



TEXAS ALLIANCE OF RECREATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

Legislative Accomplishments on Behalf of Texas Clubs

88th Legislative Session (2023) Bills Filed: 8,344

Bills Passed: 1,259

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
SB 1027	Prohibits a political subdivision from regulating an energy source for an engine	Support	Passed
HB 744	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate the use or sale of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 998	Relating to requiring approved alcohol seller training programs to include training on recognizing and treating opioid-related drug overdoses	Opposed	Did Not Pass

87th Legislative Session (2021) Bills Filed: 6,919

Bills Passed: 1,073

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 1024	Allowing alcohol-to-go for holders of a Mixed Beverage Permit and Private Club Registration Permit	Support	Passed
HB 60	Relating to the minimum wage	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 401	Relating to the requirement that certain employers provide advance notice of employee work schedules.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 952	Relating to the qualification of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.	Opposed	Did Not Pass

2020 Advocacy During Local “Safer at Home” Pandemic Orders

- During local “shelter” phases, TARO worked with local municipalities to clarify and promote golf and tennis as safe and essential recreational activities;
- TARO worked to maintain golf course and landscape maintenance as essential activities;
- Promoted, to government officials, best practices implemented to maintain a safe playing environment for golf and tennis;
- Coordinated efforts among Allied Associations to have Governor Abbott declare golf as a safe recreational activity throughout all phases of Open Texas and provided guidance to the Texas golf industry;
- Successfully lobbied on behalf of the Texas golf industry to have the one-rider golf cart restriction lifted in Phase 3 of Open Texas and the restriction on golf foursomes;
- Communicated ever-evolving guidelines to club professionals and allied associations.

86th Legislative Session (2019) Bills Filed: 7,281

Bills Passed: 1,429

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 578	Relating to the characterization of certain membership initiation payments as abandoned property.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 3298	Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 2	Relating to ad valorem taxation; authorizing fees.	Support	Passed
HB 290	Relating to minimum wage	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 3897	Relating to consumption of lawfully acquired wine at certain licensed establishments.	Opposed	Did Not Pass

85th Legislative Session (2017) Bills Filed: 6,654

Bills Passed: 1,211

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 572	Relating to the disposal of pesticides	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 285	Relating to the minimum wage	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 954	Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 2400	Relating to daylight savings time	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HCR 73	Expressing support for a \$15 per hour minimum wage	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 700	Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land	Opposed	Did Not Pass

84th Legislative Session (2015) Bills Filed: 6,107

Bills Passed: 1,323

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
SB 71	Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as recreational, park, or scenic land.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 70	Relating to reports issued by the comptroller on the effect of certain tax provisions.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 68	Relating to the minimum wage, including authorizing a county or municipality to establish a minimum wage.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 4112	Relating to the rights of an owner of groundwater.	Support	Passed
HB 1858	Relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements for certain food service workers.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 150	Relating to daylight savings time.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1003	Relating to the periodic evaluation of certain exemptions from property taxes and state taxes and the application of the sunset review process to those exemptions.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 2378	Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.	Opposed	Did Not Pass

83rd Legislative Session (2013) Bills Filed: 5,665

Bills Passed: 1,437

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
SB 140	Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 3045	Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1556	Relating to the periodic review of state and local tax preferences	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 1511	Relating to the appraisal of land that is available to the public.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 3572	Relating to the administration, collection and enforcement of taxes on mixed beverages; imposing a tax on sales of mixed beverages; decreasing the rate of the current tax on mixed beverages	Support	Passed
HB 3409	Relating to the periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SJR 12	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the periodic review of state and local tax preferences and providing an expiration date for certain tax preferences	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 639	Relating to the manufacture, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages	Support	Passed

82nd Legislative Session (2011)

Bills Filed: 5,672

Bills Passed: 1,379

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 1956	Relating to the appeal of an order of the TABC refusing, canceling or suspending a license or permit	Support	Passed
SB 18	Amends current law relating to the use of eminent domain authority	Support	Passed
SB 332	Relating to the ownership of groundwater below the surface of land, the right to produce that groundwater, and the management of groundwater in this state.	Support	Passed
SB 1789	Amends current law relating to platting requirements affecting subdivision golf courses in certain counties	Support	Passed
HB 2209	Relating to the imposition of a tax on certain sweetened beverages and ingredients used to make certain sweetened beverages	Opposed	Did Not Pass

TCEQ General Pesticide Permit Hearing

TARO was a stakeholder on the TCEQ's proposal to require permits for pesticide application near U.S. waters. TARO was successful in ensuring that golf courses fell below thresholds that require extensive licensing, fees and administrative work.

