

FPF Pre-Legislative Session Report

March 2017



After working through a busy election cycle, the Legislature held their organizational meeting November 22nd, which preceded the start of the committee process. Prior to this Tuesday's start of the 2017 Legislative Session, we worked through seven interim committee weeks.

There were 1,880 bills filed for the 2016 session and, so far, there have been 2,720 bills filed for the 2017 session. The breakdown of these bills for this session is, 1,833 in the House and 887 in the Senate. Throughout the committee process there were 27 Proposed Committee Bills (PCBs) filed in the House and 2 PCBs filed in the Senate.

We are currently tracking 66 bills with 6 priority bills, and 22 tracked as high importance. Each and every bill is tracked daily for amendments that could either positively or adversely affect these bills. We are tracking approximately 20 bills that are potential vehicles for amendments or are bills that we have concerns with.

We are diligently working to maintain an open relationship with as many legislators as possible. We continue to work with all the Fire Service Groups on a multitude of bills affecting the Fire Service. Last year we successfully worked with this group to address potentially problematic bills. Several bills are in the preliminary steps and may not move out of the committee process. Should any of these bills take a turn in the wrong direction, we will be ready to oppose the bill or support amendments to correct the specific problem.

We have continued to aggressively work the committees, key staff members and attorneys on the cancer presumption bill. This year both the House (HB 143) and Senate (SB 158) bills picked up where last year's Senate bill left off. Both of the bills were filed early with a prompt hearing in the Senate and a unanimous vote of support. Your efforts to encourage cosponsors in the House are working, and it has been noticed with 21 bipartisan cosponsors to HB 143. We are continuing to meet with House leadership in an effort to get the bill placed on the agenda of its first committee of reference.

Senator Rubio's support of the National Cancer Registry Bill has caught the attention of some of his former colleagues in the Florida House. A cost analysis is underway to verify last year's fiscal impact to the FRS. We will continue to work with the League of Cities on the impact to Workers Compensation costs and the associated procedures.

The Florida Retirement System, which is the pension fund for hundreds of thousands of public employees, is a "model" for other states. While it is sound and strong, some members of the Legislature

would threaten it by requiring new entrants to join a defined contribution plan. We believe an overhaul of the Florida Retirement System is not likely this year. However, we remain vigilant and opposed to defined contribution plans. We are concerned about future impacts to both regular and special risk class by moving the current retirement plan in a different direction.

We will send out weekly legislative reports to keep you informed as we move through the regular legislative session, which starts tomorrow. We will have a detailed discussion on the important bills during the Robert K. "Bob" Carver Legislative Conference March 20th – 24th in Tallahassee.

Below you will find the information on the bills being tracked. We will add bills as they are filed or when current bills are amended making them applicable.

RETIREMENT

[HB 353 Relating to Local Government Participation in FL Retirement System \(Fischer\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 428 \(Brandes\)](#)

FPF Position: Oppose

Local Government Participation in Florida Retirement System: Provides that employees of governing body of municipality, metropolitan planning organization, or special district that applies to participate in FRS on or after certain date may enroll only in defined contribution program; authorizes enrollment in pension plan for employees of governing bodies that have elected or applied to participate in FRS before certain date; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. 1/23/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

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[HB 603 Relating to Publicly Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans \(Fischer\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 632 \(Brandes\)](#)

FPF Position: Watch

Publicly Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans: Defines term "long-range return rate"; revises requirements for actuarial reports submitted by retirement plan or system subject to part VII of ch. 112, F.S., to conform; prohibits actuarial assumed rate of return of plan or system from exceeding long-range return rate, as of specified date; specifies length of time that long-range return rate is in effect; specifies method of reducing actuarial assumed rate of return under certain conditions; provides reporting requirements for plan or system with an actuarial assumed rate of return in excess of long-range return rate; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 2/1/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/9/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 2/9/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

[SB 632 Relating to Publicly Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 603 \(Fischer\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Publicly Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans; Revising requirements for actuarial reports submitted by a retirement plan or system subject to part VII of ch. 112, F.S., to conform; prohibiting the actuarial assumed rate of return of a plan or system from exceeding the long-range return rate, as of a specified date; prescribing reporting requirements for a plan or system with an actuarial assumed rate of return in excess of the long-range return rate, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/1/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; Rules.

EMERGENCY DISPATCH

[SB 658 Relating to Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System \(Rader\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 873 \(Russell\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System; Adding 911 public safety telecommunicators to the class; requiring such members to have their retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifying the required employer retirement contribution rates for the new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/2/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations.

[HB 873 Relating to Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System \(Russell\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 658 \(Rader\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System: Adds 911 public safety telecommunicators to class; requires such members to have retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifies required employer retirement contribution rates for new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declares that act fulfills important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 2/17/2017 HOUSE Filed. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

EMS ISSUES

[HB 61 Relating to Emergency Services for an Unintentional Drug Overdose \(L. Lee Jr.\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 558 \(Passidomo\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Emergency Services for an Unintentional Drug Overdose: Requires hospital providing emergency services to person suffering from unintentional drug overdose to provide certain services & information; provides conditions for patient transfer to licensed detoxification or addictions receiving facility; provides attending physician responsibilities; provides conditions under which person who suffers unintentional drug overdose & seeks emergency services & care may not be charged, prosecuted, or penalized for specified offenses. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 11/28/2016 HOUSE Filed. 1/9/2017 HOUSE Referred to Health Innovation Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/9/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Innovation Subcommittee.

[SB 228 Relating to Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 722 Plans \(Brandes\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment; Establishing the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program within the Department of Health; providing limited immunity for legal representatives and specified health care providers acting in good faith in reliance on POLST forms; authorizing emergency medical transportation providers to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other medical interventions if presented with POLST forms that contain an order not to resuscitate, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 1/3/2017 SENATE Filed. 1/12/2017 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

[HB 229 Relating to Programs for Impaired Health Care Practitioners \(Byrd\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 876 \(Young\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Programs for Impaired Health Care Practitioners: Revises provisions related to impaired practitioner programs; deletes requirement that DOH designate approved programs by rule; deletes provisions related to probable cause panels; deletes provisions related to agency of specified persons; provides that impaired practitioner may be reported to consultant rather than DOH under certain circumstances; revises grounds for disciplinary action to include termination from impaired practitioner program under certain circumstances. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. 1/12/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/23/2017 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/23/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee.

[HB 249 Relating to Drug Overdoses \(Rommel\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 588 \(Passidomo\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Drug Overdoses: Requires certain persons to report controlled substance overdoses; provides for reporting agency in each county; defines "overdose"; provides requirements for such reports; provides immunity for persons who make such reports in good faith; requires sharing of data with specified entities; provides for use of such data; requires maintenance of records for specified periods; prohibits failure to make such reports. Effective Date: October 1, 2017. 1/17/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee.

[SB 558 Relating to Emergency Services for an Unintentional Drug Overdose \(Passidomo\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 61 \(L. Lee Jr.\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Emergency Services for an Unintentional Drug Overdose; Requiring a hospital providing emergency services to a person suffering from an unintentional drug overdose to provide certain services and information; providing conditions for transfer of a patient to a licensed detoxification or addictions receiving facility, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 1/27/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/9/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Rules.

[SB 588 Relating to Drug Overdoses \(Passidomo\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 249 \(Rommel\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Drug Overdoses; Requiring certain persons to report controlled substance overdoses; providing for a reporting agency in each county; providing immunity for persons who make such reports in good faith; requiring sharing of data with specified entities; prohibiting failure to make such reports, whether by omission or willfully, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2017. 1/30/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/9/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Rules.

[SB 722 Relating to Public Records/Clearinghouse for Compassionate & Palliative Care Plans \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 228 \(Brandes\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Public Records; Creating an exemption from public records for personal identifying information in compassionate and palliative care plans filed with the Clearinghouse for Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans managed by the Agency for Health Care Administration or its designee; authorizing the disclosure of such information to certain entities and individuals; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 228 or similar legislation takes effect if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law. 2/6/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules.

[SB 876 Relating to Programs For Impaired Health Care Practitioners \(Young\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 229 \(Byrd\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Programs for Impaired Health Care Practitioners; Revising provisions related to impaired practitioner programs; deleting a requirement authorizing the department to adopt by rule the manner in which consultants work with the department in intervention, in evaluating and treating professionals, in providing and monitoring continued care of impaired professionals, and in expelling professionals from the program; providing that an impaired practitioner may be reported to a consultant rather than the department under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law. 2/10/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/23/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

ETHICS

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[Companion Bill: SB 588 \(Passidomo\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Drug Overdoses: Requires certain persons to report controlled substance overdoses; provides for reporting agency in each county; defines "overdose"; provides requirements for such reports; provides immunity for persons who make such reports in good faith; requires sharing of data with specified entities; provides for use of such data; requires maintenance of records for specified periods; prohibits failure to make such reports. Effective Date: October 1, 2017. 1/17/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee.

