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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[You Too? What To Do If You've Been Sexually Harassed; cleveland.com, November 5, 2017](#)

[Ohio Crime Victims' Rights Issue Could Face Court Challenge; U.S. News & World Report, November 8, 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

- [HB 392](#) (Rep. Stein) **Bee Keeper Immunity**, introduced 10.31.17. A person that registers an apiary would not be liable for any personal injury or property damage that occurs in connection with keeping and maintaining bees, as long as the person complies with best practices, zoning laws, and the Ohio Revised Code.
- [HB 395](#) (Rep. Patmon) **Prohibitions on Firearm Devices**, introduced 10.31.17. The bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, or transfer of any trigger crank, bump-fire device, or other product that accelerates the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm (an F2).
- [HB 405](#) (Rep. Perales) **Counterfeiting**, introduced 11.7.17. The bill defines counterfeiting, makes it a crime (an F4 up to an F1, depending on the value counterfeited, from less than \$5,000 to more than \$1 million) and clarifies that counterfeiting is a "corrupt activity," for purposes of proving organized crime. "Counterfeiting" does not replace Theft, Forgery, or Criminal Simulation, but can be an allied crime of similar import.
- [HB 407](#) (Reps. Dever, Seitz) **Dower**, introduced 11.7.17. The bill ends estates by dower.
- [HB 409](#) (Rep. Butler, Perales) **Veterans' Treatment Courts**, introduced 11.7.17. The bill allows a veterans treatment court to become the regional treatment court to which other courts can send eligible participants.
- [HB 410](#) (Reps. Butler, Seitz) **Traffic Cameras**, introduced 11.7.17. In order to regulate traffic camera operation, the bill grants municipal and county courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action concerning a traffic law violation.
- [HB 411](#) (Reps. Seitz, Sykes) **Wrongful Imprisonment**, introduced 11.7.17. The bill modifies the process for asserting a wrongful imprisonment claim and expands eligibility for such a claim.
- [HJR 5](#) (Rep. Antani) **Constitutional Amendment Process**, introduced 11.1.17. The bill modifies the requirements for the initiative and referendum processes by increasing the amount of signatures required to submit an initial petition and the amount of votes needed to pass an item.
- The OJC Court Administration Committee developed a [policy paper](#) on **court security and weapons in the courtroom**.
- Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are increasingly being used to cut illicit street drugs. These substances pose a significant health risk as they are highly potent in small quantities and easily absorb through the skin. BCI has developed a [safety fact sheet](#) about **drug evidence in the court room** when fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are present.
- Judges can now [sign up for Ohio Supreme Court grant announcements](#) and indicate their preferred method of receiving the information.

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



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