



## 2013 First Funnel Survivors

### Agriculture

**HF 152** -Proposes to allow multiple drainage and a levee districts managed by a board of trustees to consolidate into one successor entity with permissible language to increase the number of trustees of new consolidated board from 3 to 5.

**Status: In Senate Agriculture Committee**

**HF 252** -Proposes to create a new beginning farmer custom farm tax credit program and increases the cap of beginning farmer program (asset transfer and custom farm cumulatively) tax credits from \$6-million to \$12-million. Legislation also repeals dormant IADA Agricultural Loan Assistance program.

**Status: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

**HF 312** - Proposes to direct DNR to provide that the continuing manure applicator certification instructional course be made available over the internet and be available to persons required by DNR to take such instruction for certification of manure applicator. The bill implementation is contingent on provision of an on-time \$250,000 appropriation to pay for development expenses of the intranet course

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 376** - Proposes to preserve the ability of motor fuel jobbers and distributors to continue the practice of blending renewable fuels on their own. Without the protection provided in HF 376, it is anticipated that jobbers' right to blend will be altogether eliminated by oil companies who will require pre-blended products to be purchased at the terminal or rack.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**HF 457** - Proposes to direct DNR to leases for agricultural land that it holds and manages in each county to when those existing leases expire to offer such leases preferentially to qualified beginning farmers. The bill as provides that DNR cannot lease to any particular qualified beginning farmer more than 240 acres of crop land, but explicitly doesn't limit the amount of land that might be grazed under DNR lease.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 458** - Is the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Code clean-up and update bill that eliminates out-of-date provisions and clarifies some motor fuel standard specifications Code language.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 467** - Proposes to proposes to reestablish a cow-calf tax credit that was in effect between 1996 and 2007 that allowed livestock owners with qualified cattle (mature bred beef cow used for producing calves, a bred yearling heifer, and breeding bulls) to claim a calculated tax credit of \$11.15 per qualified animal. The bill would double the annual cumulative cap for these credits from \$2-million to \$4-million.

**Status: Referred to House Appropriation Committee**

**HSB 162** - Proposes to merge the Iowa Agricultural Development Authority into the Iowa Finance Authority and transfer all of IADA programs and obligations to IFA.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**HSB 166** - Expansion of farm estate inheritance tax exemption from only applying to lineal descendants (first degree of consanguinity/affinity) to up to fourth degree of consanguinity/affinity. Contains a clawback for tax saving if inheritors sell farmland or farm equipment before ten years have passed.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**HSB 171** - Proposes to create a way for confinement animal feeding operators to ‘mothball’ facilities, either by completely ceasing to produce livestock, or lower the number of animals below the 500-animal unit threshold where a manure management annual update and compliance fees aren’t required.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 201** - Proposes to reassert Legislative intent to provide private landowner with liability protection for land used for recreational purposes and abrogate the recent holding of the Iowa Supreme Court in the ‘*Sallee vs. Stewart*’ decision.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### Commerce

**House File 51 – IWD Referral Contact** – Requires Iowa Workforce Development to notify an employer of the number of referrals it has made to a business that has posted a job with Iowa Workforce Development

**Status: House Calendar**

**House File 55 – Ice Cream Vendor Background Check** – Allows for the a business that operates a mobile ice cream vendor vehicle to require a background check for its employees or job applicants

**Status: House Calendar**

**House File 84 – Pawn Shop Stolen Merchandise** – Requires cities with pawn shops to pass an ordinance that requires the return of stolen merchandise located at a pawn shop to the rightful owner at no charge or cost to the rightful owner

**Status: House Calendar**

**House File 88 – Subrogation Rights of an Insurance Company** – Adds an insurance company to the list of those eligible to be listed on a restitution order in a criminal case

**Status: House Calendar**

**House File 353 – Banking Division Bill** – Miscellaneous Banking Division Bill

**Status: House Calendar**

**House File 360 – Credit Union Bill** – Miscellaneous Credit Union Bill

**Status: House Calendar**

**House File 398 – Duty of Care Owed by an Insurance Agent** – Restores the duty of care owed by insurance agents under the law to the levels they had been at for 30 years prior to the Iowa Supreme

Court expanding that scope

**Status: House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 44 – Architects and Engineers Immunity** – Provides for immunity for civil liability for architects and professional engineers who provide disaster emergency assistance at no cost when asked by local authorities

**Status: House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 83 – Insurance Division Bill** – Miscellaneous Insurance Division Bill

**Status: House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 133 – E911** –Equalizes surcharge fees between wire-line and wireless services at \$1.00

**Status: Ways and Means**

**House Study Bill 146 – ABD Application for License** – Allows for a denial of a liquor license or permit due to misrepresentation of material fact on an application and allows for the Alcoholic Beverages Division to request and obtain a criminal background check for applicants

**Status: House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 147 – Alcoholic Beverages Division Bill** – Miscellaneous Alcoholic Beverages Division Bill

**Status: House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 169 – Boiler Bill** – Updates inspection requirements for public utilities and provides for inspection exemptions for certain boilers

**Status: House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 188 – Power Purchase Agreements** – Allows for the Iowa Utilities Board to use advanced ratemaking principles for power purchase agreements

**Status: House Calendar**

**Senate File 91 – Pipeline Safety** – Brings Iowa into compliance with federal requirements concerning maximum civil penalties for violations of pipeline safety requirements for intrastate pipelines

**Status: Signed by Governor**

### **Education Committee**

#### **HSB 4 / HF 215 – Education Reform**

The Governors education reform bill, designed to create teacher leadership positions and career pathways for teachers, and other related matters.

