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**Week 5 Feb 5th -Feb 9th**

**IFA**

**Roger Carr-President and IFA board**

**Bills of interest to IFA**

**Activity for this week are noted in red.**

**ACTION WE NEED IN GREEN**

**+= FUNNEL PROOF**

*Important note: Next week is funnel week. Anything that does not pass a sub and full committee by Feb 16th will die.*

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**+HF 2302 (HSB 523) PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS** (Public Safety) Shipley (C), Levin, Vondran

Increases the penalties for various assaults on protected workers (DOC employees, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS and other workers)

PASSED SUB with amendment, adding saliva etc

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE - FUNNEL PROOF**

**+SF 2279 (SSB 3023) PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS companion bill** Rowley, Shipley, Bisignano

PASSED SUB with amendment, adding saliva etc

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE - FUNNEL PROOF**

**+SF 214 (SF 2237) FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS** (Local Government)

Golding (C), M Thompson, Wilson

Exempts the pay received by a city employee or officer for volunteer EMS and firefighter services from provisions prohibiting contracts between a city and employees or officers. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer fire chief, with the approval of the council. Reserve Funds: Allows a city to establish a reserve fund to pay for emergency vehicles. Directs that insurance payments for related settlements be deposited in such an account if created. Allows the repayment of funds from the GF that were used to purchase emergency equipment.

**PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEE - FUNNEL PROOF**

**HSB 598 FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS (companion to SF 2237)**

Emergency Services provided by a city. Exempts the pay received by a city employee or officer for volunteer EMS and firefighter services from provision prohibiting contracts between a city and employees or officers. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer fire chief, with the approval of council. Reserve Funds: Allows a city to

establish a reserve fund to pay for emergency vehicles. Directs that insurance payments for related settlements be deposited in such an account if created. Allows the repayment of funds from the GF that were used to purchase emergency equipment.

**PASSED SUB**

**NEEDS TO PASS FULL COMMITTEE**

**+SF 489 - ATE BILL amendment** - KLEMISH (Ways & Means)

Amend Senate File 489 by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting amendment.

Puts regulations on ATE's so they can't be used as a money grab, only used in areas that show a high accident rate. 10% of the fine money to go to the Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighters.

**Klemish will introduce after funnel in Committee - FUNNEL PROOF**

**HF 2142 Personalized FF & EMS Plates**

Allows for personalized FF & EMS License Plates

**PASSED SUB**

**NEEDS TO PASS FULL COMMITTEE**

**SF 555 (SF 113) VOLUNTEER EMS TAX ABATEMENT** Dickey (C), Dawson, Petersen

The bill provides a property tax abatement for volunteer firefighters

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**HF 2034 State Fire Code Exemption** Wulf (C), Cooling, Lundgren

This bill requires that administrative rules adopted by the director of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing that establish the state fire code provide a process for a building in which no more than 50 students subject to an exemption granted under Code section 299.24 are educated to be exempted from the state fire code. Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from certain school standards for members of a church or religious denomination in specified circumstances.

**SUBCOMMITTEE did not pass this and sent it back - DEAD**

**SF 2029 BURN BANS** (Salmon) (Local Government)

Requires a fire chief to get permission from the city council or the supervisors before submitting a burn ban request to the State Fire Marshal

**This bill DID NOT PASS Sub - DEAD**

**+SF 2265 (SF 2012) First Responder ID cards** (Lofgren-Cournoyer-Giddens)

TRANSPORTATION

This bill allows first responders to apply for an ID card when they renew their driver license.

**PASSED SUB**

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE - Renumbered to SF 2265 - FUNNEL PROOF**

**HF 2012 First Responder ID cards (companion bill to SF 2012)**

**PASSED SUB**

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**SF 2033 FIRE FIGHTER EQUIPMENT NOTICE** (Webster, Brown, Bisignano) (State Government)

Requires the sellers of fire fighter safety equipment containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluorinated substances to give written notice to the purchaser. Requires the purchaser and the seller to maintain the notice for at least three years. Allows the AG, city attorney or county attorney to request such notice and to take action to enforce the bill. Establishes civil penalties.

