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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Government Property Grabs Should Be Limited, Groups Say; Dayton Daily News, November 16, 2016](#)

[State Marijuana Laws in 2016 Map; Governing Magazine, November 2016](#)



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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [SB 76](#) (Sens. Bacon, Manning) **Protection Orders**, voted out of House Judiciary Committee, 11.15.16. A prosecution does not have to prove service of a protection order to show a violation of that order, if the prosecution proves that the defendant was shown the order or was informed of the order by a judge or by law enforcement.
- [HB 270](#) (Reps. Dever, Pelanda) **Drug Liability Offense**, voted out of the House and sent to the Senate, 11.17.16. The bill allows a charge of involuntary manslaughter for a death that results from providing drugs; the offense is a strict liability one.
- [HB 300](#) (Reps. Baker, Manning) **Driver's License Suspension**, Senate amendments concurred in the House, 11.16.16. The bill clarifies that a suspension for an OVI-related manslaughter begins after a prison sentence is completed. It also slightly expands the list of purposes for which limited driving privileges can be granted.
- [HB 463](#) (Rep. Dever) **Foreclosures**, first hearing in Senate Civil Justice Committee, 11.15.16. The bill initially contained language about expedited foreclosures and private selling officers, which was included in [HB 390](#), passed this summer. The bill now contains changes to the new foreclosure process that went into effect 9.28.16.
- [HB 618](#) (Reps. Reece, Schuring) **Record Expungement**, introduced 11.15.16. The bill provides a procedure for expunging the arrest records of someone who was mistakenly arrested, had no charges filed, and was released from custody.
- The [Criminal Recodification Committee](#) met 11.17.16, approved 4 amendments to its recommendations, including an affirmative defense "Nucklos fix," and was asked to continue its work into the next year.
- Sen. [Larry Obhof](#) (R-Medina) was elected the next Senate president, 11.15.16, with Sen. [Bob Peterson](#) as president pro tempore; Sen. [Randy Gardner](#) as majority floor leader; and Sen. [Gayle Manning](#) as majority whip.
- As of 11.15.16, Sen. [Joe Schiavoni](#) (D-Boardman) will remain minority leader, with Sen. [Charleta Tavares](#) as assistant minority leader, Sen. [Edna Brown](#) as minority whip, and Sen. [Cecil Thomas](#) as assistant minority whip.
- Rep. [Cliff Rosenberger](#) (R-Clarksville) was re-elected as House speaker, 11.10.16, with Rep. [Kirk Schuring](#) as speaker pro tempore; Rep. [Dorothy Pelanda](#) as majority floor leader; Rep. [Sarah LaTourette](#) as assistant majority floor leader; Rep.-elect [Tom Patton](#) as majority whip; Rep. [Robert McColley](#) as assistant majority whip; and Rep.-elect [Bill Seitz](#) (R-Cincinnati) as policy chair.
- As of 11.16.16, Rep. [Fred Strahorn](#) (D-Dayton) will remain minority leader, with Rep. [Nicholas Celebrezze](#) as assistant minority leader, Rep. [Nickie Antonio](#) as minority whip, and Rep. [Emilia Sykes](#) as assistant minority whip.

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