- Increase beginning teacher pay to \$32,000
- Creation of teacher career pathways that include leadership positions. The leadership positions come with increased pay, increased contract days and additional responsibilities outside of the classroom including mentoring, and professional development for other teachers.
- A Teach Iowa Initiative designed to recruit high-quality candidates to the teaching profession
- A new evaluation system meant to include student achievement and growth, classroom observation, and student surveys

- A certificate program that differentiates some students' diplomas based on courses completed and is meant to show if students are career or college-ready using provided assessments and portfolio work
- And an expansion of Iowa Learning Online, and online classes program through the Department available to school districts and nonpublic schools.
- Contains Homeschool and Private School provisions, including independent accreditation for private schools, home school separation from state oversight, independent private instruction, and home school driver's education
- Establishes home rule for school districts
- Increases funding to school district by \$112 million over 2 years through 2% Supplemental State Aid (previously allowable growth) for FY14 and FY15
- Saves property tax payers from the property tax burden that occurs with establishment of school aid every year, having the state pick up the cost. \$8.3 million in property tax relief at 2% growth in FY13
- The bill costs \$10.24 million in FY14 and \$157 million at full implementation in FY18

**Status: Senate Education Committee**

#### **HSB 71 – College Student Aid Commission**

Makes several changes in statute for the College Student Aid Commission. Those changes allow the CSAC to collect on delinquent loans for loans they administer that aren't guaranteed or parental loans. It also removes language relating a reserve account for federal loans that no longer exist.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 81 / HF 455 – School Vehicle Inspections**

Requires vehicles used to transport students to school events, that are either owned by the district or privately, and carry 9 or less passengers, are subject to vehicle inspections and the same safety standards as school busses

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 84 / HF 352 – Instructional Days to Hours**

Changes the instructional time requirement for school districts from days to hours. Current law requires 5.5 hours minimum instruction time and 180 days beginning on or around September 1. The bill changes the days to 1080 hours, equal to 6 hours of instructional time per day. Instructional hours include time between classes but do not include lunch or parent-teacher conferences. Any change proposed by the school board shall receive a public hearing prior to approval. The bill would go into effect July 1, 2014.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 88 / HF 279 – Board of Educational Examiners Complaint Process**

Changes the date by which the Board of Educational Examiners must have its complaint process completed. Current code requires they complete the process in 180 days. However, this is often not met, requiring extensions and requisite paperwork. The bill requires that the Board establish probable cause by 180 days.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 89 / HF 454 – Department of Education Code Clean-up**

Makes numerous code changes to the Department of Education and related sections of code. Language is updated to reflect current practice or terminologies, old sections of code that are no longer used are struck, and clarifications of intent are made.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 196 – Anti-Bullying Bill**

Amends the antibullying and harassment section of Iowa Code, 280.28.

- Creates a distinction between harassment and bullying
- Expands the definitions to include social networking, internet sites, and other electronic communication
- Broadens the scope of what locations this section is applicable to by including vehicles and property owned, leased, or provided by the district
- Includes language to protect school employees from liability when following the provisions of this section, including when they don't act on an incident if they feel this section doesn't apply
- Adds new reporting requirements for school boards to report data on incidents of harassment and bullying and the district's policy, as well as any training provided to the employees and students.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 213 – Residential Facilities**

A shell bill meant to fix a problem with administration costs for special education funds when a school district is contracted with a private agency that provides residential special education services.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 4 / HF 456 – Centralized School Bus Purchasing Program**

Establishes a centralized program for school bus purchasing that school districts can use to purchase their buses.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 140 / HF 472 – School District Sharing Incentives**

Extends the current statutory sharing incentives for school districts. It also adds a few new categories of shared functions. The old sharing incentive language will expire June 30, 2014, and this language will replace it. Additionally, non-contiguous districts can enter into sharing agreements.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 144 / HF 351 – Compulsory Education for Enrolled Preschoolers**

Requires that if a child is enrolled in the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP), which serves 4 year old children, that the enrolled child shall be considered of compulsory attendance age and subject to compulsory education laws. This does not lower the compulsory attendance age.

Additionally, a parent is allowed the opportunity to withdraw their child from the SWVPP so as not to be subject to this change.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 227 – Entrepreneurial Education Account**

Creates an Entrepreneurial Education Account within a school district, if requested by a student organization or club. The money in the fund is to be deposited by the club and is money earned through entrepreneurial activity or returns on investments made by the club. The money can be expended for

entrepreneurial purposes, which includes investments in businesses to help students develop and practice entrepreneurial skills and foster a business-ready workforce.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 309 – Instate Tuition for Returning Iowans**

Aims to give former Iowa residents in-state tuition should they return to the state to attend an institution of higher education, provided they meet certain specifications which include attending and graduating from an Iowa high school and previously being enrolled in an Iowa community college or university.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 341 – Declaration of Independence in High School Curriculum**

Adds the Declaration of Independence to a list of high school government instruction required topics. The list also includes the Constitution and the Bill of Rights

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 401 – Peace Officers as Driver's Education Instructors**

Allows Peace Officers and retired Peace Officers to be classroom drivers education teachers, provided they meet training requirements set forth by the Board of Educational Examiners.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 413 – Career Technical Education Expansion**

House File 413 is designed to prepare students for the workforce by connecting business and education and offering relevant training for teachers and programs for students.

- Expands the scope of the current program to include STEM and other targeted fields
- Gives additional direction to the 15 regional networks
- Allows PPEL and SAVE funds to be used for joint collaboration projects to offer CTE courses
- Appropriates \$3 million for purposes of the bill
- Establishes a task force to review current CTE programming and make further recommendations

**Status: House Calendar**

### **Economic Growth**

**HF 65 – Administrative Overreach** - Limits all state administrative agencies charged with implementing federal requirements from exceeding those federal requirements without explicit authorization by state law.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 324 – Targeted Small Business** - Repeals the current Targeted Small Business Loan program and replaces it with a requirement that the Economic Development Authority contract with a third party to conduct microloan services to benefit Targeted Small Businesses

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 473 – Targeted Jobs Program Extension** - Extends the sunset date of the Targeted Jobs Program allowing the program to continue for the border cities of Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Burlington, Fort Madison, and Keokuk, adds the Iowa Economic Development Authority as a clear, active member of the agreements entered into between cities, employers, and the state, and ensures that compliance will be done by IEDA to retain program integrity

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 61 – Iowa Start-Up Business Initiative** - Creates the Iowa Start-Up Business Initiative and allows the Secretary of State to waive filing fees associated with starting a business

**Status: Ways and Means**

**HSB 62 – IEDA Miscellaneous** - IEDA Miscellaneous Bill

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 111 – Rural Water Services** - Rural Water Service bill providing increased communication and equal treatment between Rural Water Associations and Rural Water Districts

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 132 – Economic Development Authority Tax Credit Bill** - Restores the Economic Development Authority's aggregate tax credit cap to \$185 million, allows for IEDA to recoup some fees associated with tax credit application and processing, provides for a funding mechanism for the cash incentive portion of the High Quality Jobs program through the diversion of withholding dollars on incented jobs, and increases the amount of tax credits available under the Endow Iowa program

**Status: Ways and Means**

**HSB 156 – Manufactured Housing Program** - Creates a Manufactured Housing Program Fund at the Iowa Finance Authority, which allows for the use of loans, linked deposits, guarantees, or reserve funds to be used, but no appropriation is made

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 198 – Innovation Fund Tax Credits** - Innovation Fund Tax Credit bill, which would raise the percentage from the current 20% to 25% for investments, makes the credits transferable and provides for their immediate use

**Status: Ways and Means**

#### **Environmental Protection**

**HF 225** - Proposes to eliminate from the Code a number of environmental provisions administered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, particularly Solid Waste Management Code verbiage, that are dormant, out-of-date, or superseded by subsequent Code provisions (stale provisions); that have been cited by recent audit for non-performance.