81st Legislative Session (2009)

Bills Filed: 7,136

Bills Passed: 1,459

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 26	Registration Requirements for Golf Carts	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 48	License suspensions for employment of illegal aliens	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 183	Minimum wage increase	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1084	Relating to the shipment of wine to the ultimate consumer	Support	Passed
HB 1185	Limiting the amount of product wineries can sell directly to consumers	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1213	Relating to the regulation of golf carts	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1301	Restricting employers right to ban handguns on work property	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 2740	Relating to the licensing and regulation of youth camps	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HJR 14	Restricting the use of eminent domain for economic purposes	Support	Passed
SB 2523	Allow customers to bring wine to a restaurant already serving alcoholic beverages	Opposed	Did Not Pass

80th Legislative Session (2007)

Bills Filed: 6,190

Bills Passed: 1,481

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 9	Prohibit smoking in private clubs	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 227	Relating to the regulation of golf carts	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 411	Registration of certain containers of alcoholic beverages	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 706	Relating to equal access to places of public accommodation	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 752	Time off work for employees	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1010	Property tax appraisal for land located in more than one appraisal district	Support	Passed
HB 1469	Distance requirement for businesses selling alcohol near schools	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 2724	Relating to the hours of wholesale delivery or sale of beer	Support	Passed
HB 3024	Credibility to third party appraisals in appraisal hearings	Support	Passed
SB 368	Prohibit smoking in private clubs	Opposed	Did Not Pass

79th Legislative Session (2005)

Bills Filed: 5,484

Bills Passed: 1,388

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Result</u>
HB 3	Taxes and fees	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 7	Workers' compensation reform	Support	Passed
HB 176	Franchise tax reform	Opposed	Did Not Pass

HB 426	Time off from work for employees	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1679	Surety bonds for alcoholic beverage permits	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 2736	Minimum wage increase	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 1215	Audits for charitable non-profit organizations	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SJR 39	Tax on business activity	Opposed	Did Not Pass

79th First Called Special Session (2005)

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 3	Taxes and fees	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 23	State fiscal matters	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 3	Taxes and fees	Opposed	Did Not Pass

79th Second Called Special Session (2005)

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 3	Taxes and fees	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 8	Taxes and fees	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HJR 17	State income tax	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SJR 9	Statewide property tax	Opposed	Did Not Pass

78th Legislative Session (2003) Bills Filed: 5,590

Bills Passed: 1,383

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 450	Imposition of a minimum franchise tax	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 480	Eligibility of land for ad valorem tax appraisal designated as open space	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 703	Property tax appraisal located in more than one appraisal district	Support	Passed
HB 827	Sunset review of certain exemptions from property and state taxes	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 922	Liability insurance for TABC permits	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1008	Notice of applications for TABC permits and licenses	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 10	Small employer health benefit plans	Support	Passed

77th Legislative Session (2001) Bills Filed: 5,544

Bills Passed: 1,600

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 2	Broad sweeping revision of state's ethics laws	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1642	Public accommodation	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1794	Relating to alcoholic beverage accounts at private clubs	Support	Passed
HB 2912	Sunset bill for Texas Natural Resources & Conservation Commission	Support	Passed
HB 3700	Omnibus alcoholic beverage regulation bill	Opposed	Did Not Pass

76th Legislative Session (1999)

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 1807	Repeal of greenbelt exemptions for private clubs	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 3748	Broad sweeping public accommodations bill	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1359	Allows use of golf carts within urban master planned communities	Support	Passed
HB 197	Alteration of current minimum wage structure in Texas	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 947	Regulation of use of fireworks	Support	Passed
HB 1058	Limits liability of a municipality for certain recreational activities	Support	Passed

75th Legislative Session (1997)

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Amendments to HB 4	Numerous attempts to amend HB 4, a major tax revision bill to eliminate franchise tax exemptions for private clubs	Opposed	Did Not Pass
Amendments to HB 4	Repeal of the state's current greenbelt statute that would have granted greenbelt exemptions only if the land was open to the public and no fee was charged for its use	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 4	Maintains current greenbelt statute provisions	Support	Passed
HB 2733	Allows operation of golf carts on a public road	Support	Passed
SB 1	Management of water resources in Texas	Support	Passed

74th Legislative Session (1995)

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 1837	Repeal of current greenbelt statute	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 924	Major public accommodations bill	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 1089	Major workers' compensation bill with a TARO sponsored provision that eliminates mandatory coverage, thereby allowing clubs to maintain their election to be self insured	Support	Did Not Pass
HB 653	Prohibited a "licensed premise" within 1,000 feet of a residential neighborhood.	Opposed	Did Not Pass
SB 635	Required all on-premise liquor permits to provide a \$5,000 cash conduct security bond	Opposed	Did Not Pass
HB 2653	Required all applicators of pesticides to distribute a pest control information sheet and public postings of pesticide control signs, prior to application	Opposed	Did Not Pass

73rd Legislative Session (1993)

<u>Bills</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>TARO Position</u>	<u>Results</u>
HB 1913	Repeal of current greenbelt statute by deleting from the definition of "recreational park" or "scenic use" golf courses, bicycle, jogging or walking trails, ball parks or playing fields	Opposed	Did Not Pass