



Week 15: April 15-20th

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Bills of interest to IFA

Activity for this week are noted in red.

→ Indicates Companion Bill

The legislature was committed to closing down the session as they started working very late nights to power through bills. There are many bills that got left in the "next year" pile and they will have to start over next year.

The Senate adjourned abruptly at 3:25 am leaving 5 bills on the table, one of the bills was our LOSAP bill.

The House adjourned for the session about 4:30 am. The House also failed to bring the firefighter property tax bill to the floor.

SF 2396-Department of Revenue Bill-LOSAP

This bill contains many divisions that deal with the Department of Revenue matters. We had an amendment to this bill to create and fund LOSAP-Length of Service Award Program H-8353

4/19 It PASSED the House, once again!

However, the Senate failed to bring the bill to the floor before they ended the session.

SF 2424 Property Tax Abatement

This abatement has the following requirements:

*Your homestead is located in the local service area for which the provider is a volunteer

* has been a volunteer emergency services provider for five or more years

*earns less than \$5,000 per year for service as a volunteer emergency services provider

*is in good standing with the provider's volunteer agency or entity

They must file a petition with the county board of supervisors, requesting abatement of property taxes and special assessments assessed on the individual's homestead and giving other information as the board may require. The petition must be filed and approved by the board of supervisors.

The approved abatement shall not exceed the following:

(1)for a volunteer emergency services provider that has not been a volunteer for at least 10 years, an abatement of 10 percent of all applicable taxes and special assessments imposed on the homestead, not to exceed \$500

(2) for a volunteer emergency service provider who has been a volunteer emergency service provider for 20 or more years, an abatement of 10 percent of all applicable taxes and special assessments imposed on the homestead, not to exceed \$500, during the remainder of the volunteer emergency service provider's life so long as the provider's homestead is in the local service area of the agency or entity for which the provider was a volunteer.

The bill passed the Senate but the House failed to bring it to the floor on the last day

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION PASSED AND HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

HF 2681/HF 2595 (HSB 707) Automatic Traffic Cameras Rep Best-TRANSPORTATION

In 2014, the department of transportation (DOT) adopted administrative rules authorizing and regulating the use of automated traffic enforcement (ATE) systems on the primary road system. After judicial review, the Iowa supreme court ruled the DOT did not have authority to adopt rules regulating the use of ATE systems. This bill codifies the previously adopted DOT rules, other than those relating to the use of ATE systems monitoring official traffic-control devices.

The bill applies only to automated enforcement used by local jurisdictions to monitor and enforce excessive speed violations on the primary road system. The DOT is prohibited from using automated enforcement or receiving related payments from local jurisdictions.

Under the bill, a city or county (local jurisdiction) seeking to use automated enforcement is required to receive approval from the DOT. A local jurisdiction is required to submit a justification report, detailing the need for automated enforcement based on factors described in the bill. The DOT must approve or deny a local jurisdiction's request within 90 days, unless additional time is needed to gather more data or conduct a speed study. If the DOT approves a request, the DOT must prepare an agreement which must be signed by the department and the local jurisdiction.

The bill requires ATE systems to be installed and maintained in a safe manner and limits the locations on or along a roadway where the ATE system is permitted to be installed. The ATE systems must be calibrated quarterly, and if a mobile ATE system is used, it must be calibrated before each use at a new location. Local jurisdictions are required to post signs in advance of locations where ATE systems are used to advise drivers of such systems.

Each year, a local jurisdiction that uses automated enforcement must evaluate the effectiveness of the ATE system and report its findings to the DOT on or before May 1. The DOT must review the annual reports and determine whether continued use

of automated enforcement is justified. The DOT is authorized to require a local jurisdiction to remove or modify an ATE system in a particular location.

A local jurisdiction may appeal a decision made by the DOT by submitting a written explanation of the issue and any supporting information to the director of the DOT. Once the director receives the appeal, the director has 30 days to respond. The director's decision is the final agency action.