**Status: Passed on File on the Senate Calendar**

**HF 311** - Proposes to make four DNR permit processing improvements to reduce and expedite DNR permitting process. It would eliminate the requirement that stormwater general permits public notice be published in two newspapers, clarify that the proper use of aquatic pesticides is not prohibited in Iowa, allow a water withdrawal permit applicant an extension of time to submit more information to resolve a contested or complex application, and remove a requirement that homeowners seeking access to the Onsite Wastewater Assistance Program must reside outside the boundaries of a city.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 163** - Proposes to specify DNR dam reconstruction standards in a specific unusual circumstance as to where the top of the dam is concerning flood easement requirements.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 181** - Proposes to remove an 'orphaned' title abstract provision which while was repealed by subsequent legislation that went into effect on July 1, 2010 was not retroactive in applicability to when the requirement went into effect on July 1, 2009. Hence there is an 'orphaned' requirement for title abstracts that involve property transfer between July 1 of 2009 and June 30 of 2010 that technically requires documentation of this information.

**Status: House Calendar**

### Human Resources

#### **House File 29 – Epinephrine in Schools**

The bill requires schools to allow the use of an epi pen by a student that has a prescription on file if the school receives written authorization from the parent.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

#### **House Study Bill 45 – Iowa Department of Public Health Technical Bill**

Division I eliminates all references to Organized Delivery Systems in the Code. Division II relates to the membership of the quality improvement committee for the trauma system. Under Division III, claims for autopsies made by counties would be filed directly with the state appeal board. Division IV allows HIV home test kits to be sold in Iowa. Division V allows minors to get counseling for smoking cessation without parental consent.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

#### **House Study Bill 46 – Department of Aging Technical Bill**

This bill directs DIA to perform investigations relative to the operations of the Iowa Department on Aging. The bill updates the name of the Office from Office of Long Term Care Resident's Advocate to Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman. It also repeals the senior loan revolving program and the senior living trust fund.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

#### **House Study Bill 47 – Transfer of Assets under the Medicaid Program**

This bill relates to issues with recovering payment from a person's estate that received Medicaid near the end of their life after they pass. The bill allows DIA more power to investigate people that improperly transfer or receive assets to get out of paying back the state.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

#### **House Study Bill 48 – Licensure of Ambulatory Surgical Centers**

The Bill creates a new Code chapter to allow licensing and regulation of ambulatory surgical centers. An application for an initial license is required to be accompanied by a fee sufficient to cover the costs of performing the inspection.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

#### **House File 53 – Sex Offenders in Nursing Homes**

HF 53 addresses the placement of elderly sex offenders in nursing facilities. Before admitting a sex offender, a facility must access and search the sex offender registry to determine if the potential resident is a sex offender. The facility has to develop and implement a written safety plan for the sex offender. The plan has to include safety of other residents. The facility can get a civil penalty for non-compliance. The facility can also discharge the sex offender based only on their status as a sex offender.



## **STATUS – House Calendar**

### **House Study Bill 70 – Health Professionals Identification**

HSB 70 allows the Department of Public Health in collaboration with individual boards to promulgate rules to implement the professional titles and abbreviations requirements. When a medical professional is directly engaged with a member of the public while practicing, the professional must wear an ID.

## **STATUS – House Floor**

### **House Study Bill 96 – Insufficiencies in Nursing Homes**

Currently, DIA assigns a representative of the department who was not involved in a contested citation to hold an informal conference with a health care facility. The bill would change this to require an independent reviewer hold the conference rather than a representative from DIA. This independent reviewer must be an Iowa-licensed attorney and have experience or training in geriatric long term care.

## **STATUS – House Calendar**

### **House File 198 – HCBS Training Costs**

Providers are not allowed to count training their employees as a part of their direct costs. Direct costs are reimbursable under Medicaid. HF 198 allows HCBS providers to be reimbursed by Medicaid for training costs.

## **STATUS – Senate Human Resources Committee**

### **House File 197 – Certification of Adult Day Services**

HF 197 extends the certification period for initial certification and recertification from two years to three years. HF 197 does not increase any certification fees, they remain \$750 for initial certification and \$1000 for recertification.

## **STATUS – Senate Human Resources Committee**

### **House Study Bill 109 – DHS Mental Health Technical Bill**

Division I eliminates specific requirements for the client identifier used instead of a social security number. Division II repeals the interagency information service that has never been completed by DHS. Division III clarifies that a supervising psychiatrist provides supervision of a subacute care facility's clients' treatment plans, but does not have full oversight of the facility. Division IV: If the provider was designated to receive Mental Health Block Grant money as of October 1, 2010, they will remain eligible to receive MHBG allocations as a community mental health center.

## **STATUS – House Calendar**

### **House Study Bill 110 – Medicaid Program Integrity**

These new sections are intended to help combat fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicaid program. Iowa is one of only two states that do not have this type of statute. The new sections allow medical assistance overpayment to become judgment and not require a lawsuit by DHS in order to recover, grant emergency injunction to prevent providers from dispersing assets to avoid repayment, make state statute consistent with the ACA, and impose monetary fines on problem providers.

## **STATUS – House Calendar**

### **House Study Bill 118 – Pharmacist Vaccinations**

HSB 118 allows licensed pharmacists to administer certain vaccines based on age group. The Board of pharmacy is required to adopt rules for pharmacists to complete training and establish protocols for prescribing and administering vaccinations.

