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In Case You Missed It:
[*Dayton Man's Murder Conviction Shows Limits of Ohio Self-Defense Laws; Dayton Daily News, December 6, 2021*](#)

[*You Can Stand Your Ground in Texas Even When You Kill a Cop; Texas Monthly, December 10, 2021*](#)

[*Can I Skip Jury Duty Because of COVID Fears?; New York Times Magazine, December 7, 2021*](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **[SB 215](#)** (Sen. Johnson) **Responsibilities of Concealed Weapon License Holders**, amended and voted out of the Senate, 12.14.21. The as-introduced version of the bill included a process for pre-trial immunity hearings to determine claims of self-defense; this language has been removed via amendment and is no longer part of SB 215.
- **[SB 261](#)** (Sen. S. Huffman) **Medical Marijuana**, voted out of the Senate, 12.15.21. Under the bill, doctors participating in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program are authorized to recommend marijuana for any condition, as long as the marijuana is expected to relieve symptoms or otherwise benefit the patient.
- **[HB 504](#)** (Reps. Carfagna, Johnson) **Increase Penalty for Disturbing Religious Gathering**, introduced 12.7.21. The bill increases the penalty for "disturbing a lawful meeting" when committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet an assemblage for religious worship or to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering for religious worship.
- **[HB 505](#)** (Reps. Grendell, Gross) **Concealed Weapons**, introduced 12.7.21. The bill allows a concealed weapons licensee to carry a concealed deadly weapon, and allows a person who is 21 or older to carry concealed deadly weapons without a license.
- **[HB 508](#)** (Reps. Creech, West) **Parental Rights**, introduced 12.9.21. In cases determining parental rights and responsibilities, the bill requires equal parenting time. It contains a policy statement in favor of equal parenting and creates a rebuttable presumption that it is in the best interest of the child and may only be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.
- **[HB 511](#)** (Reps. Humphrey, Stewart) **Parole Board Hearings**, introduced 12.14.21. The bill requires electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings, excluding certain personal identifying information, and makes those electronic recordings public records.
- The OPD issued [a memo on mitigation and investigation services](#). The current rate for these services is \$45/hour and that rate will apply to all cases OPD accepts on or before 12.31.21. For cases the OPD accepts on or after 1.1.22, the applicable rate is \$75/hour.
- 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.
- The OJC wishes you a wonderful holiday and all the best in 2022!



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