Automated enforcement must be used in conjunction with conventional law enforcement methods, not as a replacement for law enforcement officer contact. (The Senate substituted their ATE bill for SF 2408 - Klemish) On to the Governor. **This House ATE bill ran and passed the House. The House version DID NOT include any LOSAP language. The Senate accepted this version instead of letting Senator Klemish run his version.SF 2408**

HF 2397 (HSB 617) TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

This bill relates to the transportation of persons by ambulance service programs. The bill allows an ambulance service program to transport a person experiencing a mental health crisis to a mental health access center. The bill directs the department of health and human services to authorize payments to service programs for the transportation of persons to mental health access centers in amounts similar to payments authorized for the transportation of persons to hospital emergency departments.

HF 2574 (HSB 710) reorg of Boards and Commissions (House version)

Repeals numerous boards and transfers their duties

HF 2574 was withdrawn and substituted with SF 2385 with a strike after amendment S-5170

911 Communications Council, the State Building Code Advisory Council, Emergency Response Council and the Fire Extinguishing System Contractors and Alarm Systems Advisory board were saved.

SF 2385 (SSB 3172) BOARD REVIEWS (State Government) Cournoyer (C), Koelker, Weiner

Requires legislation establishing boards to include a repeal date of no more than four years and no more than two years for advisory boards. Re-establishes the government efficiency review committee. Establishes salaries for the Regents and BOE and voting members for the Human Services Council. Makes changes to the powers of many boards. Eliminates or merges many boards. Contains implementing provisions.

(Governor bill) This bill died however parts were included in the House final version.

The Senate took the House version which was a strike after amendment to this bill.

SF 2416- SF 2377-ReOrg Cleanup (page 50) WAYS AND MEANS

DIVISION VIII — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. The bill strikes the requirement in Code section 80E.1(2)(b) that the director of the office of drug control policy submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly by November 1 of each year concerning the activities and programs of the director and other departments related to drug enforcement, substance use disorder treatment programs, and substance use disorder prevention and education programs.

The bill strikes Code subunit references in Code section 100.41 and replaces them with references to Code chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, where the applicable portions of law were transferred to as the result of 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter 19.

Sec. 115. Section 80E.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 116. Section 100.41, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

100.41 Authority to cite violations.

Fire officials acting under the authority of this part

chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, may issue citations in accordance with chapter 805, for violations of this part

chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, or a violation of a local fire safety code.

→ Companion bill HF 2686/ HF 2550(HSB664)-Reorg Cleanup

Passed sub and full committee

WAYS AND MEANS-fiscal note
(substituted for SF 2416)

HF 2661 Public Safety Matters

The bill has three divisions. It increases retirement benefits; it prohibits bail for persons charged with knowingly murdering a police officer and creates a tax credit to help out-of-state law enforcement officers move into the state. The amendment limited the use of the credit, which is expected to have a fiscal impact of about \$50,000. Senator McClintock said that the bill will help deputy sheriffs, who have many duties in their

community beyond law enforcement. Senator Todd Taylor said that the bill has been a long time coming and that it shows that Democrats and Republicans can do good work when they work together.

The third section creates a \$2,000 tax credit for moving expenses for a new resident who takes a public safety job. Makes the credit refundable and allows it to be carried forward.

AMENDMENT FILED BY BOUSSELOT:S 5154 - States the maximum tax credit is \$2,000 and is not available to the extent that moving expenses are deducted from federal income. ADOPTED

HF 2579 (HF 2142) Personalized FF & EMS Plates

Under current law, an owner of a motor vehicle who is a current or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department may order firefighter special registration plates signifying the owner is an active or retired firefighter. The plates are designed by the department of transportation (DOT) in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa firefighters' associations. The design is such that the plates do not match the color and design of regular registration plates (alternate design plates), as authorized by Code section 321.166 (vehicle plate specifications).

Likewise, under current law, an owner of a motor vehicle who is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) agency may order special registration plates, designed by the DOT in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa EMS association, signifying that the person is a current member of a paid or volunteer EMS agency. The design is such that the plates match the color and design of regular registration plates but contain a distinguishing processed emblem (emblem plates).