## **STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 119 – Service Providers under Medicaid**

The bill broadens the exemption for residential programs that provide care to not more than 5 people that are approved by DHS to receive money under an HCBS waiver by removing the limitation to only HCBS waivers for persons with intellectual disabilities.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 122 – Vision Screening for Children**

HSB 122 requires parents of children in public or private schools to present the school with certification that the child has received an eye exam within the last 12 months. Each public school is required to ensure the parent of a student enrolled in kindergarten or third grade has complied with the bill.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 152 – Record Checks of Prospective Health Care Employees**

The bill allows for conditional employment of not more than 60 days to potential employees of health care facilities that have been convicted of a crime while DHS investigates whether the crime warrants prohibition of the person's employment in the facility.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 185 – Licensing for Addiction Counselors**

The bill would allow licensure for addiction counselors.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 197 – DHS Affordable Care Act Compliance Bill**

The bill eliminates the comprehensive family support council as required in Iowa Code. The bill makes editorial changes to eliminate references to the council. The bill also authorizes DHS to implement policies to prohibit electronic transactions involving FIP benefits in any liquor store, casino, or adult entertainment store. The bill implements the necessary changes due to the Affordable Care Act.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House File 253 – Early Childhood Iowa Requirements for Area Boards**

The bill allows area boards to only have an audit every three years so they are able to save money. The current law is an audit every year. Audits can cost \$7,500.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House File 256 – Membership Requirements for Early Childhood Iowa Boards**

Under current law, membership is limited to persons who are elected or members of the public. The bill provides that the limitation applies to the initial members of an area board and for subsequent members, the bylaws may provide for up to 20% of the voting members to be employed by a public agency.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House File 415 – Differential Response for Child Abuse**

The bill establishes a new assessment process upon receipt of a child abuse report.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

## Judiciary

### **HF 112-Forfeiture of Bail in Criminal Cases**

This bill extends the time period for bond forfeitures from 60 to 90 days. This change makes §811.6.2 and §811.6.3 consistent with §811.9, which already allows for 90 days. If a defendant does not appear in court the bail bond can be forfeited.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

### **HF 158-Sledding and Municipal Liability**

Exempts municipalities and employees from being held liable for injuries that occur on municipality property from sledding or tubing. This bill does not prohibit lawsuits if the municipality has done something to make the hill dangerous. This bill expands a code section that already exempts skateboarding, inline skating, bicycling, unicycling, scootering, river rafting, canoeing and kayaking.

**STATUS- IN SENATE**

### **HF 133-Firing Ranges For Law Enforcement**

Current law prohibits discharging a firearm within 200 yards of an occupied building or feedlot. This bill creates an exception for ranges owned by the state, county or a municipality that are operated by law enforcement for training and not open to the public.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

### **HF 119-County Attorneys and DHS Representation**

HF 119 eliminates the County Attorney's duty to represent the Department of Human Services in a Child in Need of Assistance case. In cases where DHS needs to be represented, the Attorney General will represent the department.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

### **HF 211-In-State Construction Contracts**

This bill provides that an in-state construction contract is void if the contract is subject to the laws of another state, or require any litigation, mediation, arbitration or other dispute resolution to occur in another state. In-State construction contracts mean a public, private, foreign or domestic agreement that relates to the construction of any real property in this state. Contracts between Iowa and other states are exempt.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

### **HF 212-County Attorney's and Schools**

Strikes school corporations from the groups that the County Attorney is required to conduct condemnation proceedings for.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

### **HF 104-Reasonable Attorney Fees for Appeal Termination of Parental Rights**

A person filing for a petition for termination of parental rights is responsible for the fees for services by appointed council. However, HSB 104 provides that in appellate proceedings the parent who filed the

petition shall not be responsible for the payment of attorney fees. The attorney fees shall be paid by the public defender from the indigent defense fund.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 161-Non-Substantive Code Editors Bill**

Changes proposed to the code from the code editor.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HF 219-Eminent Domain**

HF 219 clarifies that land cannot be taken by eminent domain to create lakes for recreational purposes. This bill also gives land owners recourse to fight the taking of land if they believe too much is being taken for water needs.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 143-Business Corporations**

HSB 143 amends the Iowa Business Corporations Act ("IBCA"), Chapter 490 of the Iowa Code, to incorporate amendments that have been made in the last ten years to the Model Business Corporation Act ("MBCA"), on which the IBCA is based.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 80-Transfer of Real Estate**

HSB 80 relates to the Mortgage Release Certificate Program for mortgages that are paid off but not released of record. This bill reorganizes the code section and clarifies issues to simplify the process.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 138-No Contact Orders and Protective Orders-Service of Notice**

HSB 138 allows a peace officer in a county to serve a person subject to a protection order or no-contact order with a short form notification during traffic stops and other contact with the person.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 141-Marital Agreements**

HSB 141 allows spouses to enter into a valid contract with each other that affects their assets and income, including wills and trusts and other estate planning. It authorizes spouses to agree, while they are married, as to how property will be distributed upon death. Current law allows a spouse to elect against a will and receive more than agreed upon during the estate planning process.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 175-Estates and Trusts**

HSB 175 is an update to the Probate and Trust law in the Iowa Code.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 105-Juveniles Convicted of First Degree Murder**

HSB 105 prohibits a court from sentencing a juvenile to life in prison without the possibility of parole for first degree murder. A Supreme Court ruling has forced Iowa to change sentencing guidelines. HSB 105 allows for life with the possibility of parole after a minimum confinement of 45 years.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 159-Public Defender and Indigent Defense**

HSB 159 clarifies and amends indigent defense claims and appeals for payment. Additionally, all Public Defender employees will have a 1 year probationary period. HSB 159 also creates a fellowship for entry-level employees.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 155-Youthful Offenders**

HSB 155 changes the judgment and sentencing procedures for juveniles who are either excluded from juvenile court or who are waived to adult court. This bill also changes procedures from juveniles who are placed on the youthful offender status by the district court.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HF 75-Disposition of Legal Firearms and Ammunition**

HF 75 allows agencies who obtain abandoned or seized firearms and ammunition to resell them or to use them for the department. All seized firearms would originally be turned over to DCI for testing, and documentation and then returned to the department within 180 days.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HF 81-Weapons Permit Privacy**

HF 81 requires the sheriff of a county to keep the list of weapons permit holders private. Law enforcement would still have access to the list, but not the general public. Additionally, the bill strengthens the law to prevent straw purchases of firearms.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 176-Identity Theft**

HSB 176 increases the charge for identity theft to a class "D" felony, regardless of the amount of property or services taken. The bill does specify that minors who use a false identification for the purchase of alcohol and other illegal acts will not be punished under this law, but will be punished under other applicable codes.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 174-Parole Board Membership**

HSB 174 alters the makeup of the parole board. Instead of five members the board will consist of seven, but only two of the seven will be permanent members. The board will be divided in to panels with either three or five members. The chairperson will designate members and assign duties to each panel. Each panel must have a chairperson or vice-chairperson on it.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

