



Tennessee Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

MEMO

To: TAR Governmental Affairs Committee
From: Chris Sexton, Director of Governmental Affairs
Date: March 2, 2010
Re: State Legislative Update

The 2010 TAR Spring Conference is right around the corner, which marks a busy time for our Governmental Affairs Committee as they present their recommendation to TAR Directors concerning the legislative agenda. It also the time for Realtor Day on the Hill, this year happening on Wednesday, March 10. This is an important time for our advocacy efforts and shows our legislators that Realtors are plugged in and care about issues that impact the real estate industry and the rights of property owners across the great state of Tennessee. AEs and GADs please be sure to submit your meeting schedules with your legislators so our lobbying team can stay up to date on our grassroots activity.

This past week in the General Assembly several bills important to Realtors were rolled over to future committee meetings, a practice not uncommon as more review time is warranted. These included SB3896/HB3741 regulating how long junk dealers can hold precious metal before sale, SB3019/HB3156 requiring installation of swimming pool alarms, and SB1087/HB1827 prohibiting any person from removing a movable structure from a space in which it is affixed when located in a trailer park if the owner of the land is renting the space out.

Other bills of interests coming up for debate include SB3473/HB2891 and SB2695/HB3779. The former prohibits the renting of a residence to sex offenders and would place a burden on landlords, while the latter prohibits annexing municipalities from providing garbage collection service to newly annexed territories for five years unless collectors who served the area before are compensated, an issue that may be of interest as some municipalities explore annexation.

We urge the Governmental Affairs Committee and interested individuals to visit the [Legislative Affairs Subcommittee webpage](http://www.tarnet.com/govaff/legaffsub.php) (<http://www.tarnet.com/govaff/legaffsub.php>) to study the Realtor focused legislation and submit any questions or concerns in writing prior to the Governmental Affairs Committee meeting on Monday, March 8.

As always, thank you for your participation and being a valued member of the Realtor Party.