



Week 16- April 24-April 28
Iowa Firefighters Association
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CALL TO ACTION HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN

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You can also see the bill history of all the action that has occurred

April 28th was the last day legislators received pay. There is a sense that they will try to finish up this week.

They have some department budgets left to

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 Senate suggested making LOSAP the beneficiary of approx. 10% of the proceeds from the ATE (automatic traffic enforcement) fines. The Senate also would like to

make changes to the current ATE program but I feel they are trying to end the session and may not have time to get that bill through. The easiest way to save LOSAP now is to simply take the existing LOSAP bill (SF 447) and write an amendment to remove the language regarding using lottery funds and replace it with an amendment to use 10% of the ATE funds from the current program.

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

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 in (sf 447) 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.

This bill is on the HOUSE debate calendar for Monday, May 1st. This is the final step.

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.

THERE WAS A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE 2 ND ANNUAL IFA GOLF TOURNAMENT LAST SATURDAY IN STATE CENTER. DESPITE THE CHILLY WEATHER GOLFERS HAD A GREAT TIME. LOOK FOR RESULTS IN THE NEXT IFA NEWSLETTER!

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