

**IOWA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

**March 4, 2016**

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**Second Legislative Funnel Approaches**

Monday, March 7th marks the beginning of the second legislative funnel week. In order for most policy bills to continue to be considered, they must have passed the committee and chamber of origin as well as the committee of the opposite chamber. This means that House Files must pass out of Senate committees and Senate Files out of House committees. Certain bills, such as tax and spending proposals, remain exempt from the second funnel.

**Legislation of Interest**

The following bills of interest have been approved in the House and Senate:

**SF 2187 – Driver’s License Designations**

[SF 2187](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF2187&ga=86) allows for the issuance of driver's licenses marked to reflect veteran status. Passed Senate, 48-0.

**HF 2420 – Testing of Sexual Abuse Kits**

[HF 2420](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF2420&ga=86) relates to untested sexual abuse evidence collection kits stored at law enforcement agencies. Passed House, 96-0.

**SF 2115 - Interference**

[SF 2115](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF2115&ga=86) creates the criminal offense of interference with official acts against a jailer, and provides penalties. Passed House Public Safety Committee 14-5.

**HF 2279 – Firearms Suppressors**

[HF 2279](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF2279&ga=86) permits the possession and transfer of firearm suppressors, provides penalties, and includes effective date provisions. Passed Senate Judiciary Committee 11-2.

**SF 2269 – Community Violence Task Force**

[SF 2269](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF2269&ga=86) requires the Attorney General to establish a community violence study committee by the public safety advisory board. Passed Senate, 49-0.

**SF 378 – Peace Officer Defense Costs**

[SF 378](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF378&ga=86) relates to reimbursement of defense costs of peace officers and corrections officers who are acquitted or when charges are dismissed. Passed House Judiciary Committee 18-0.