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[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Drug Overdoses; Requiring certain persons to report controlled substance overdoses; providing for a reporting agency in each county; providing immunity for persons who make such reports in good faith; requiring sharing of data with specified entities; prohibiting failure to make such reports, whether by omission or willfully, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2017. 1/30/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/9/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Rules.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

[HB 11 Relating to Labor Organizations \(Plakon\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1292 \(Baxley\)](#)

FPF Position: Oppose

Labor Organizations: Revises required information to be included in application for renewal of registration of employee organization; provides for revocation of certification under certain conditions; requires certain employee organizations to recertify as certified bargaining agents; provides nonapplicability with respect to employee organizations that represent or seek to represent certain employees. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 2/22/2017 HOUSE Filed. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

HB 139 Relating to Local Tax Referenda (Ingoglia)

Companion Bill: SB 278 (Steube)

FPF Position: Watch

Local Tax Referenda: Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a general election. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/18/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/25/17, 9:00 am, 12 H. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee.

SB 168 Relating to Career Development for Officers and Firefighters (J. Latvala)

Companion Bill: HB 247 (Payne)

FPF Position: Support

Career Development for Officers and Firefighters; Requiring state agencies to establish a career development plan for certain purposes; specifying circumstances under which salary increases must be awarded to officers and firefighters; prescribing duties to state agencies with respect to plan implementation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 12/14/2016 SENATE Filed. 1/10/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations.

HB 247 Relating to Career Development for Officers and Firefighters (Payne)

Companion Bill: SB 168 (J. Latvala)

FPF Position: Support

Career Development for Officers and Firefighters: Requires state agencies to establish career development plan for certain purposes; specifies circumstances under which salary increases must be awarded to officers & firefighters; prescribes duties to state agencies with respect to plan implementation; specifies eligibility criteria; restricts number of officers & firefighters who may qualify for each level. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/13/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

SB 278 Relating to Local Tax Referenda (Steube)

Companion Bill: HB 139 (Ingoglia)

FPF Position: Watch

Local Tax Referenda; Requiring local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a general election, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 1/6/2017 SENATE Filed. 1/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Appropriations.

HB 383 Relating to Pub. Rec./Former Firefighters Personal Identifying Info (Willhite)

Companion Bill: SB 1108 (Artiles)

FPF Position: Support

Pub. Rec./Former Firefighters Personal Identifying Information: Expands exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of certain firefighters & their spouses & children to include personal identifying & location information of former firefighters & their spouses & children; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon

becoming a law. 1/23/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

[SB 1108 Relating to Public Records/Firefighters and their Spouses and Children \(Articles\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 383 \(Willhite\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Public Records/Firefighters and their Spouses and Children; Expanding an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying and location information of certain firefighters and their spouses and children to include the personal identifying and location information of former firefighters and their spouses and children; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law. 2/21/2017 SENATE Filed.

[SB 1292 Relating to Labor Organizations \(Baxley\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 11 \(Plakon\)](#)

[FPF Position: Oppose](#)

Labor Organizations; Revising the information required to be included in an application for renewal of registration of an employee organization; providing for the revocation of certification under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/28/2017 SENATE Filed.

[MISCELLANEOUS](#)

[SB 160 Relating to Minimum Wage \(J. Rodriguez\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 945 \(Jacquet\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Minimum Wage; Revising the formula for the adjusted state minimum wage, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 12/14/2016 SENATE Filed. 1/10/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

[SB 370 Relating to Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol \(Stargel\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 635 \(Combee\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; Requiring certain employers to provide specified unpaid leave to an employee engaged in a Civil Air Patrol mission or training; prohibiting specified public and private employers from discharging, reprimanding, or penalizing a member of the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol because of his or her absence by reason of Civil Air Patrol service or training, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/23/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 2/24/2017 SENATE Reference to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services removed; Reference to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government added; Remaining references: Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Appropriations. 2/24/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.

[HB 465 Relating to Firefighter Emeritus \(Raburn\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Firefighter Emeritus: Provides for designation as Firefighter Emeritus; provides requirements; requires Division of State Fire Marshal to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/24/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

[HB 901 Relating to Florida Building Commission \(McClain\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 7000 \(Community Affairs\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Florida Building Commission: Requires commission to use specified editions of Florida Building Code as foundation for development of & updates to code; requires commission to review, rather than update, code every 3 years; deletes provision that specifies how long amendments or modifications to foundation remain effective; deletes provisions limiting how long amendment or modification is effective; deletes provision requiring certain amendments or modifications to be carried forward into next edition of code, subject to certain conditions; deletes certain requirements for resubmission of expired amendments; deletes provision prohibiting proposed amendment from being included in foundation if it has been addressed in international code; requires commission to adopt code & amendments thereto, by minimum percentage of votes. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 2/20/2017 HOUSE Filed. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee.

