

2024 Legislative Day

Greetings and Happy New Year from the ISPA!! On January 31st the ISPA Board once again held its Legislative Day at the capital in Des Moines. We hosted a grab and go breakfast early in the morning and saw many legislators come in and speak with us about our issues.

As many of you know for the last several years, we have attempted to pass a 411-pension bill that would change and add the following:

- Changing the definition of a member in good standing
- Including cumulative injuries to be covered as workplace injuries
- Clarifying the city is responsible for all necessary medical care for work-related injuries
- Allowing police and firefighters to apply for disability benefits when work-related injuries are discovered after retiring
- Improving mental health coverage, including PTSD, and removing the unusual singular event required to trigger coverage.

Last year the bill made it through the House but died in the Senate. This year we have been working with the Senators to give them more information and answer questions they may have about the bill. The bill is currently still alive. Our lobbyists have been working very hard on this bill and we hope to get it passed this year.

The following is from our lobbyists week 4 Legislative report of the general assembly:

“We did see some movement on our monitored bills this week but no significant updates to report from last week’s report. We continue to beat the drum on our 411 priorities with leadership as well as rank and file members. We believe we are making a strong case with Senate members but as we all know; one or two members of the Senate Majority can have a significant impact as to this bill’s movement. We are pushing for floor debate as soon as the calendar allows but unfortunately, we may have to wait until after the second funnel week to see any movement. We can assure all members of ISPA that we will continue to push this bill until it reaches the Governor’s desk for her signature.”

More from this report and all the ISPA Legislative reports can be found [HERE](#).

After our Legislative breakfast was over, we were able to speak to the new States Attorney General, Brenna Bird, and some of her staff about our bill. She was very receptive and she stated she would support us. We will continue to fight to keep improving our members’ well-being and careers!

We look forward to seeing everybody at the 92nd Annual Iowa State Police Association Conference, October 7th-9th in Sioux City, Iowa!! Until then we will keep everyone updated on the legislation. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to any of our Board members we will be happy to answer them for you!