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**CITY OF SANIBEL**  
**STATE OF FLORIDA - 2009 LEGISLATIVE WATCH LIST**  
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LEGIS. #	Introduced By	CONTENT	STATUS
SB1296	Senator Bennett	<b>Beach Water Contamination (Healthy Beaches Legislation)</b> - Requires the Department of Health to notify the local government and the local office of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) when it issues a health advisory against swimming in beach waters due to elevated levels of bacteria. Requires the DEP to promptly investigate wastewater treatment facilities within a certain distance of the beach and notify the local government of the results of such investigation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>03/03/09</b> SENATE Introduced, referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; General Government Appropriations -SJ 00093 <b>03/05/09</b> HOUSE Referred to Government Accountability Act Council; Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); General Government Policy Council; Finance & Tax Council -HJ 00182 <b>03/11/09</b> SENATE Favorable by Health Regulation; YEAS 6 NAYS 0; Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation <b>03/17/09</b> SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; YEAS 6 NAYS 0 -SJ 00163; Now in General Government Appropriations -SJ 00163
SB1436/ HB987	Senator Bennett ..... Representative T. Williams	<b>Water Management Districts (C.O.P.S.)</b> - Prohibits water management districts from issuing certificates of participation unless approved by the electors of the district in a referendum. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>3/3/09</b> - Introduced, referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means <b>03/31/09</b> SENATE Favorable with 1 amendment(s) by Environmental Preservation and Conservation (534598); YEAS 6 NAYS 0; Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Amendments)
HB1515	Representatives' Murzin & Troutman	<b>Turf and Landscape Maintenance (Fertilizer)</b> - Specifies requirements for fertilizer content & application; requires specified training related to fertilizer application; provides requirements for management of specified debris; provides recommendations for maintenance of certain areas; provides applicability & exemptions. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>03/09/09</b> HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); Civil Justice & Courts Policy (CCJP); General Government Policy Council; Natural Resources Appropriations (CGHC)-HJ 00195 <b>03/19/09</b> HOUSE CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); YEAS 15 NAYS 1 -HJ 00261 <b>03/27/09</b> HOUSE CS/CS by Civil Justice & Courts Policy (CCJP);YEAS 9 NAYS 0
SB730	Senator Bennett	<b>Department of Community Affairs (Abolish Dept. of Community Affairs)</b> - Expresses the legislative intent to abolish the Dept. of Community Affairs and provide for the reorganization of its services among other agencies. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.	<b>03/03/09</b> SENATE Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Rules -SJ 00060
SB360	Senators' Bennett, Gaetz, Ring, Pruitt, Haridopolos, Richter, Hill, King & Lynn	<b>Growth Management</b> - Cites this act as the "Community Renewal Act." Extends dates relating to requirements for adopting amendments to the capital improvements element of a local comprehensive plan. Provides legislative findings relating to transportation concurrency exception areas. Revises provisions relating to the state review of comprehensive plans. Revises provisions relating to impact fees, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.	<b>02/17/09</b> SENATE CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 10 NAYS 0; Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute) <b>2/19/09</b> SENATE Favorable by Transportation; YEAS 8 NAYS 0 <b>03/05/09</b> SENATE On Committee agenda-- Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means, 03/10/09, 4:30 pm, 412-K --Not considered <b>02/17/09</b> Community Affairs; YEAS 10 NAYS 0 -SJ 00009; <b>02/19/09</b> Favorable by Transportation; YEAS 8 NAYS 0 -SJ 00008; Now in Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means -SJ 00008 <b>03/19/09</b> SENATE CS/CS by- Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; YEAS 14 NAYS 3 -SJ 00166, -SJ 00244; CS read 1st time on 03/19/09 -SJ 00218; Pending reference review -under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute); Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading -SJ 00166 <b>03/24/09</b> SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar; Read 2nd time -SJ 00242; Amendment(s) adopted (885062, 141460) -SJ 00242; Ordered engrossed -SJ 00243

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SB2016/ HB1123	Senator Bennett ..... Representative T. Williams	<b>Environmental Permitting</b> - Revises provisions requiring the DEP to develop and use a mechanism consolidating federal and state wetland permitting programs. Authorizes implementation of a state programmatic general permit or regional general permits by the DEP and water management districts for certain dredge and fill activities. Delays the effective date of a rule adding slash pine and gallberry to the list of facultative plants, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>03/05/09</b> SENATE Introduced, referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; General Government Appropriations -SJ 00148 <b>03/17/09</b> HOUSE CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); YEAS 18 NAYS 0 -HJ 00240 <b>03/27/09</b> HOUSE CS/CS by General Government Policy Council; YEAS 14 NAYS 0 <b>03/31/09</b> SENATE Favorable with 1 amendment(s) by Environmental Preservation and Conservation (921184); YEAS 6 NAYS 0; Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Amendments)
