



Week 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 29-Feb 2

**IFA**  
**Roger Carr-President and IFA board**

**Bills of interest to IFA - Action items for this week are noted in red.**

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

Now to the full Transportation committee.

We have registered UNDECIDED on this bill as we are ok with the clean-up part of the bill but do not want to see tow trucks with flashing blue lights.

**HSB 523 Protected Worker Assaults**

AMENDED & PASSED 22-1; FM: Shipley

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**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. This will cost the road use tax fund \$10 per card.

All were unclear about what the purpose of these cards are.

Sub: Passed, however legislators wanted to find out more about why this bill is necessary

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**HF 2012 (companion bill to SF 2012)**

Sub in House: Passed, but many ideas were presented about how to more cost effectively provide an ID card for first responders. It was also noted that the language needed more clarification on who would be eligible.

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**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.

Also, the bill states that 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).

Sen Klemish will be running a bill to put regulations on ATE's so they can't be used as a money grab, only used in areas that show a high accident rate.

Sen Klemish's bill would also make 10% of the fine money to go to the Length of Service Award Program for VOLUNTEER Firefighters.

**PASSED SUB ON 1/30**

**NOW GOES BEFORE FULL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**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) by one step. (AG)

Sub scheduled for 1/22 @12:30 room 304-Click on camera icon to join meeting. You will not be able to speak in a HOUSE sub.

PASSED SUB IN THE HOUSE. Ray Reynolds did a great job telling a story how assaults happen to firefighters too

Bill now goes before the full Public Safety committee

**SSB 2023 PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS** Dawson, McClintock and Weiner

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE 1/31 with amendment (they have not posted the amendment yet but it involves adding things like saliva, spitting and also to add administrative professional within those public safety fields)**

**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.

We have registered UNDECIDED on this bill/NOTE: Career firefighters have registered FOR this bill.

**NO ACTION THIS WEEK**

**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 Marshall We have registered AGAINST this bill.

Sub scheduled 1/22 at 12:00 Room 217

This bill DID NOT PASS - DEAD

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

The bill provides a property tax abatement for volunteer firefighters

We have registered FOR this bill

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

**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 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

**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.

AGAINST

SUBCOMMITTEE did not pass this and sent it back

**SF 2017/SF 2191 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 16-0- Renumbered as SF 2191

**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 WITH AMENDMENT  
RENUMBERED AS SF 2205**

**SF 214 -HSB 598 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 fire fighter 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.

SF 214-Passed Sub

**HSB 598 FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS**

**Subcommittee on 1/30 at 8:00 am House Lounge**

**PASSED Sub**

**SSB 3064 ASBESTOS & HOTEL INSPECTIONS** (STATE GOV)\_ Koelker,

Bisignano and Webster

Strikes requirements for annual inspections of asbestos removal companies and requires inspections only on complaint. Strikes requirements for biennial sanitation inspections of hotels and requires inspections only on complaint.

PASSED SUB 1/23

**AMENDED & PASSED 11-6; FM: Koelker 1/31**

**SF 2154 BUILDING DESIGN (Local Government; Successor to SF 174)** FM:

Webster

Prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing building code rules or regulations that affect building design in certain aspects related to materials, rules more stringent than national model code rules and adopting rules on design elements unless certain conditions apply. States that this does not affect the design rights of private parties. Effective on enactment.

**PASSED FULL COMMITTEE 1/31**

**SF 2091 EMS PLATES** TRANSPORTATION Boussetot (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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNED**

### **SF 570 EMS tax levy**

WAYS AND MEANS

Subcommittee: Klimesh, Dawson, and Quirnbach

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. The bill also specifies that the local emergency management commission is a municipality for purposes of Code chapter 24 (local budgets). It also sets up a commission.

**NO ACTION**

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