

The West Virginia Sheriffs' STAR



2008 Legislative WATCH List as of 01/29/08

Bill #	Title	Current Status:
HJR 6	Sheriff Term Limit Amendment – increasing Sheriffs term limits to 3 terms	Hrutkay & Perry / Const. Rev. then Judiciary
SB 78	Prohibiting issuance of new business registration certificate under certain circumstances – SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION BILL – safeguard against changing business name, Need to contact Senator Walt Helmick and to get on com. Agenda	Sen. Hunter / Finance
97	Requiring Sheriff post notice on delinquent real estate	Sen. Bowman / Gov. Org. then Finance
SB 137	Prohibiting use of handheld cell phone while driving	Transportation then Judiciary
256	Allowing suspended licensees' limited driving privileges	
259	Limiting regional jail per diem incarceration rate for partial days	
308	Preserving criminal case biological evidence	Judiciary
313	Prohibiting text messaging while driving	Transportation & Infrastructure
320	Creating Local Govn't Purchasing Card Expenditure Fund	Govn't Org / Finance
357	Authorizing State Auditor promulgate legislative rule relating to state purchasing card program	Gov. Org / Finance / Judiciary
404	Authorizing HHR to promulgate legislative rule relating to clandestine drug lab remediation	HHR / Finance / Judiciary
407	Authorizing Commissioner of Highways to promulgate rules relating to traffic and safety	Transportation / Finance / Judiciary
457	Authorizing Ethics Commission to promulgate rules relating to fundraising by law enforcement associations	Judiciary
468	Authorizing county Sheriffs' access to State Board of Pharmacy database – West Virginia Sheriffs' Association BILL	Health & Human Resources / Judiciary
HB 2080	Authorizing lateral transfers for deputy sheriffs	Pensions & Retirement then Judiciary
2170	Providing that alleged victims of DV or abuse have right to have a person of their choosing present when they are interviewed by law enforcement or prosecutor	Judiciary
2320	Clarifying that Sheriff is appointing officer with respect to deputy sheriffs who have resigned and thereafter seek appointment by reinstatement	Pino; Pol. Subs / Judiciary
2565	Relating to delivery of controlled substances on or in an education facility	Education / Judiciary
2896	Providing the court may include mutually restrictive protection orders in domestic violence cases.	Judiciary
3201	Authorizing tax commissioner to refuse, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew business registration certificate for business that is alter ego, nominee or instrumentality of business in certain situations	Judiciary
4026	Restricting public access to concealed weapons permit records	Hamilton / Judiciary
4043	Making changes to Deputy Sheriff Retirement System – you might want to look at this because it makes suggested changes to the area in which “Sheriff” is listed	Pensions & Retirement
4047	Prohibiting use of cell phone and text-messaging devices while operating motor vehicle except when using hands-free device or in case of an emergency	Guthrie / Roads & Transportation then Judiciary
4090	Clarifying fiscal responsibility and authority of county commissions over their budgets and salaries – This bill would give the County Commission control of <u>every</u> employee's salary within the courthouse!!!	Cowles, Tansil, Doyle & Schadler / Pol. Subs then Finance
4098	Allowing limited driving privileges when a driver's license is suspended	Roads & Transp / Judiciary

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4105	Limiting per diem rate in regional jails	Judiciary / Finance
4110	Increasing barrel tax on nonintoxicating beer and allocating fifty percent to Regional Jail Operatings Partial Reimbursement Fund	Judiciary / Finance
4112	Notifying law enforcement before motor vehicle is repossessed without knowledge of debtor	Judiciary
4118	Authorizing ABC Commissioner to enter into cooperative agreements for assistance with law enforcement to investigate & enforce laws relative to alcoholic beverages	Gov. Org. / Judiciary
4121	Same as SB 320	Finance
4122	Reducing state income tax for state and federal retirees by increasing exemption on retirement income	Finance
4158	Allowing law enforcement agencies to sell all unclaimed stolen property at auction and use all proceeds	Judiciary / Finance
4160	Eliminating being charged court costs for each individual charge from one single traffic incident	Judiciary / Finance
4195	Authorizing Commissioner of Highways rules related to traffic & safety	Roads & Transp / Judiciary
4217	Auditors state purchasing program	Finance / Judiciary
4281	Ethics Commission rule governing fundraising by law enforcement associations	Judiciary
4319	Making 911 emergency fees available to be used for both emergency & nonemergency calls	Pol. Subs
4321	Mandating opioid treatment centers remain open 7 days a week and on holidays to eliminate any methadone being sent home with patients	Gov. Org

Action Steps:

1. To view legislative bills on the internet, go to: www.legis.state.wv.us or for a copy, call me.
2. The following bills are supported by the West Virginia Sheriffs' Association's legislative agenda. Please make phone calls to your Senators and Delegates in regard to your support of the following bills:

House Joint Resolution (HJR) 6
Senate Bills 78, 137, 313, & 468
House Bills 2896, 3201, 4047, & 4122

The following bills are issues that have previously appeared on our agenda and ones that you may want to make phone calls in support of: House Bills 2320 & 2565

3. Please pay particular attention to the following bills. You may want to call your Senators and Delegates and express your opposition to the following bills: Senate Bill 97 and House Bill 4090
4. Please call Senator Walt Helmick and request that he place SB 78 on his Finance Committee agenda. His capitol office # is 357-7980.
5. Please call Senator Prezioso and request that he place SB 468 on his Health and Human Resources Committee agenda. His capitol office # is 357-7961.