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**NEEDS TO SUB AND PASS FULL COMMITTEE**

**+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.

PASSED SUB

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE W/AMENDMENT - FUNNEL PROOF  
RENUMBERED AS SF 2205**

**+SF 2191 (SF 2017) Developing policies regarding school fire drills** -Westrich, Cournoyer, Giddens  
EDUCATION

This bill relates to the development of a policy governing responses to a fire alarm activated on school grounds outside of a scheduled fire drill by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools. This involves training when someone may pull a fire alarm in an active shooter situation.

PASSED SUB

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE, Renumbered as SF 2191 - FUNNEL PROOF.**

**SSB 3016 Eliminate ATE and no hands free** (Zaun-Bisignano-Garrett) JUDICIARY

The bill defines the terms “electronic device”, “use”, and “voice-activated or hands-free mode”. The bill allows the use of an electronic device if the vehicle is at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the roadway, or as far away from the center of the roadway as is practicable if the vehicle cannot be entirely removed.

After July 1, 2025, it prohibits the state or a local authority from placing or causing to be placed on or adjacent to a highway, or maintaining or employing the use of, any automated or remote system for traffic law enforcement (ATE system).

PASSED SUB

**Needs to pass full committee next week to be funnel proof**

**HSB 668 Eliminate ATE and no hands free (companion bill)** Public Safety  
Thompson (C), Meggars, Scheetz

ATE: Bans the use of automated traffic enforcement devices on highways as of

July 2025. Does not allow the DPS or DOT to share any information to collect civil penalties through interstate compacts unless the compact specifically allows or requires that. Defines such systems. Voids local ordinances as of July 2025. Texting: Prohibits the use of any electronic devices while driving. Establishes exemptions in some situations for hands-free devices, for law enforcement, health care workers, transit workers, utility maintenance workers, in emergency situations, agricultural uses and for other reasons. Makes citations a moving violation. PASSED SUB

Needs to pass full committee next week to be funnel proof

**SF 2091 - EMS PLATES** TRANSPORTATION Bousselot (C), Cournoyer, Winckler Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) is authorized to issue emergency medical services (EMS) special registration plates to the owner of a vehicle who is a current member of a paid or volunteer EMS agency. The DOT designed the plate in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa EMS association. This bill instead requires the plate's background to be white and the plate's letters and numbers to be blue. The left side of the plate must depict the star of life. The letters "EMS" must appear on the bottom of the plate. The bill exempts EMS plates from the general requirements to display the name of the county that issues the registration plates and to be consistent with the design and color of regular registration plates.

The bill provides transition provisions

PASSED SUB - NEEDS TO SUB AND PASS FULL COMMITTEE

**SF 2020 Scholarships for First Responders** (Zaun) Rozenboom, Celsi, Kraayenbrink EDUCATION

This is a bill to offer education scholarships to career firefighters/ Volunteers are not currently included but Sen Zaun said he would add us if the bill goes anywhere We have not registered for this bill yet.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

NEEDS TO PASS SUB & FULL COMMITTEE

**SF 570 EMS tax levy**

WAYS AND MEANS

Subcommittee: Klimesh, Dawson, and Quirmbach

The bill also authorizes the local emergency management commission to certify and levy a countywide additional levy not to exceed \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for special or unique services and operations, as defined in the bill, approved by the commission. Also specifies that the local emergency management commission is a municipality for purposes of Code chapter 24 (local budgets). Sets up a commission.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

NEEDS TO PASS SUB & FULL COMMITTEE

**HF 529 Debris and Lights** (Dunwell-Bagniewski-Gerhold) TRANSPORTATION

Passed subcommittee however legislators seemed willing to strike the section allowing tow trucks to have blue lights.

We are ok with the clean-up part of the bill but do not want to see tow trucks with flashing blue lights.

PASSED SUB - **NEEDS TO PASS FULL COMMITTEE**

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**SF 2229 FIREFIGHTING FOAM** (Westrich) (State Government)

Prohibits local governments and townships from purchasing fire-fighting foams with perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl.

**INTRODUCED**

**NEEDS TO PASS SUB & FULL COMMITTEE**

**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 expertise in epidemiology and biostatistics.

**INTRODUCED**

**NEEDS TO PASS SUB & FULL COMMITTEE**

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