

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### ***In Case You Missed It:***

[\*New Ohio Gun Legislation Could Do Away with Most Common Gun-Related Offenses; Toledo Blade, December 20, 2021\*](#)

[\*Ohio Supreme Court to Weigh Attempted Murder Statute of Limitations; Associated Press, December 30, 2021\*](#)

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- [SB 281](#) (Sen. Schaffer) **Landlord Reimbursement**, introduced 1.12.22. The bill authorizes reimbursements for landlords due to the COVID-19-related federal eviction moratoriums.
- [HB 518](#) (Rep. Hoops) **Municipal Court Creation**, introduced 12.16.21. The bill would create the Fulton Municipal Court in Wauseon.
- [HB 522](#) (Reps. Abrams, Frazier) **Public Records and Public Officials**, introduced 12.22.21. The bill aims to change access to private information of public officials. In so doing, the bill undoes privacy protections for judges enacted in HB 341 of the 132nd General Assembly.
- [HB 524](#) (Rep. Hall) **Notifications of State Agencies**, introduced 12.22.21. Aiming to modernize and streamline parts of the Revised Code, the bill requires that the abstract municipal courts send to the BMV be in a "secure electronic format."
- On 12.20.21, the [Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol](#) submitted 206,943 signatures supporting its initiated statute to legalize marijuana use for people 21 and older. The Coalition was 13,000 signatures short of its goal but re-submitted 30,000 additional signatures 1.13.22. If the new batch of signatures is verified (the deadline is 1.27.22), the measure will be sent to the General Assembly for its consideration.
- As a result of the passage of [SB 175](#) (Stand Your Ground) last year, the Ohio Jury Instructions Committee recently made changes to the following **jury instructions**: CR 421.19, Self-defense, non-deadly force; CR 421.191, Defense of another, non-deadly force; CR 421.21, Self-defense, deadly force; CR 421.211, Defense of another, deadly force and CR 421.23, Presumption of self-defense. The new instructions will be available on the [OJC website](#) until they are formally published.
- In a habeas corpus action claiming excessive bail, the Court decided in [Dubose v. McGuffey](#) that the sole purpose of bail is to ensure an accused person's appearance in court, and public safety is not a consideration with respect to the financial conditions of bail under Crim.R. 46.
- In [State v. Harrison](#), the Court decided that an arrest warrant does not need to be signed by a judicial officer to be valid if the officer indicates there is probable cause for the suspect to be arrested. The dissent pointed out that the defendant could have been arrested without a warrant.
- In the last issue of this newsletter, we included a [memo](#) from the OPD; the OPD is extending the provision regarding financial disclosure forms through April 2022.
- The [following amendments](#) to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure (1, 1.1, 4.7, 5, 11, 16, 26, 28, 30, 31, 39, and 43), the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure (1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 12.1, 12.2, 29, 33, 40, and 43), the Ohio Rules of Evidence (101, 404, 502, 606, 801, and 803), the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure (1, 2, 7, 16, 20, 24, 25, 27, 29, 34, and 41), and the Ohio Traffic Rules (1, 2, 8, and 11) are open for public comment for the second time. Comments are due by 2.21.22.

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