



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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[Esther's Law Aims to Protect Long-Term Care Residents from Abuse](#)

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[New Ohio Gun Legislation Could Do Away with Common Gun-Related Offenses](#)

[Medical marijuana: Ohio to consider new qualifying conditions](#)

[Ohio AG Yost says state law change criminalizes partnerships between elections officials and private groups, but most routine work is OK](#)

Signed by Governor

[Senate Bill 58](#) (Nursing Home Monitoring) sponsored by Sens. Antonio and Brenner permits a resident of a long-term care facility to conduct electronic monitoring of the resident's room. The act prohibits obstructing, or otherwise discriminating against a resident because of a monitoring device, prohibits tampering with, or destroying the device or a recording made by the device, and prohibits viewing or listening to device recordings without authorization. *Effective March 23, 2022.*

[Senate Bill 59](#) (War Relic Disposal) sponsored by Sen. Schaffer prohibits the sale, purchase, other disposal, and destruction, alteration, or other disturbance of a war relics located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association except under certain circumstances. *Effective March 23, 2022.*

Passed by Senate

[Senate Bill 261](#) (Medical Marijuana) sponsored by Sen. S. Huffman passed the Senate on December 15. The bill expands the use of medical marijuana to include any condition not specifically listed but for which a recommending physician issues a prescription. The bill also removes oversight from the state board of pharmacy and places it solely under the department of commerce.

[Senate Bill 215](#) (Concealed Weapons) sponsored by Sen. Johnson passed the Senate on December 15. The bill authorizes a person who is 21 or older and not prohibited by Ohio or federal law from possessing a firearm to carry concealed without a license. It replaces the duty of a person who is carrying a handgun to promptly notify law enforcement when stopped for a law enforcement purpose with a duty to notify before or at the time a law enforcement officer asks if the person is carrying a concealed handgun. A provision providing for pre-trial immunity for self-defense was removed.

Introduced

[House Bill 511](#) (Parole Board – Recordings) sponsored by Reps. Humphrey and Stewart requires electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings and to provide that the recordings are public records.

[House Bill 522](#) (Public Service Worker – Address Confidentiality) sponsored by Reps. Abrams and Frazier makes changes to the process by which “designated public service workers” can obtain address confidentiality and protect residential and familial information from disclosure as a public record.