

**The 2025 Iowa Legislative Report**  
**Iowa State Police Association**  
**91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, 2025 Session**  
**Week Five: February 14, 2025**  
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The Iowa Legislature started out fairly slow this week as weather issues created travel problems but very few committees were cancelled. The week ended with a flurry of bills being introduced. Friday was the last day that individual bills may be requested for this session. There were over 100 bills read in between the two chambers on Friday and over 90 bills were approved by the full committees this week. We are currently tracking nearly a dozen bills that we have registered on and continue to monitor another dozen or so more that could be of interest if amendments are filed.

Our focus in the coming weeks is the March 7<sup>th</sup> funnel deadline. The funnel deadline is a rule set between the House and the Senate (Joint Rule 20) to eliminate bills that have not received committee support. March 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday of the 8<sup>th</sup> week) is the final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of Senate Committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of House committees. If this does not happen, then the bill is no longer eligible for debate this legislative session. ISPA will be working to make sure the bills we are in favor of make it through their chambers committee thus keeping them eligible for further debate. Conversely, we will attempt to keep the bills we are opposed to from advancing.

Here are the bills we are tracking so far this session:

**SF-22/HSB-64 (these bills are similar but not companions) Hands Free**

- Prohibits hand-held electronic device use while driving.
- Allows voice-activated or hands-free use.

- Increases fines for violations from \$45 to \$100.
- Preempts local laws on electronic device use while driving.
- Establishes penalties for repeat offenders, including license suspension.
- **Both bills passed out of their respective subcommittees.**

We are registered in favor of this bill

### **SF-33** SLIP

- Defines eligible law enforcement officers and retirement systems.
- Provides cash payment for accrued sick leave upon retirement or death.
- Allows use of sick leave value for health insurance premiums.
- Excludes officers under collective bargaining agreements.
- Forfeiture of sick leave benefits upon reemployment with previous employer.
- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered in favor of this bill.

### **HF-46** Motorcycle Profiling Training

- Mandates training on motorcyclist profiling for law enforcement officers.
- Defines motorcyclist profiling and prohibits its use in law enforcement actions.
- Requires local agencies to adopt policies against motorcyclist profiling.
- Establishes annual reporting on training requirements and substance.
- Includes in-service training requirements for all law enforcement officers.
- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered opposed to this bill.

### **SSB-1058/HF-177 (formerly HSB-24)** Assaults on correction officers

- Increases penalties for assaults against designated public service workers from aggravated misdemeanors to class 'C' and 'D' felonies.
- Introduces a minimum term of seven days for certain assault convictions, with no eligibility for suspension of the minimum sentence.
- Includes saliva in the definition of bodily fluids for inmate assaults, expanding the scope of what constitutes an assault in correctional facilities.
- Classifies assaults causing bodily injury or mental illness as class 'D' felonies.
- Clarifies that any other assault against public service workers is an aggravated misdemeanor.
- **Passed House committee.**
- **Passed Senate subcommittee**

We are registered in favor of this bill.

### **HF-322** The Iowa Stop Squatters Act

- Allows real property owners to submit complaints to law enforcement for the immediate removal of unauthorized occupants under specific conditions. These conditions include the owner or their authorized agent notifying the unauthorized person of their lack of permission to be on the property, and the unauthorized person not being a current or former tenant or an immediate family member.
- Law enforcement is required to investigate the complaint and, if valid, direct the unauthorized occupant to vacate the property. The act also introduces penalties for unauthorized occupants who fail to vacate after being notified, categorizing the offense based on the amount of property damage caused. Additionally, it holds property owners accountable for submitting false complaints.
- **Subcommittee scheduled for 2-19**

We are registered Opposed to this bill

**HSB-104** Homeland Security and Emergency Management department bill.

- Under current law, money collected due to the imposition of the emergency communications service surcharge are deposited in the 911 emergency communications fund.
- Moneys remaining in the 911 emergency communications fund after paying all obligations may first be used to provide grants to public safety answering points agreeing to consolidate.
- The bill eliminates this distribution option.
- **Subcommittee is scheduled for 2-20**

We are registered opposed to this bill.

Below is a list of bills we are registered as undecided but continue to monitor:

**HF-42 Undecided**

- Officer involved shooting
- **Passed committee**

**SSB-1019 Undecided**

- Window Tint
- **Passed subcommittee**

**HF-71 Undecided**

- Traffic stop quotas
- **Subcommittee tabled**

## **SF-311 (Formerly SSB-1010)/HSB-82 Undecided**

- Civil Service Employees
- **Passed Senate**
- **Passed House subcommittee**

If you have any questions regarding bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us anytime.

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