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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio Seeks to Reverse Executions Injunction; Toledo Blade, March 8, 2017](#)

[Ohio Supreme Court Reverses Cocaine Filler Decision; cleveland.com, March 6, 2017](#)

[Jury Secrecy Doesn't Apply if Bias Taints Deliberations, Justices Rule; New York Times, March 6, 2017](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 68** (Rep. Anielski) **Voyeurism** introduced 2.28.17. The bill creates the crimes of exploitation and gross exploitation of nursing home patients; it increases the penalty for Voyeurism if the victim is "impaired" (ability to resist is reduced by mental or physical condition or advanced age), and includes "impaired" persons (not just minors) as potential victims of pandering obscenity, pandering sexually oriented matter, and illegal use in a nudity-oriented material or performance.
- **HB 78** (Rep. Retherford) **Adult Protective Services** introduced 2.22.17. Among other things, the bill authorizes a county prosecutor to petition courts for orders related to the provision of adult protective services and creates an Elder Abuse Commission, with one member a representative of the Ohio Association of Probate Judges.
- **SB 92** (Sen. Thomas) **License Plates** introduced 3.7.17. The bill makes it a secondary offense to be missing a license plate on the front end of a car (currently a primary offense for most vehicles). A person cannot be stopped solely for this violation, which is an MM, with a maximum \$25 fine, and no points.
- **SB 94** (Sen. Brown) **Abolish Death Penalty** introduced 3.7.17.
- **HB 109** (Rep. Patmon) **Increased Penalty/Elder Victim** introduced 3.7.17. The bill creates a 2-year specification for felony offenses against a victim who is elderly or disabled (the specification applies to juveniles, too).
- **SB 100** (Sens. Skindell, Tavares) **Discrimination** introduced 3.14.17. The bill prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and eliminates certain religious exemptions from the Ohio Civil Rights Law.
- **HB 117** (Reps. Brenner, Huffman) **Opioid Therapy for Drug Offenders** introduced 3.7.17. The bill creates a pilot opioid therapy program in municipal facilities. Those convicted of opioid-related offenses with sentences of 30+ days are eligible for long-acting opioid antagonist therapy during confinement and supervised released.
- The federal government has released its **poverty guidelines for 2017** and the OPD has updated the [eligibility chart](#).
- **Mark your calendars:** [OJC/OSBA/OPAA Opiate Summit](#) is scheduled for **3.24.17** from 10 until 4 at the OSBA in Columbus. It has been approved for 5 CLE hours.
- **Mark your calendars:** the Legislative Reception welcoming members of the General Assembly, which is organized jointly by the OJC, the OSBA, and the Supreme Court, is scheduled for **5.2.17** in the Statehouse Museum Gallery, from 5:00 to 7:00. The Annual Judicial Legislative Exchange is scheduled for **5.3.17**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Justin Long.

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



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