#### **HSB 15/HF 120-Court Fees and Receipts**

HF 120 allows the State Court Administrator the ability to retain 10% of the Judicial Branch income tax offset collected by the Department of Administrative Services. Additionally, it allows the Office of Professional Regulation to retain the fees collected from Shorthand Reporters Exam and the Bar Exam.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 7/HF 132-The Return of Seized Property**

HF 132 requires the claimant to sign the claim form for seized property under penalty of perjury.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 9/ HF 184-Occupancy of Residential Rental Property**

Current law allows cities to regulate who can rent property together based on family relationships. HF 184 would prohibit cities from regulating who can rent property based on family relationships.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 34/HF 210-Procedures of the State Public Defender**

HF 210 changes some procedures and practices of the State Public Defenders Office. This bill addresses several issues, including contracts for attorneys who are hired by the hour, appointment processes for public defenders, and service claims.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 37/ HF 213-Transmission of Court Records**

HF 213 clarifies that the District Court Clerk will be responsible for transmitting the record on appeal to the Supreme Court Clerk upon request. The bill specifies that the responsibility may not be delegated to another party.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 12/ HF 214-Possession of Alcohol by Certain Minors (FIX THIS ONE)**

HF 214 provides that if a juvenile court waives jurisdiction over someone so they can be prosecuted in adult court, the penalty, if the charge is for alcohol possession or consumption, is the same as it is for someone who is 18, 19 or 20.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 13/ HF 356- Statute of Limitations Executing a Judgment-Rent**

HF 356 eliminates the two year statute of limitation period for execution of a judgment entered in an action on a claim for rent.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 16/ HF 357-Nomination and Appointment of District Judges**

HF 357 specifies that a district judge appointee shall be a resident of the judicial district where the nomination occurs, before assuming office, but not necessarily while applying for the position. If the judicial district is divided into judicial election districts, the appointee shall be a resident of the judicial election district before assuming office.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 36-Medical Malpractice**

HSB 36 changes the procedure for a civil law suit involving medical malpractice. The bill adds review panels for law suits and evidence based medical practice guidelines in an affirmative defense.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 28-Landlord Tenant Law**

HSB 28 makes change to landlord tenant law. It addresses issues of rental agreements, late fees, damages, and the right to terminate a lease.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 100/ HF 358- Board of Directors-Staggered Terms**

HF 358 prevents the repeal of a code section that allows for the board of directors of a corporation to serve staggered terms.

**STATUS-HOUSE FLOOR**

**HSB 121/ HF 359-Obscene Material**

HF 359 amends the definition of “material” under code section 728.1(3), to exclude live acts, performances or exhibitions. Additionally, a city or county has the authority to enact ordinances or rules to regulate a place of business within their jurisdiction. A court ruling in 2012 altered the definition of “Material” under the Iowa code to include live performances, including nude dancing.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 172-Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**

HSB 172 increases the criminal penalty, in most cases, where someone possesses child pornography. A first violation is now a class “D” felony, and a second and subsequent violation is a class “C” felony. However, a first offense by a person 21 or younger who receives an unsolicited picture sent to them and the adult is not more than four years older than the minor, and the picture is not shared, the individual is only guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 193-Substantive Code Editors Bill**

Substantive code corrections to the Iowa Code

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 142-Assault on a Bus Driver**

HSB 142 increases the penalty for assault on a public transit bus operator. A person who assaults a public transit bus operator is guilty of a class “D” felony.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 173-Statute of Limitations- Improved Property**

Current law provides that when real property has been improved any action relating to the unsafe or defective condition of the improvement must be brought within 15 years. HSB 173 keeps the 15 year statute of limitations, but also adds an action must be brought within three years after the act or omission of the unsafe or defective condition has been or should have reasonably been discovered, whichever date is earlier.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 208-Transfer of Real Estate**

HSB 208 addresses the issue of marketable title when real estate is transferred from a business.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HF 258-Mechanics Lien-Clean Up**

HF 258 addresses mechanics liens and the accuracy of the lien registry.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 215-Mechanics Lien**

HSB 215 alters provisions relating to certain property information required for precommencement and preliminary notices for a mechanics lien.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 210- Ignition Interlock for OWI Offenses**

HSB 210 requires all persons convicted of an OWI to install an ignition interlock device on their vehicle. The bill also alters the temporary restricted drivers licenses issued after an OWI.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 104-OWI-Affirmative Defense-Prescription Drugs**

HSB 104 establishes the standard for an affirmative defense if a person is charged with operating while intoxicated. The affirmative defense would be presented by the person charged with an OWI, the person would have to show they were taking a legal prescription, under the terms set by their doctor and not under the influence of any alcohol.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 109-Educational Setting in a Divorce**

HSB 109 creates a rebuttable presumption in a divorce that the current educational setting of a child is in the child's best interest.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**Labor Committee**

**HF 121/SF 110** – HF 121 is a bill proposed by Iowa Workforce Development that brings Iowa into compliance with federal law concerning unemployment insurance overpayments. If the legislation is not enacted, it will result in Iowa losing its certification and will result in the loss of the current 5.4% federal tax credit for Iowa businesses. This would result in Iowa businesses paying an additional \$378 per employee for a total increase of \$500 million annually in federal unemployment taxes.

**Status: Signed into law**

**HF 10** - The federal FLSA prohibits 14-15 year olds (and under) from laundering. This means anyone 15 and under cannot work in a laundry operation regardless of what state law says. Federal law is silent on 16-17 year olds working in laundry, and no surrounding states (other than Iowa) prohibit this. This bill matches Iowa law with federal law and surrounding states by only prohibiting 14-15 year olds from working in laundry operations and allowing 16-17 year olds to do so.

