

The Senate will return at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.