



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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## IN THE NEWS

[Ohio House Votes to Eliminate Death Penalty for Those With Serious Mental Illness](#)

[Pee in a Cup? Ohio Bill Would Ban Synthetic Urine](#)

[Dave Yost, Former AGs Urge End to Ohio's Statute of Limitations for Rape](#)

[Text of Laws Should Determine Legislative Intent](#)

[Second Round of Tokes Legislation to Fix Felon Monitoring, Reentry](#)

[Justice Reform: A Surprisingly Hot Topic](#)

## OPAA NEWS

Register for OPAA's July 9 webinar on Suppression Issues and the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

## Passed by the House

[House Bill 136 \(Death Penalty – Serious Mental Illness\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Hillyer passed the house 76 – 18 on June 5. The bill excludes individuals who have been diagnosed with one of four mental illnesses from the death penalty if the illness impacted their capacity to conform their conduct to the law or appreciate the wrongfulness of their conduct. A provision to provide post-conviction relief for those currently on death row remains in the bill.

## Reported out of Committee

[Senate Bill 57 \(Hemp Decriminalization\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Stephen Huffman was reported out of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee the Committee made a variety of changes to the legislation including granting the Department of Agriculture authority to adopt rules regarding the transportation and storage of hemp and to conduct more comprehensive inspections, requiring license applicants to undergo background checks by BCI, and including THCa within the THC amount.

## Introduced

[House Bill 277 \(Custodial Interrogations\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and West revises the law regarding the electronic recording of custodial interrogations.

[Senate Bill 156 \(Drug Screenings – Synthetic Urine\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone prohibits manufacturing, marketing, selling, distributing, using, or possessing synthetic urine, a person's own urine, or the urine of another person to defraud a drug screening test. The bill provides that the section does not preclude a prosecution for tampering with evidence.

[House Bill 263 \(Occupational Licensing\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Koehler revises occupational license restrictions for individuals with a criminal record. The bill requires each licensing authority to establish a list of specific criminal offenses that may disqualify an individual from obtaining a license, prohibits the refusal of a license, based solely on a conviction, under certain circumstances, and establishes time periods for disqualifying offenses.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit [www.ohiopa.org](http://www.ohiopa.org).