This bill authorizes the DOT to issue personalized firefighter and EMS registration plates, in accordance with Code sections 321.34(5) and 321.34(12), as applicable. The fee for personalized plates is \$25, which is in addition to all other registration fees. The annual fee for personalized plates is \$5, and is also in addition to all other fees. Due to the plates' respective designs, the bill limits the number of characters on a personalized firefighter or EMS plate to five numerals and letters.

The bill makes further changes to align the plate provisions with the respective language used for other, similar plates (alternate design plate language for fire fighter plates, and emblem plate language for EMS plates). For purposes of emblem plates, Code section 321.34(12) contains provisions relating to the default \$25 fee, personalized emblem plates, and the exchange or surrender of such plates. Therefore, the EMS plate provision is updated to include relevant references and exclude duplicative provisions.

HF 2680 POLICE/FF RETIREMENT

Makes changes for MFPRS, PORS and IPERS Protection Occupations: Requires an MH exam for police and fire fighters as part of the entrance exam. 411 Changes: Defines an ordinary disability beneficiary as someone retired on disability for three years or less. Deems a member to be in good standing if not fired by the employing city. Deems a member entitled to accidental disability retirement if the person is totally and permanently incapacitated due to the actual performance of duty in the course of employment. Defines mental incapacity. Sets a formula for a member who receives ordinary disability but is entitled to accidental disability. Makes other changes to payouts and eligibility. Increase contribution rates to 9.64%. Requires

cities to continue hospitalization and medical benefits to retired members for injuries incurred while on duty, including heart and lung disease and cancers. Prohibits charging the member for insurance costs. Requires the city be given notice within 90 days of the occurrence of the disease and requires legal actions to begin within two years. Exempts the city from claims for an injury discovered three years after employment. Pensions: Includes an income tax exemption for a surviving spouse who is not over 55 or disabled.

H 8277 by Kaufmann - Defines cost-sharing and changes the contribution rate to 9.55% ADOPTED
AMENDMENT H-8277

SF 2205 (SF 454) Requirements to civil service commission when hiring public safety positions Webster, Weiner, Westrich (LOCAL GOV)

This bill relates to civil service requirements for the hiring of certain city public safety positions. Under current law, Code chapter 400(civil service) sets forth a variety of provisions relating to hiring civil service employees, including examinations, probationary periods, veteran preferences, and other qualifications.

HF 2339 CANCER SURVEILLANCE (H Wilz) (Health & Human Services)

Appropriates \$2 million to HHS in FY 2025 for a focused review of cancer surveillance data. Requires HHS to work with the Iowa Cancer consortium. Requires the HHS employ one full-time staffer on cancer control and employ staff with

SF 2202 EMERGENCY DISASTER AID

This bill relates to a proclamation of disaster emergency and the disaster aid contingent fund.

The bill provides that when any emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, and upon the governor's determination that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of local and state government adversely affected by a major disaster or emergency that cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, the governor may accept a grant by the federal government and may enter into an agreement with the federal government pledging the state to participate in the funding of the financial assistance in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total eligible expenses, with the applicant providing the balance of any participation amount. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for state disaster or emergency financial assistance-related expenses or serious needs, the state shall participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the total eligible expenses.

The bill provides that when any emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, the executive council may make financial grants to meet disaster or emergency funding-related necessary expenses, serious needs, or hazard mitigation projects of local governments and eligible private nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the major disaster or emergency if those expenses or needs cannot otherwise be met from other means of assistance

SF 2158 Public Safety Telecommunicators

This bill relates to public safety telecommunicators.

Code section 80B.11C requires the Iowa law enforcement academy (ILEA) to establish minimum standards for training of public safety telecommunicators.

“Public safety telecommunicator” is defined as a person who serves as a first responder by receiving requests for, or by dispatching requests to, emergency response agencies that include but are not limited to law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services agencies.

The bill changes the term “communications officer” to “public safety telecommunicator” to conform with the term used by ILEA in establishing minimum standards for training of public safety telecommunicators.

->**HF 2163 public safety telecommunicators-companion bill**

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