



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[GOP Bill Would Lock-in Ruling That Saved Pharmacy Chains from \\$651M Opioid Judgment](#)

[Senate Republicans Pass Major Changes to Ohio's Marijuana Law](#)

[Should Ohio Law Enforcement Officers Have Ticket Quotas? Bipartisan Bill Would Ban Them.](#)

[Debate on Death Penalty Heats Up](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Spring Training will be held April 17 – 18 at the Hilton Polaris.

Passed by Senate

[Senate Bill 56 \(Adult-Use Marijuana\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Huffman makes various changes to the adult-use marijuana program including reducing the number of home grow plants from 12 to 6, prohibiting the transfer of home grown marijuana, prohibiting combustion of marijuana except in a private residence, requires marijuana to be transported in the trunk or behind the back row of seats in a place not easily accessible to the driver, and prohibits advertising or dispensing marijuana in a way that appeals to children.

Introduced

[House Bill 108 \(Self-Defense Pretrial Hearing\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Williams creates a pretrial procedure that allows a person to file a motion asserting self-defense and requesting that the court establish a rebuttable presumption of self-defense that the prosecution can rebut by proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused person did not use force in self-defense.

[House Bill 132 \(Move Over Duty – Stationary Vehicles\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Craig and M. Miller increases the penalties for failing to slow down or change lanes when approaching certain stationary vehicles and to increase the penalties for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault in those circumstances.

[House Bill 102 \(Sex Offender Residency Limits\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Klopfenstein and Williams prohibits a sex offender or a child-victim offender from residing within 2,000 feet of the residence of the victim and from loitering within 1,000 feet of the residence of the victim.

[Senate Bill 124 \(Transit Worker Assault\)](#) – sponsored by Sens. Craig and Patton increases the penalty for assault when the victim is an operator of an Ohio transit system bus or rail car and increases the penalty for evading payment.

[House Bill 111 \(Additional Fine – High Speed Drivers\)](#) sponsored by Reps. K. Miller and Creech imposes an additional fine on drivers who exceed the speed limit by 30 miles per hour.

[House Bill 131](#) and [Senate Bill 114 \(Law Enforcement Quotas\)](#) sponsored by Reps. K. Miller and Sweeney and Sen. Patton respectively prohibits law enforcement agencies from using quotas for arrests and citations.

[House Bill 123 \(Local Office Vacancy Procedure\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Johnson and Thomas modifies the procedures for filling vacancies in certain local elected offices.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit www.ohiopa.org.

[House Bill 68 \(Concealed Carry/Firearms Disability Relief\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Mathews and Pizzulli allows a concealed handgun licensee to carry a handgun in a building or structure that is not a courthouse but in which a courtroom is located in specified circumstances and permits a nonresident of Ohio to obtain statutory relief from firearms disability based on an Ohio conviction, guilty plea, or delinquent child adjudication.

[House Bill 76 \(Increasing Township Trustee Membership\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Lorenz and Baker allows the electors of certain townships to increase the membership of their boards of township trustees.

[House Bill 79 \(Assaulting a Sports Official\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Roemer and J. Miller increases the penalties for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official.

[House Bill 82 \(Construction Zones – Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Click and Johnson provides for increased penalties and driver education for traffic offenses in construction zones.

[House Bill 86 \(Tax Foreclosures/Land Reutilization\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Demetriou and [Senate Bill 102 \(Tax Foreclosures/Land Reutilization\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Patton makes changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations.

[Senate Bill 97 \(Penalty – Failure to Yield to Funeral Procession\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Craig and Wilson doubles the fines for failing to yield to a funeral procession.