



Week 14- April 10-April 15
Iowa Firefighters Association
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CALL TO ACTION HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN

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A BILL PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDAR BUYS SOME MORE TIME AND KEEPS IT ALIVE.

WE ARE FOCUSED ON THESE TWO BILLS THIS WEEK, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR AS MENTIONED IN THE BELOW UPDATE.

Bills of interest to IFA

Action this week in noted ion RED

LOSAP

LOSAP has seemed to take a turn.....the Senate did not like the funding source from the lottery so they have been looking at other options. The House proposed an amendment to SF 547 a Hands Free bill. The amendment had 3 components to it: window tinting, front license plates, and Automatic Traffic Enforcement Cameras.(ATE) LOSAP would be the beneficiary of approx. 10%

of the proceeds from the ATE funds. The amendment did not even make it out of caucus. Mostly because of the window tints and license plate issue. I have asked if they can take only the ATE language that included LOSAP and put it in another bill.

They are working hard at saving that piece and looking for the correct vehicle for it.

HSB 19/ HF 193/HF 340

Passed sub & full Local Government committee with an amendment that allows cities to raise the money needed for the LOSAP award

HF 193 PASSED Approps sub and full committee.

PASSED House floor unanimously

ACTION ITEM: PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE TO SUPPORT any amendment or bill that helps to fund LOSAP. There are many versions being discussed.

SENATE SF 272/ SF 447: Senator Tom Shipley will sponsor this bill

Passed Sub and full committee: Chair: Shipley, Green and Knox

The subcommittee was assigned to: CHAIR Zumbach, Kraayenbrink and Giddens

PASSED APPROPS SUB COMMITTEE 3-0

Needs to pass full Approps, Senate Floor

ACTION ITEM:

PLEASE email or call your SENATOR AND ASK THEM TO BRING LOSAP TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR DEBATE.

Ask them to simply remove the lottery funding source (because they don't like it) in (HF 340) and replace that with funding LOSAP with 10% of existing Automatic Traffic Enforcement (ATE) fines. Changes to the current ATE program can come next year but please pass this part of the bill this session. No funding will be spent for 5-10 years and this will allow us to write the rules and get it started.

HF 418/HF603 VOLUNTEER TIRE PURCHASES (Transportation)

INTRODUCED

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEES

Passed House Approps

PASSED HOUSE FLOOR

Passed Senate Local Gov sub and full committee

Passed SENATE Approps sub and full committee. Now goes to Senate FLOOR. The Senate amended this bill to only give this benefit to you every 3 years and to also excluded the RESERVE officers from this benefit. So that means if it passes the SENATE FLOOR IT MUST GO BACK TO THE House floor to be approved.

PLEASE contact at least your HOUSE representative and ask them to bring the amended bill to the House floor and pass it!

Limits a volunteer firefighter and EMS to the purchase of one set of tires under the DAS master contract. This puts the cost savings directly into your pocket when you buy new tires.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ADVOCATE FOR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BENEFITS FOR YOU AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.