**Status: On the House Calendar**

**Local Government Committee**

**HSB 107 / HF 396**

Addresses concerns with problems that have been encountered with the current redistricting process at the county level. The new process makes several changes: In order to challenge a proposed plan, a petition of 2% of the eligible electors in the county must be filed, instead of one individual starting the process. The new map is then drawn by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to either be accepted or



rejected by the County Board. If rejected, LSA would then draw a second map taking into consideration reasons for the first rejection. The second map is then the new map. Challenges for reasons other than for improper political purposes will be taken care of at the county level, not through LSA.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 184 – Rural Improvement Zones Sunset**

Deals with the establishment and life of Rural Improvement Zones (RIZ). The bill sunsets all RIZs 7 years from the date of enactment of this bill or from the date of establishment, for those established in the future. The county board of supervisors can extend the sunset another 7 years in perpetuity. Allows the county board the option to approve a petition by changing “shall” to “may.” The bill gives the board’s decision deference in the case of a court review of the decision. Prohibits eminent domain acquisitions.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 200 – City Water Utility Liens on Commercial Property**

Piggy-backs on HF 2323 from 2012, a bill which prevented a lien from being placed on a residential rental property if a tenant left unpaid bills for water usage. This year’s bill:

- ✓ Gives the same protection to commercial land lords
- ✓ The landlord is to notify the utility that the property is a rental unit
- ✓ If a change in tenancy occurs, a new notice to the utility is required within 10 days
- ✓ The landlord is also required to notify the utility within 10 days if a change in ownership occurs

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 202 – Property Tax Assessment Protests**

Extends the amount of time a property owner has to file a protest against their property assessments.

- ✓ Current dates in statute require the assessment to be completed and notification done by April 15
- ✓ Property owners then have from April 16 to May 5 to file a protest
- ✓ The new date for completion and notification is April 1
- ✓ The new timeframe for protests is April 1 to May 1

Also allows the protester to file the protest electronically.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 5 / HF 481 – LOST Tax Election Notice Requirement**

Works to prevent future occurrences of a situation that occurred in Dallas County where a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) election occurred without notice going to all cities in the county. There are two ways for a LOST election to get on a ballot: 1, A petition is presented to the county board of supervisors. The number of signatures must be equal to 5 percent of the persons in the county who voted in the preceding state general election. Eligible voters of the county must sign the petition. 2, A motion or motions of governing bodies within the county that represent at least half of the population of the county. Adel held a LOST election in 2010 without meeting either of these conditions. The county did not notify the other cities in the county of Adel’s motion. This bill would require that a notice go to all cities in the county if one asks for a LOST election to occur.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 11 / HF 268 – Smart Planning Principles Repeal**

Repeals smart planning principles, 10 principles that state agencies, local governments, and other public entities are required to consider and may apply during deliberation of all appropriate planning, zoning, development, and resource management decisions.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 191 / HF 487 – Mobile Home Titling**

Changes where a mobile home/manufactured home retailer must obtain the certificate of title when they purchase a used mobile home/manufactured home. Currently they have to obtain it from the retailer's county of residence. The bill changes it to the county where the mobile home/manufacture home is located. The retailer has 30 days from the purchase to obtain the title, this is current law and doesn't change.

**Status: House Calendar**

**Natural Resources Committee**

**House Study Bill 65 – Licensing by Natural Resource Commission**

The bill allows minors at state institutions, residents of county care facilities, and people receiving supplementary assistance to fish without a license. In addition, people on active duty in Iowa can purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident prices.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 66 – DNR Technical Bill**

The bill removes the requirement that snow mobile titles have to be notarized. It also repeals the restore the outdoors program. The bill updates code language relating to wetlands to comply with federal law.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House File 68 – Watercraft Registration Fees**

The bill extends an increase in registration fees for watercraft for an additional 10 years.

**STATUS – House Floor**

**House File 82 – Lifetime Fur Harvester License**

HF 82 allows fur harvesters 65 years of age or older to purchase a lifetime license. The fur harvester has to be a resident to qualify for the license.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House File 162 – Crossbow Season**

The bill permits a resident to use a crossbow to hunt deer during the same time that hunting is allowed a muzzleloading rifle or pistol.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**House Study Bill 209 – Aquatic Invasive Species**

The bill helps prevent and control aquatic invasive species in waters of the state.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**Public Safety**

**House File 223-Explosives Permits**

This bill changes the current period of time for licenses for commercial explosives from one to three years. Prior to issuing or renewing a permit, the person is subject to a national criminal history check through the FBI. Fees for the check are paid by the applicant or their employer.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

**HF 159- Meth Precursors**

HF 159 adds four chemicals to the current list of 14 chemicals that cannot be possessed with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

**STATUS-IN SENATE**

**HSB 51-DNA Samples**

HSB 51 requires DNA sampling for all individuals, above the age of 18, who are convicted or receive a deferred judgment for an aggravated misdemeanor. Current law only collects DNA for those convicted of felonies. The bill makes an exception for aggravated misdemeanors found in §321 (traffic violations).

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 68-Office of Drug Control Policy Advisory Committee**

This bill updates the membership to the Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council. Additionally, this bill disbands the Pseudoephedrine Advisory Council.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HF 234-Social Host**

HF 234 adds the phrase “consume” to sections of the code that address under age possession of alcohol. Current law does not include consumption. The bill also prohibits the owner or lessee of a property from permitting a person under the legal age from consuming or possessing alcohol on the property.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 127-Law Enforcement Radios**

HSB 127 makes it a class “D” felony for removing or attempting to remove a communication device from a peace officer or corrections official.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 126-Speed Detecting Jamming Device**

HSB 126 updates the language in the Iowa code to prohibit the possession of equipment that would prevent speed detection lasers or radar being used by a peace officer from working.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 91-GPS Tracking**

HSB 91 allows peace officers to apply for warrants to place GPS monitoring devices. Current law only allows special state agents the ability to apply for these warrants.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 49/ HF 167- Newborns and Illegal Drugs**

HF 167 creates a new child endangerment offense that applies to the act or omission by a child’s mother that caused an illegal drug to be present in the body of a newborn. This offense is punishable as a class “D” felony.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 52/ HF 168- Marijuana as a Controlled Substance**

HF 168 classifies all marijuana as a schedule I controlled substance and removes the option for the Pharmacy Board to change the schedule of the drug for medical purposes.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 53/HF 222-Confidentiality of Warrants**

HF 222 allows non-sworn law enforcement personnel with a need and right to know to access court information about outstanding warrants, which can then be shared with sworn law enforcement officers.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 67/ HF 224-Privileged Communication**

HF 224 prohibits a peer support group counselor who receives information from an officer during counseling from sharing that information. The bill provides an exception if the officer gives permission for the disclosure.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 128-Interference with Official Acts**

HSB 128 provides that a person commits the offense of interference with official acts if their action results in bodily or serious injury to a peace officer. This bill shifts the focus of the law from injuries inflicted by the defendant to injuries sustained by the official.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 90- Drug Control and Prescriptions**

HSB 90 increases the penalty for distributing or acquiring prescription drugs without a legal prescription to an aggravated misdemeanor. The bill also requires a Medicaid Fraud warning on the prescription monitoring program. Additionally, the bill directs how the pharmacy lock-in program and information shall be kept.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**HSB 55-Drug Stamps and Synthetic Drugs**

HSB 55 expands the list of illegal drugs included on the list of taxable substances. It also raises the price for a "drug tax stamp". These stamps are supposed to be purchased by dealers before selling illegal narcotics. Additionally, the bill specifies that 1 gram of synthetic marijuana is the threshold for a dealer.