SB 982	Senator Constantine	<b>Urban/Residential Environments &amp; Water/Protection</b> - Cites this act as the "Protection of Urban and Residential Environments and Water Act." Encourages county and municipal governments to adopt and enforce the Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes or an equivalent requirement as a mechanism for protecting local surface water and ground water quality, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>3/3/09</b> - Introduced, referred to Agriculture; Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; General Government Appropriations
SB 1328	Senator Baker	<b>Commercial Fertilizer Application</b> - Requires an identification card for an employee which verifies that the employee is certified to apply fertilizer commercially to urban lawns. Requires the training for limited certification for commercial landscape maintenance personnel to be based on the "Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources in Florida," published by the Department of Environmental Protection, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>03/03/09</b> SENATE Introduced, referred to Agriculture; Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; General Government Appropriations - SJ 00095 <b>03/31/09</b> SENATE Favorable by Agriculture; YEAS 5 NAYS 0; Now in Community Affairs
SB 1490	Senator Pruitt	<b>Fertilizer Application/Phosphorus</b> - Provides definitions. Limits the amount of fertilizer containing phosphorus that may be applied to urban turf on or after a certain date. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>03/03/09</b> SENATE Introduced, referred to Agriculture; Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; General Government Appropriations - SJ 00103
SB 2026	Senator Altman	<b>State and Local Government Permitting</b> - Provides an extension for the expiration date of certain construction and operating permits and development orders. Extends the period for completing required mitigation associated with such permits or orders. Prohibits additional permitting standards or criteria from being adopted or enforced during a specified period. Provides for retroactive application. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.	<b>03/05/09</b> SENATE Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Commerce; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations -SJ 00149 <b>03/31/09</b> SENATE CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 9 NAYS 0

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SB488	Senator Justice	<b>Beaches/Public Access</b> - Provides policy and effect. Declares that the public policy of this state is to provide free access to public beaches. Prohibits obstruction of beach access under certain conditions. Prohibits the use of signs declaring that a public beach is private property. Prohibits a governmental entity from placing an obstruction upon a public beach under certain conditions. Prohibits ordinances that limit public access, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/09.	3/3/09 - Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Judiciary; General Government Appropriations 03/31/09 SENATE CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; YEAS 4 NAYS 2
SB1906	Senators' Haridopolos, Gaetz & Bennett	<b>Government Revenue/Voter Approval/New Taxes &amp; Fees (Revenue Caps)</b> - Proposes an amendment to Section 1 and the creation of a new section in Article VII of the State Constitution to limit state and local government revenues and require voter approval of new taxes and fees.	03/05/09 SENATE Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules -SJ 00142 03/10/09 SENATE Favorable with 3 amendment(s) by Community Affairs (225334, 717990, 410418); YEAS 6 NAYS 4 03/11/09 SENATE Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Amendments) 03/26/09 SENATE On Committee agenda-- Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 03/31/09, 2:15 pm, 110-S - <u>This bill has been temporarily postponed by the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee.</u>
SB738	Senator Bennett	<b>Limitation on amount of combined Ad Valorem Taxes</b> - Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to limit the total aggregate ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts on any parcel of real property to 1.35 percent of the highest taxable value of the property. Requires the Legislature to provide by general law for distribution of revenues collected on parcels that exceed the 1.35-percent limitation, etc.	03/03/09 SENATE Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules -SJ 00060 03/05/09 SENATE On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/10/09, 10:30 am, 412-K --Not considered 03/17/09 SENATE Favorable with 1 amendment(s) by Community Affairs (472004); YEAS 8 NAYS 1 -SJ 00162; Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - Amendments) 03/19/09 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax -SJ 00163
SB538/ HB5	Senators' Baker & Deutch ..... Representatives Hooper, L. Garcia, Heller, Holder & Nehr	<b>Firefighter and Municipal Police Pensions</b> - Revises the definition of the term "creditable service" for purposes of determining credit for prior service as a firefighter or police officer. Authorizes the terms of office for the board of trustees of the firefighters' pension trust fund to be revised under certain circumstances. Revises municipal police officers' retirement trust fund board of trustee selection procedures, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	03/03/09 SENATE Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means -SJ 00050; On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/03/09, 2:00 pm, 412-K --Amendments adopted--Temporarily postponed 03/10/09 SENATE Favorable with 6 amendment(s) by Community Affairs (158558, 929624, 289978, 410350, 123552, 839958); YEAS 10 NAYS 0 03/11/09 HOUSE CS by Governmental Affairs Policy (EDCA); YEAS 11 NAYS 0 03/11/09 SENATE Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Amendments) 03/12/09 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability -SJ 00163 03/25/09 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council; YEAS 14 NAYS 0 -HJ 00277 03/31/09 HOUSE Favorable by Finance & Tax Council; YEAS 12 NAYS 0 04/01/09 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations (CGHC)

