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Last call bill goes to governor

By Bob Purvis
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PHOENIX — A stroke of the governor's pen is all that's left to push bar closing times back to 2:30 a.m.

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Michelle Reagan, R-Scottsdale, which would change last call from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. and extend the time patrons can remain on bar premises, was passed by a vote of 19-11 in the Senate yesterday.

Gov. Janet Napolitano is expected to sign the bill into law.

Lawmakers explaining their votes echoed sentiments expressed in last week's Committee of the Whole, where

the bill gained initial approval.

Sen. Robert Blendu, R-Litchfield Park, voted against the measure, saying his concerns for public safety outweighed any financial benefit or tourism boost a later closing time would bring the state.

Linda Binder, a Republican senator from Lake Havasu City who was born in England, approved the bill, saying Arizona's early closing time is a big turnoff to foreign visitors who are accustomed to much more lax hours at their bars back home.

Opponents of the bill say they will not formally protest the bill or make any last-minute efforts to sway Napolitano's opinion.

"She probably will sign it, and there's nothing we can do about it," said Marcia

Harmon, state executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Harmon said MADD opposes the later last call for multiple reasons, including a lack of law enforcement, human resources and what it sees as a potentially deadly mix of early-morning commuters and drunken drivers.

"It's going to have a definite impact," Harmon said. "I guess within the next year, we are going to see the statistics start to change."

Supporters of the bill argued that extending the amount of time between last call and closing time from 15 minutes to 30 minutes would give drivers enough

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Fee vote's legitimacy called into question

ASUA VP, student object to activity fee election process

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The legitimacy of the special election for the \$30 per year student activity fee came under fire yesterday from an elected ASUA official and a student who said he plans to appeal the election.

Student leaders are divided over whether the special election for the fee should adhere to the same rules that governed last month's Associated Students of the University of Arizona general election.

Conrad Hutcheson, a physics and astronomy sophomore, said he plans to appeal the election because the elections commissioner violated the ASUA Elections Code Bylaws.

According to the elections code, the elections commissioner must "devise any appropriate protocol that specifically pertains to Recall, Initiative and Referendum." The ASUA Senate must pass the guidelines, but the code does not indicate whether the rules must be approved before an election takes place.

The senate never approved any special procedures for the election.

Dan Suh, ASUA elections commissioner, said he did not ask the senate to pass guidelines because he believes when the senate approves the election results, they are also approving any procedures used in the election.

Suh said he has no special procedures for this election, but it should "generally adhere to the rules of the election code."

But Melanie Rainer, ASUA executive vice president, said the special election must follow the same guidelines as the elections code because the senate has not

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A SOBERING EXPERIENCE



Students walk past a car that was totaled in a DUI crash at a presentation on the consequences of drinking and driving last night outside of Sky View Apartments. The event also included simulations like driving a golf cart while wearing beer goggles.

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Students feel effects of drunken driving — but without the booze

By Melissa Wirkus
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There wasn't a beer can in sight last night when more than 350 UA students gathered at Sky View Apartments to learn about the consequences of drinking and driving.

Root beer, not Keystone Light, was the only beverage served from a keg at the third annual Sky View Happy Hour, an event aimed at educating students about the dangers of driving under

the influence.

Mark Loewenthal, the resident assistant in charge of the event, said it was an opportunity for students to witness the risks of drinking and driving.

"This is an educational program about how drinking and driving affects everyone around campus," he said. "Students get to see everything from what happens if you get pulled over to the deadly consequences."

The event featured DUI simulators and golf cart simulators that allowed students

to feel the difference between driving sober and driving under the influence. There was also a car that had been totaled in a DUI crash and a hearse with caskets on display.

A video that residents created was shown at the event and depicted a night of drinking.

According to a survey taken by Sky View Apartment residents, 33 percent of students living in the apartments said they designate a driver when they drink.

Of the 245 students surveyed, 73.4 percent said they drank within the last week, and 54.2 percent said they have driven drunk or been in a vehicle with an intoxicated driver.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, a nonprofit organization with a mission to stop drunken driving, support the victims of accidents caused by drunken drivers and prevent underage drinking, was also present at the event.

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Flier incorrectly claims fee would fund Greek Week

By Jesse Lewis
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Fliers for the \$30 per year student activity fee advertising that funding would support Greek Week, an exclusively greek event, are misleading, officials in Greek Life said yesterday.

Eighty percent of the estimated \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million generated by the fee would be used to bring concerts and speakers to campus, while 15 percent would go toward general distribution to campus organizations. The remaining 5 percent is expected to be refunded.

However, events such as Greek Week that cater to specific campus organizations would not receive funding from the activity fee.

According to activity fee bylaws, the funds must be used to sponsor an event that is open to the

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