**STATUS- House Calendar**

**State Government Committee**

**HJR 7—James Harlan Statue**

HJR 7 provides that the statue of James Harlan that will be removed from the United State Capitol will be placed on permanent loan to Iowa Wesleyan College.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 20/HF 209—Complaints Filed with the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board**

This bill allows the chairperson of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board to determine whether a complaint is legally sufficient instead of requiring that determination be made by the entire board.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 21/HF 246—Secretary of State Technical Bill**

This bill addresses various technical issues with administering elections in the state of Iowa—including conforming to the federal MOVE Act, election office hours, and other consistency issues.

**Status: Passed House, Referred to Senate State Government Committee**

**HSB 22—Secretary of State Policy Bill**

This bill addresses various policy issues with administering elections in the state of Iowa—including changing the age to register to vote from 17 and a half to 17.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 23—Voter ID**

This bill requires voters to show the required proof of identification on election day in order to vote on a regular ballot.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 39/HF 185—Name Change-Ombudsman**

This bill changes the name of the Office of the Citizen’s Aide to the Office of the Ombudsman.

**Status: Passed House, Senate Calendar**

**HSB 40—Establishing a Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

This bill removes the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management from under the Department of Public Defense and makes it a stand-alone department.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 41/HF 380—Collection of Debts**

This bill applies the debt setoff procedure already in code for state debt to all political subdivisions (cities, counties, etc).

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 57/HF 131—Charitable Payroll Deductions**

This bill allows community colleges to offer payroll deductions to their employees for certain charitable organizations.

**Status: Passed House, Referred to Senate State Government Committee**

**HSB 59—Licensing of Sleep Technologists**

The bill requires the licensing of sleep technologists through the Board of Repertory Care.

**Status: Died in House State Government Committee**

**HSB 75—Special Assessments Imposed by Cities and Counties**

The bill provides that assessments to private property, as allocated to each lot, shall not exceed that portion of the total assessment that is proportionate to the individual benefit to the lot as compared to the total benefit of the public improvement.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 76—Propane Education and Research Council**

This bill removes the limit on the number of terms a councilperson can serve and eliminates the council's repeal. It also increases the assessment which funds the council from one-tenth of one cent on each gallon of propane sold to two tenths of one cent.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 112/HF 381—Horse Dosage Amounts**

This bill allows the Racing and Gaming Commission to place restrictions on the dosage amounts of phenylbutazone (horse aspirin) in stakes races as recognized by the Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 116/HF 308—Voter Registration Deadlines**

The bill requires the office of a county commissioner of elections to be open for at least eight hours on the two Saturdays preceding a general election. Under current law the requirement only extends to the Saturday before a general election. The bill further requires that voter registration closes at 5:00 p.m. 11 days before all elections.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 117/HF 350—Absentee Voting at the County Auditor Office**

This bill removes a provision in current law requiring that a voter be allowed to vote in person absentee at the county auditor's office from 8am until 11am on election days for elections where the polls open at noon (city and school elections).

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 189—Plumber's Licensing Reform**

The bill streamlines the licenses required to do work already covered under the law by creating a comprehensive mechanical license. This new license will cover work currently performed under the HVAC, refrigeration, and hydronic licenses. If a person wants to perform all of the work covered under the current law, a person has to get four total licenses (plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, and hydronic). Under HSB 189, the maximum number of licenses that someone needs to get would be two (plumbing and mechanical). Under the bill, specialization remains an option as well. If someone does not want to do all types of work, they may continue to get licenses for just the work they do.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 190—Municipal Fire & Police Pension IRS Clean Up**

This bill makes some technical changes in response to an Internal Revenue Service request. The changes were needed to qualify the plan federal tax purposes.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 191—Iowa Finance Authority Policy Bill**

This bill is the Iowa Finance Authority's policy bill. It transfers all I-JOBS Board duties to the Authority. It also makes some changes to clarify that IFA can contract directly with certain vendors as well as mirrors some federal tax policy on certain bond issues.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 192—Rulemaking Authority**

This bill provides that emergency rules cannot be filed unless the enabling legislation authorizes them. The bill also creates a rule of statutory construction that states that unless otherwise specifically provided in a statute—rulemaking authority shall be construed narrowly.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HSB 212—Study on Socioeconomic Impact of Gambling**

This bill eliminates the requirement that the racing and gaming commission conduct a socioeconomic study on the impact of gambling on Iowans every eight years.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 13/HF 186—Elimination of Straight Party Voting**

This bill eliminates the option to vote straight party for candidates of a party or nonparty political organization and applies to general elections and elections in which more than one partisan office is on the ballot.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 60—Local Option Sales Tax**

This bill relates to the approval and imposition of local option taxes. It allows voters of an individual city and the unincorporated area of a county to vote on a local option tax.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 166—Prosthetics Clean Up**

This bill makes some technical, definitional changes to the licensure bill passed in 2012 (SF 364). It also provides for a grandfathering provision for the licensure of some persons currently in one of these practices.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 249—Poppers and Snappers**

This bill legalizes the sale of poppers and snappers in the state of Iowa by changing the definition of fireworks to exclude them.

**Status: Died in House State Government Committee**

#### **HF 259—Electricians**

The bill provides that the electrical examining board be fully subject to the open meetings and open records requirements and that the office of citizens' aide or the Iowa public information board shall not be required to obtain a court order for the purpose of inspecting the detailed minutes and audio recording of a closed session of the board. The bill transfers authority regarding the establishing and collection of licensing and inspection fees, and control of the electrician and installer licensing and inspection fund, from the board to the state fire marshal.

**Status: House Calendar**

#### **HF 260—Plumbers**

The bill provides that the plumbing board be fully subject to the open meetings and open records requirements and that the office of citizens' aide or the Iowa public information board shall not be required to obtain a court order for the purpose of inspecting the detailed minutes and audio recording of a closed session of the board.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 332—Self Exclusion from Casinos**

This bill provides that an initial request to be voluntarily excluded from a casino will be for five years or for life (currently just life). An individual can also make a subsequent request for five years or for life.