[HB 945 Relating to Minimum Wage \(Jacquet\)](#)

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[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Minimum Wage: Revises formula for adjusted state minimum wage. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 2/22/2017 HOUSE Filed. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Commerce Committee. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee.

[SB 7000 Relating to Florida Building Commission \(Community Affairs\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 901 \(McClain\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Florida Building Commission; Requiring the commission to use the most recent published edition of the Florida Building Code as the foundation code; requiring the commission to review, rather than update, the Florida Building Code every years; deleting a provision that specifies how long amendments or modifications to the foundation code remain effective, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 1/24/2017 SENATE Submitted as Committee Bill by Community Affairs; 8 yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2017 SENATE Committee Bill Text Filed. 2/9/2017 SENATE Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations.

PRESUMPTION

[HB 143 Relating to Firefighters \(Fitzenhagen\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 158 \(J. Latvala\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Firefighters: Defines "firefighter"; establishes presumption as to firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in line of duty; specifies criteria firefighter must meet to be entitled to presumption; requires employing agency to provide physical examination for firefighter; specifies circumstances under which presumption does not apply; provides for applicability; requires Legislature to review specified cancer research programs by certain date; provides for employer contribution rate increase to fund changes made by act; provides directive to Division of Law Revision & Information; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/4/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/11/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 1/11/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

[SB 158 Relating to Firefighters \(J. Latvala\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 143 \(Fitzenhagen\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Firefighters; Establishing a presumption as to a firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in the line of duty, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 1/13/2017 SENATE On

Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/24/17, 10:00 am, 401 S. 1/24/2017 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/24/2017 SENATE Now in Community Affairs.

PRIORITY ISSUES

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FPF Position: Support

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SAFETY

HB 325 Relating to Fire Safety (McClain)

FPF Position: Watch

Fire Safety: Provides that installation & maintenance of automatic fire sprinkler system in specified nonresidential farm buildings is not required. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/20/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee.

HB 389 Relating to Building Safety (Willhite)

FPF Position: Support

Building Safety: Revising provisions requiring installation of carbon monoxide detectors in certain buildings. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/23/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee.

TAXING AUTHORITY

HB 139 Relating to Local Tax Referenda (Ingoglia)

Companion Bill: SB 278 (Steube)

FPF Position: Watch

Local Tax Referenda: Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a general election. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/18/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/25/17, 9:00 am, 12 H. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/25/2017 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee.

SB 278 Relating to Local Tax Referenda (Steube)

Companion Bill: HB 139 (Ingoglia)

FPF Position: Watch

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WORKERS COMPENSATION

HB 143 Relating to Firefighters (Fitzenhagen)

Companion Bill: SB 158 (J. Latvala)

FPF Position: Support

Firefighters: Defines "firefighter"; establishes presumption as to firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in line of duty; specifies criteria firefighter must meet to be entitled to presumption; requires employing agency to provide physical examination for firefighter; specifies circumstances under which presumption does not apply; provides for applicability; requires Legislature to review specified cancer research programs by certain date; provides for employer contribution rate increase to fund changes made by act; provides directive to Division of Law Revision & Information; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 1/4/2017 HOUSE Filed. 1/11/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. 1/11/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

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SB 516 Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits For First Responders (Perry)

Companion Bill: HB 1019 (M. Miller)

FPF Position: Support

Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders; Deleting provisions that limit certain workers' compensation benefits for first responders; providing that mental or nervous injuries of law enforcement officers,

firefighters, emergency medical technicians, or paramedics are compensable under the Workers' Compensation Law under specified conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 1/26/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/9/2017 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; Rules.

[HB 1019 Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits or First Responders \(M. Miller\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 1088 \(Torres, Jr.\), SB 516 \(Perry\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Workers' Compensation Benefits For First Responders: Deletes provisions that limit certain workers' compensation benefits for first responders; provides that mental or nervous injuries of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, or paramedics are compensable under Workers' Compensation Law under specified conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2017. 2/23/2017 HOUSE Filed. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. 3/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

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[Companion Bill: HB 1019 \(M. Miller\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Workers' Compensation for First Responders; Revising the standard by which a mental or nervous injury involving a first responder must be demonstrated for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits for employment-related accidents and injuries; removing the limitation that only medical benefits are payable for a mental or nervous injury unaccompanied by a physical injury, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/21/2017 SENATE Filed.