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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[185 Apply for Medical Marijuana Cultivator Licenses in Ohio; Associated Press, July 6, 2017](#)

[Budget Axes Ohio Constitution Revision Group; Columbus Dispatch, July 5, 2017](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the voice of the judiciary and the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 2** (Sen. Hite) **Environmental Protections**, signed by Governor, 7.7.17. The bill creates a receivership process for a public water system that poses a health threat.
- **SB 7** (Sens. Bacon, Manning) **Notice of Protection Orders**, signed by the Governor, 6.28.17. Service of a protection order is not necessary to convict someone for violating a protection order if that person had actual notice of the protection order, by seeing a copy or being told about the order by law enforcement, a judge, or a magistrate.
- **HB 49** (Rep. Smith R.) **Operating Budget**, signed by the Governor, 6.30.17. The Governor vetoed 47 items, some of which were overridden on 7.6.17. The restrictions on sending certain F4 and F5 offenders to prison remain in the budget. For a full picture of the budget's impact on the judiciary, read the [OJC's Enactment News](#) on HB 49.



- **HB 63** (Rep. Hughes) **Disfigurement Specification**, sent to Governor, 6.28.17. The bill creates a specification if the offender used an accelerant to cause a permanent, serious disfigurement or substantial incapacity.
- **SB 70** (Sen. Coley) **Child Support**, passed unanimously by the Senate, 6.28.17. The bill makes technical changes to child support procedures.
- **HB 95** (Reps. Hughes, Seitz) **Distracted Driving**, passed by the House, 6.21.17. The bill creates an additional penalty for distracted driving and clarifies that certain electronic device violations are allied offenses of similar import.
- **SB 171** (Sen. Hottinger) **Protection Orders**, introduced 7.6.17. The bill increases the penalty for repeat offenses of violating protection orders; it requires electronic monitoring for violating protection orders to be carried out by probation departments (currently the responsibility of law enforcement).
- **HB 233** (Rep. Becker) **Gun-Free Buildings**, passed by the House, 7.6.17. The bill allows a concealed carry licensee to bring a gun into a building where guns are prohibited, like a courthouse, and avoid criminal penalty if that person leaves when asked.
- **HB 282** (Rep. Hambley) **Criminal Mischief**, introduced 6.20.17. The bill expressly prohibits criminal mischief relating to residential rental property.
- The 2017 OJC Annual Meeting, **"Adapting Justice to a Dynamic Society,"** will take place in Columbus from 8.31.17 to 9.1.17. Look for registration information in the mail, or register [online](#).

For a complete list of bills or to view the latest issue of **BillBoard**, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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