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Tennessee Weekly Legislative Update, 1/29 – 2/2, 2024

Feels Like Groundhog Day

Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow today. Legend has it that an early Spring is on the horizon. This signifies Phil's first prediction of early Spring since 2020, making it the 21st instance in history.

Bill Filing Deadlines Have Come and Gone

The House bill filing deadline was on January 31st, and the Senate's deadline was on February 1st. Members of the House managed to submit 1,369 bills before then. It is important to note that not all of these bills will be reflected on your bill reports just yet, as we're still in the process of reviewing and tracking all of them.

State of the State

Governor Bill Lee is expected to deliver his State of the State speech on Monday, February 5th at 6pm CST in the House Chamber at the Tennessee State Capitol. During his speech, he will announce the proposed budget and priorities for the upcoming year. The Governor is expected to discuss his proposals for statewide educational savings accounts, franchise and excise tax cuts and the ELVIS act.

The address will be streamed statewide on your local news channel, or can be found at Lee's Youtube or Facebook page.

Property Condition Disclosure Laws Updated

HB623/SB658 passed both Chambers on January 25, 2024. This legislation requires a seller to disclose the presence of a sinkhole regardless of whether the sinkhole is indicated through the contour lines on the property's recorded plat map. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.