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HB1341	Representative Ray	<b>On-site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b> - Revises provisions for administrative actions by DOH for violations relating to environmental health; increases specified administrative fine amounts; authorizes department to issue specified citations; requires specified funds to be deposited into the County Health Department Trust Fund; provides for use & distribution of such funds; provides for enforcement of noncompliance measures by department, etc. EFFECTIVE: 07/01/2009.	03/09/09 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Regulation Policy (HFPC); Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); Health & Family Services Policy Council; Full Appropriations Council on General Government & Health Care -HJ 00192
HB1423	Senator Troutman	<b>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</b> - Increases certain vehicle title certificate & license plate fees; revises specified penalties for boating under influence; revises boater safety & identification card requirements; repeals & revises provisions relating to regulation of vessels & imposition of certain vessel fees by municipalities & counties; revises provisions for waterway navigation, safety, & information markers; revises specified vessel registration & identification, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2009 except as otherwise provided.	03/09/09 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); General Government Policy Council; Finance & Tax Council; Full Appropriations Council on General Government & Health Care -HJ 00194 03/17/09 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); YEAS 16 NAYS 2 -HJ 00226; Now in General Government Policy Council -HJ 00226 03/27/09 HOUSE CS by General Government Policy Council; YEAS 13 NAYS 0
SB1824	Committee on Community Affairs	<b>OCSR/Government-Sponsored Recreation Prog./Child</b> - Revises an exemption under the public records law for information that would identify a child participating in a government-sponsored recreation program. Defines the terms "government-sponsored recreation program" and "child." Provides that such information is confidential and exempt from the public records law. Provides an exception, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2009.	03/03/09 SENATE Introduced, referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules -SJ 00121; On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/03/09, 2:00 pm, 412-K; Favorable by Community Affairs; YEAS 10 NAYS 0 -SJ 00140 03/04/09 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability -SJ 00140
SB494/ HB755	Senator Bennett, Committee on Community Affairs & Environmental Preservation and Conservation ..... Representatives' Reed and Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy	<b>Water Conservation/Landscape Irrigation Systems</b> - Revises the requirements for automatic landscape irrigation systems. Requires irrigation contractors to test for the correct operation of system devices or switches and ensure their proper operation before completing other work on the system. Requires the DEP to create a model ordinance for adoption by local governments. Exempts counties having more stringent requirements from adopting the model ordinance, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	03/03/09 SENATE Introduced, referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations 02/17/09, 9:00 am, 401-S; CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; YEAS 6 NAYS 0 - SJ 00009; CS read 1st time on 03/03/09 -SJ 00129; Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute); 03/03/09, 2:00 pm, 412-K; CS/CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 10 NAYS 0 - SJ 00141; CS read 1st time on 03/05/09 -SJ 00159 03/04/09 SENATE Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute); Now in General Government Appropriations-SJ 00141 03/06/09 HOUSE CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); YEAS 16 NAYS 1 03/12/09 HOUSE CS filed 03/20/09 HOUSE Now in General Government Policy Council -HJ 00239 03/27/09 SENATE <u>On Committee agenda--General Government Appropriations, 04/01/09, 9:00 am, 401-S</u>

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SB2530/ HB593	Senator Baker ..... Representative Boyd	<b>Water Resources</b> - Provides legislative findings regarding the use of Florida-friendly landscape. Revises eligibility criteria for certain water management district incentive programs. Requires certain local government ordinances and amendments to incorporate specified landscape irrigation & design standards and identify specified invasive exotic plant species. Revises application requirements for water well contractor licensure, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2009.	<b>02/27/09</b> SENATE Filed <b>3/06/09</b> HOUSE CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy (GGPC); YEAS 16 NAYS 0 <b>03/26/09</b> SENATE On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/31/09, 9:00 am, 412-K <b>03/31/09</b> SENATE Favorable with 1 amendment by Community Affairs (579110); YEAS 9 NAYS 0 <b>03/31/09</b> HOUSE CS/CS by- General Government Policy Council; YEAS 16 NAYS 0 <b>04/01/09</b> SENATE Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Amendments)