

FPF Legislative Session Report

March 13-17, 2017



The second week of the session is now complete. Below you will find the action this week on the bills we are tracking. Monday afternoon the House Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee conducted a workshop on HB 143. We had all hands on deck for that meeting to present the facts about the clear link between firefighters and job related exposure to many cancer-causing carcinogens.

We had a distinguished group of firefighters and family that traveled to Tallahassee to testify. After several delays, their plane was canceled at the last-minute Sunday night causing them to drive all night from Miami to be at the workshop. The group included Omar Blanco, President of Metro-Dade L-1403, Keith Tyson, Cancer Support Network, Louis Suarez and Olema Perez the widow of brother of Julius Perez. We also had Mike Moralis of Broward and Christopher Chandler of Coral Springs that traveled to attend the workshop.

With very little lead-time the IAFF quickly dispatched Larry Petrick, Deputy Director of the Health & Safety Department, to testify and present the scientific evidence of the exposures, the resulting cancers, and the clear link to firefighting as a major cause. We will continue to work with the Chairman to get a full hearing on HB 143. Many thanks to Larry Osborne, and the entire IAFF staff, for their assistance.

We have been tracking HB 249 and SB 588 that deal with overdose and the subsequent reporting. The House Bill, by Rommel and Gruters, was amended to clear up an issue we have with reporting requirements allowing the FPF to support the bill. We will continue to work to get the same amendment to SB 588.

We are making plans for the Robert K. "Bob" Carver Legislative Conference March 20th through 24th in Tallahassee and look forward to a great week. We hope you are making plans to attend.

In addition to Vice President Rocco Salvatori and Secretary/Treasurer Gilbert Marsh, we had 5th DVP Doug Watler and 6th DVP Emeritus Dean Parkerson that traveled to Tallahassee; all their assistance is greatly appreciated. In addition to our team for the week, we had a very large group from Broward County in town for Broward Days, where it was our pleasure to join with them to host a breakfast for the Broward Delegation on Thursday morning.

PRESUMPTION

HB 143 Relating to Firefighters (Fitzenhagen)

Companion Bill: SB 158 (J. Latvala)

FPF Position: Support

3/13/2017 HOUSE Workshopped by 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

3/14/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health Innovation Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/15/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 3/17/2017 HOUSE References to Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Health & Human Services Committee. 3/17/2017 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee.

HB 229 Relating to Programs for Impaired Health Care Practitioners (Byrd)

Companion Bill: SB 876 (Young)

FPF Position: Watch

3/14/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee. 3/17/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/21/17, 8:00 am, 404 H.

HB 249 Relating to Drug Overdoses (Rommel)

Companion Bill: SB 588 (Passidomo)

FPF Position: Support

3/13/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Quality Subcommittee, 03/15/17, 9:00 am, 306 H. 3/15/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health Quality Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/17/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed.

SB 876 Relating to Programs For Impaired Health Care Practitioners (Young)

Companion Bill: HB 229 (Byrd)

FPF Position: Watch

3/16/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

SB 278 Relating to Local Tax Referenda (Steube)

Companion Bill: HB 139 (Ingoglia)

FPF Position: Watch

3/17/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 03/22/17, 4:00 pm, 412 K.

HB 455 Relating to Tax Exemptions for First Responders and Surviving Spouses (Metz)

Companion Bill: SB 764 (Baxley)

FPF Position: Support

3/17/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 03/21/17, 4:00 pm, 17 H – PCS.

SB 764 Relating to Tax Exemptions for First Responders and Surviving Spouses (Baxley)

Companion Bill: HB 455 (Metz)

FPF Position: Support

3/17/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/22/17, 1:30 pm, 301 S.

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

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

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/14/2017 SENATE Favorable by Banking and Insurance; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/14/2017 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

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

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

[FPF Position: Oppose](#)

3/14/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules.

LOCAL BILLS

[HB 533 Relating to City of Tampa, Hillsborough County \(Cruz\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

3/16/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 03/20/17, 3:30 pm, 17 H.

STATE EMPLOYEES

[SB 1020 Relating to Collective Bargaining Impasses \(Powell\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

3/13/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/16/17, 1:00 pm, 412 K. 3/15/2017 SENATE Amended meeting notice (start time change) - Appropriations, 03/16/17, 10:00 am, 412 K. 3/16/2017 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/16/2017 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.

[HB 7007 Relating to State Group Insurance Program \(Health & Human Services Committee\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 900 \(T. Lee\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

3/16/2017 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/22/17.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

3/15/2017 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/17/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations.

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

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

3/15/2017 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. 3/17/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/21/17, 12:30 pm, 12 H.

[HB 653 Relating to Community Associations \(Moraitis\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 744 \(Passidomo\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Community Associations; Revises provisions relating condominium association reporting requirements and notices; Revises provisions relating to required condominium & cooperative association bylaws; revises time period for classification as bulk assignee or bulk buyer; revises provisions relating to evidence of condominium

& cooperative association compliance with fire & life safety code; revises unit & common elements required to be retrofitted; revising provisions relating to association vote to forego retrofitting; revises provisions relating to cooperative association board membership & notices; revises provisions relating to homeowners' association board membership, notices, & budget. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/6/2017 HOUSE Filed. 2/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. 2/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee. 3/17/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Careers & Competition Subcommittee, 03/21/17, 8:00 am, 212 K.

[SB 744 Relating to Community Associations \(Passidomo\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 653 \(Moraitis\)](#)

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

Community Associations; Authorizing an association to adopt rules for posting certain notices on a website; revising provisions relating to required condominium and cooperative association bylaws; prohibiting a board member from voting via e-mail; specifying the voting interests that are eligible to vote to waive or reduce funding of reserves, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017. 2/7/2017 SENATE Filed. 2/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Rules.

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

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

[FPF Position: Watch](#)

3/15/2017 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/17/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations.