

PUBLIC SAFETY

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DOMESTIC ABUSE – FORFEITURE OF GUNS

If a person is convicted of domestic abuse which involves the use or attempted use of physical force or threatened use of a deadly weapon, or is the subject a permanent protective order, they will lose the ability to own guns. If a law enforcement officer is party to a protective order, they may still use a gun, but only in relation to their job. Persons have three options when disposing of their guns: turn over to law enforcement, turn over to a person authorized by the court, or sell the guns. Once the protective order expires, the person may obtain guns. If they were convicted of domestic abuse, they may apply for reinstatement through the Governor's office.

SF 2357 – Signed; Effective 7-1-10

RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WHILE ON DUTY

If reserve officers are involved in an automobile accident while in the line of duty, the accident will not be recorded on the person's driving record or be reported to their insurance company.

HF 426 – Signed; Effective 7-1-10

EMS REPORTING OF WOUNDS

Certified EMS providers may report a gunshot, stab wound, or other serious injury, which was received as a result of a criminal offense, or a motor vehicle accident or crash, to law enforcement.

HF 674 – Signed; Effective 7-1-10

DUTIES OF CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Allows for a certified law enforcement officer to administer oaths, acknowledge signatures, and take voluntary testimony. Exempts certified law enforcement officers and officers under the Department of Public Safety from needing to obtain a seal on uniform citations.

SF 2095 – Signed; Effective 7-1-10

CARE OF ANIMALS IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Authorizes the Department of Ag and Land Stewardship to inspect, on a complaint basis, federally licensed commercial establishments breeding companion animals such as dogs and cats. The complainant must give their name and contact information, which will remain confidential, unless the complainant is an organization. These establishments cannot be inspected to standards that are more strict than the federal Animal Welfare Act.

HF 2280 – Signed; Effective 3-9-10

FIRE SPRINKLERS IN RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Nullifies the administrative rules regarding the requirement of sprinkler systems in townhomes and one and two-family residences.

SJR 2009 – Effective 3-26-10

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO CARRY GUNS

Creates a standardized authorization process for all 99 county sheriffs when issuing permits to either acquire or carry weapons. If a sheriff denies or revokes a permit, the sheriff must document why. The applicant may appeal to the Department of Inspections and Appeals

before going to the district court. Disqualifiers are the same as under federal law. The sheriff can disqualify if probable cause exists that the applicant had at least one incident in the past two years that makes the person more likely to use the weapon unlawfully. Length of permits is increased from one to five years. Upon every renewal, applicant must either go through training or qualify at firing range.
SF 2379 – To Governor; Effective 1-1-11

TESTING OF INMATES FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE Allows for inmates on parole, probation, or work release to be tested for infectious diseases if they assault someone and there is an exchange of bodily fluid.
SF 205 – Signed; Effective 7-1-10

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

HF 2286 Strikes the criminal offense of detention in a brothel. [Signed; Effective 7-1-10]

HF 2287 Separates the current offenses of public intoxication and simulated public intoxication into two different numbered paragraphs. [Signed; Effective 7-1-10]

HF 2288 Strikes the current law which does not allow a vehicle to have more than two cowl lamps. [Signed; Effective 7-1-10]

SF 2197 Does not allow minors to perform nude dancing and be called “theatre.” [Signed; Effective 7-1-10]

SF 2304 Increases the property damage threshold in an accident, when a report is required to be filed with the Department of Transportation, from \$1,000 to \$1,500. [To Governor – Effective 7-1-10]

HF 2319 Department of Public Safety bill regarding the regulation of the storage of flammable and combustible liquids. [Signed; Effective 7-1-10]

SF 2305 Makes corrections to last year’s sex offender legislation, the Adam Walsh Act, SF 340. [Signed; Effective 3-26-10]