**Status: House Calendar**

**Transportation Committee**

**HSB 56/HF 335—Online Driver's License Renewal**

The bill creates a mechanism for renewing a driver's license online.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 77/HF 395—Vehicle Franchise Agreements**

The bill states that a franchiser shall not unreasonably alter a franchisee's community. The bill provides for notification of any proposed alterations, as well as an explanation for the basis of the alteration.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 78—Department of Transportation Omnibus Bill**

The bill makes changes to Iowa's OWI law, prohibits texting/talking on cell phones while driving a truck, and removes the reduced vehicle registration fee for electric cars.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 92—Extension of Driver's License Validity**

The bill is a Department of Transportation bill extending validity of driver's licenses from five to eight years.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 135—Oversize/Overweight Vehicles**

This bill is a code update of the chapter on oversize/overweight vehicles.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 140—Handicap Parking Passes**

This bill increases the penalties for a person who fails to return a parking pass and subsequently misuses it.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 183—Duplicate License Fees**

This bill increases the driver's license or non-operator identification card duplicate fee from either one or three dollars to ten dollars.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 211—Special Vehicle License Plates**

This bill provides for the issuance of special vehicle registration plates with a space for the placement of a decal from an organization. Organizations wishing to sell license plate decals will have to go through the Department of Transportation for approval.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 14—Retractable Axles**

This bill allows trucks with retractable axles to raise an axle to negotiate a turn.



**Status: Passed House, Senate Calendar**

**HF 24/HF 236—Golf Carts**

This bill allows operation of golf carts on streets of a community within an unincorporated area.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 78/HF 354—Parking on the Left**

This bill allows drivers to park on the left side of a two-way street with its left-hand wheels against the curb in some circumstances.

**HF 194—Credit for Unexpired Annual Registration**

This bill extends the period in which a person may apply for a credit of the unexpired portion of their registration fees from 30 days to six months.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 263—All Terrain Vehicles**

This bill provides for the registration of all-terrain vehicles for operation on Iowa secondary roads.

**Status: House Calendar**

**Veterans Affairs Committee**

**HSB 30/HF 221 – Military Retirement Pay Exemption**

Would allow retired military personnel to exempt any and all federal military retirement pay from their state income tax.

**Status: In Ways and Means Committee**

**HSB 93/HF 280 – War Orphans Educational Assistance Fund**

Transfers the War Orphans Educational Assistance Fund into the Veterans Trust Fund as a separate spendable line-item category.

**Status: In House Appropriations Committee**

**HSB 98 – Veterans Property Tax Credits**

Veterans with a total 100% service-connected disability can claim a tax credit to pay no property tax. Creates a new property tax credit for veterans with a 50% service-connected disability that would keep property taxes the same from year to year. Also increases the amount of the Military Service Property Tax Exemption and expands eligibility.

**Status: In Ways and Means Committee**

**HSB 102 – County Veteran Commissions**

Makes several code changes to clarify the duties and responsibilities of County Veteran Commissions.

**Status: Passed out of Veterans Affairs Committee**

**HSB 123/HF 453 – Civil Service and Veterans Preference**

Creates an extra preference for veterans being appointed to serve as county deputy sheriffs. Also provides extra time for the veteran to take a civil service exam if they had been discharged between 45 days before or 60 days after the exam was administered.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 124/HF 420 – Military Voting**

Directs the Secretary of State's office to create an online system of voting for military and citizens who are overseas during general elections.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 130 – Iowa Veterans Home**

Makes several code changes relating to the Iowa Veterans Home regarding the types of care provided at the Home, admission requirements, requirements and qualifications of the Commandant, payments from members of the IVH, etc.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 130/HF 361 – Disabled Veteran Hunting Licenses**

Allocates 25 deer and 25 wild turkey hunting licenses to nonresident disabled (50% service-connected) veterans to conduct a hunt with a nonprofit organization that conducts these types of hunts.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HF 348 – Brain Injury Expenditure for Veterans Trust Fund**

Creates a new expenditure category to the Veterans Trust Fund for the purpose of screening or treating medical needs relating to a military service-connected traumatic brain injury.

**Status: House Calendar**

**Appropriations Committee**

**House File 160 – Mental Health Transition Fund Appropriation** – The bill appropriates \$11.6 million to 26 qualifying counties to assist in funding mental health services during the transition period. The funding comes from the Children's Health Insurance Program contingency fund allocation the state received in the fall of 2011. The bill requires counties receiving the funds to use them in ways that comply with federal law. House File 160 also addresses the issue of non-contiguous counties forming mental health regions in the redesigned system.

**STATUS – Passed by the House; in Senate Appropriations Committee**

**House File 245 – Cigarette Fire Safety Fund** – The bill addresses the fees collected by the Cigarette Fire Safety Fund. Currently the fees are deposited in the Fund and then contingently appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for use on fire safety and prevention programs. The bill strikes the contingent appropriation, and retroactively appropriates the funds collected since July 1, 2007 to the Department of Public Safety. After July 1, 2013, the fees shall be deposited in the General Fund.

**STATUS – House Calendar**

**Ways & Means Committee**

**HF 110/SF 106 - IRC Update Bill.** This is the annual bill proposed by the Department of Revenue to incorporate into Iowa income tax law the federal income tax changes enacted by Congress in calendar year 2012. Updates codes references, decouples from federal bonus depreciation, and provides certain taxpayers additional time to file a claim.

**Status: Signed by the Governor**

**HF 199 – Streamline Sales Tax Bill.** Iowa is a member of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, which administers state sales and use taxes in all participating states in a unified manner. Approximately \$14 million a year in sales and use tax revenue is collected from remote retailers. Every year the

Department of Revenue must make changes to ensure Iowa stays in compliance with the Sales Tax Governing Board Agreement.

**Status: Passed the House**

**HF 478** – Alternative Flat Income Tax of 4.5%. The tax would kick in at \$6,235 of income. The old system is preserved as well, so taxpayers will have the choice each tax year to file under the old system or the new one, whichever is more advantageous. Fiscal impact would be \$400 million per year and close to 40% of all filers would choose this option per the Department of Revenue estimates.

**Status: House Calendar**

**HSB 160** – Department of Revenue Technical Bill. This bill provides technical changes to the Iowa Code recommended by the Iowa Department of Revenue

**Status: House Calendar**