



# Senator Wilton Simpson

## *February Update*

Senate District 18

**February 28th, 2014**

Good afternoon,

February's committee weeks in Tallahassee were very productive, and I'm looking forward to the start of the 2014 Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

I'm excited about the legislation that I am sponsoring. If you'd like to take a look at the full list of the 27 bills I have sponsored for this year's Legislative Session, please [visit my senate webpage](#) and click on "Bills Introduced" as seen below:



Rick Brown and President Paul Ryan at the FDNY Memorial Breakfast in New Port Richey. (2/22/14)



In addition to seeing more details about the bills that I have filed on my website, you can track them to see how they progress through committees, and sign up to get my media alerts in real time. I will also be posting updates on Facebook regularly during this year's Legislative Session, and remember that there is a trivia question each Friday ([click here to visit my Facebook](#)). As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your questions or concerns at: [simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov](mailto:simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov).

Regards,  
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## Business Fee Reduction: Florida Senate Bill 776

Senate Bill 776 reduces fees for Florida's small business owners. The bill will reduce annual filing fees for corporations and limited partnerships by \$25. Senate Bill 776 converts the current late fee of \$400.00 to a tiered system, reducing the initial late fee associated with filing an annual report after the May 1st deadline.

After May 1	\$125
After May 31	\$250
After June 30	\$375
After July 31	\$400



The bill also standardizes other corporate document filings currently ranging from \$35.00 - \$87.50 to a flat rate of \$25.00.

For more information, or to track this bill, visit: <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2014/0776>

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## Senator Simpson Files Senate Bill 958: Fee and Toll Waivers for Purple Heart Recipients



Senate Bill 958 honors the service of our veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart for their service to our country. This legislation will allow Purple Heart recipients to receive a free lifetime family membership to over 160 of Florida's State Parks. In addition, Purple Heart recipients will receive a free SunPass and free tolls for Florida roadways. This is one small way in which we can show our gratitude to our military veterans who have sacrificed so much.

For more information, or to track this bill, visit: <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2014/0958>

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## **Consumer Flood Insurance Legislation: Florida Senate Bill 542 by Senator Brandes Co-sponsored by Senator Wilton Simpson**

This flood insurance legislation will provide alternatives to the rising rates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Florida Senate Bill 542 creates a wide range of flexible options for policyholders to choose so they can reach an affordable level of coverage for their property. The hallmark of the proposal will allow policyholders the option of covering either the outstanding balance of their mortgage, the replacement cost of their property.

By providing multiple options for minimum coverage within private flood insurance, consumers will have a range of options to select types of coverage for their properties that reduce the cost to insure their property for flood risk. By setting the minimum allowable coverage in the state to minimums recognized by Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac when underwriting mortgages, the insured retains access to federal lending and federally chartered banks for homeownership.

For more information, or to track this bill, visit: <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2014/0542>

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### **2014 Legislative Session**

Regular Session Convenes: March 4<sup>th</sup> 2013

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