

#### South Dakota 2024 End of Legislative Session Report

CAI's members, partners, and staff actively advocated on behalf of <u>approximately 42,000 South</u>

<u>Dakotans living in 17,000 homes in approximately 1,000 community associations across the Mount</u>

<u>Rushmore State</u>. South Dakota's legislative session lasted from January 9 and adjourned on March 25.

Below is a brief overview from the 2024 South Dakota State Legislature:

## SB 39 prohibit a homeowners' association from placing restrictions on firearms or firearm ammunition.

This bill prohibits homeowners associations from making rules which would restrict the possession, transportation, storage, or discharge of a firearm, part of a firearm, or firearm ammunition. This prohibition applies not just to homeowner property but common areas as well.

CAI actively opposed this bill, due to the infringement on a community association's contractual authority to impose reasonable rules and regulations in order to protect the safety of residents and their guests.

Status: Unsuccessfully PASSED. Effective immediately.

### SB 217 require disclosure of certain information prior to the sale of property bound by a homeowners' association.

This bill expands on the current disclosure requirements for real estate transactions in South Dakota by mandating that sellers, in addition to disclosing the existence of a community association, provide copies of governing documents, information on assessments, and information on any special assessment with the past 3 years. These disclosure requirements would apply to purchases occurring after July 1, 2024. Existing statutory language providing a penalty of actual damages for intentional failure to disclose is applied to these new disclosures.

Status: PASSED. Effective July 1, 2024.

### HB 1240 permit a homeowner's association, development, or incorporated community to modify a restrictive covenant.

Under this bill, if a community association's governing documents do not provide for a method to amend covenants, then a vote of 2/3 of unit owners would be needed to make modifications.

Status: PASSED. Effective immediately.

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