



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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## OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Spring Training is April 20 – 21 at the Sheraton at Capitol Square in Columbus.

Introduced

[House Bill 33 \(Biennial Budget\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Edwards makes appropriations for upcoming biennium and includes a number of substantive law changes.

[Senate Bill 26 \(Per se OVI – Marijuana\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Manning repeals the per se OVI based on the presence of marijuana metabolites in a persons blood or urine and replace it with an inference that the person was impaired.

[Senate Bill 9 \(Medical Marijuana\)](#) sponsored by Sens. S. Huffman and Schuring makes changes to the Ohio Medical Marijuana program including removing the Board of Pharmacy's responsibilities for oversight of the program and allowing doctor's to recommend marijuana for any condition.

[House Bill 37 \(Aggravated Vehicular Homicide\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Johnson and K. Miller increases the penalties for aggravated vehicular homicide when the person has prior OVI related convictions and increases the fines for OVI.

[Senate Bill 37 \(Driver's License Suspension Changes\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Blessing and Ingram repeals authority to suspend a driver's license for drug offenses unless the person is convicted of the highest level of the offense.

[Senate Bill 51 \(Secretary of State – Election Integrity Division\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone creates the Election Integrity Division within the Secretary of State's office, gives them authority to investigate allegations of election fraud and voter suppression, and the authority to issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, and hold hearings in pursuit of investigations.

[House Bill 50 \(Certificate of Qualification for Housing\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Seitz and Humphrey allows individuals convicted of certain offenses to apply to the court for a certificate of qualification for housing in the same manner they may apply for a CQE and with the same effect on liability as the CQE.

[House Bill 34 \(Jury Duty – Breast Feeding Exception\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Klopfenstein and King permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding to be excused from jury service.

[House Bill 20 \(Ohio Computer Crimes Act\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Swearingen creates new offenses related to computer crimes.

[House Bill 44 \(Record Parole Board Hearings\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Stewart and Humphrey requires electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings, excluding certain personal identifying information.

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).