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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio Offers Second Chance to Drivers Struggling to Reinstate Their Licenses; WKSU, June 3, 2019](#)

[Summit County Calls on Ohio Senate to Support More Indigent Defense Money; Akron Beacon Journal, June 5, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, passed by the House, 5.9.19:
 - The bill contains several provisions of note, including:
 - Voluntary TCAP in every county
 - Increased funding for indigent defense reimbursement
 - Increased funding for specialized dockets
 - Continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidies, which may also be used for treatment and recovery supports



- **HB 136** (Rep. Hillyer) **Death Penalty & the Mentally Ill**, amended in committee and voted out of the House, 6.5.19. The bill prohibits the death penalty in cases where the offender has a specific mental illness at the time of the crime. The bill was amended to make life without parole mandatory if the mentally ill person is guilty but not death eligible under the bill (both retroactively and prospectively). A second amendment removed “major depressive disorder” from the list of possible ailments that would make someone not death-eligible under the bill (the rest of the list, retained in the bill, is: schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, and delusional disorder).
- **SB 156** (Sen. Gavorone) **Defrauding Alcohol or Drug Tests**, introduced 5.28.19. The bill bans the manufacture, sale, possession or use of fake urine in order to prevent people from using it to pass drug tests (an M2, with a repeat offense an M1). The bill also makes it illegal to use someone else’s urine to pass a drug test or to fail to report the use of fake or borrowed urine in a drug test.
- **HB 263** (Rep. Koehler) **Occupational Licensing & Criminal Convictions**, introduced 5.28.19. The bill requires licensing authorities to make a list of criminal convictions that would preclude a person from getting a license, relevant to the license type. The bill prohibits not issuing a license for any conviction that is not on the list, for a vague reason like “moral turpitude,” or at all after 5 years (with the exceptions of convictions for violent or sexually-oriented offenses). The bill prohibits not issuing a license for criminal charges that do not result in convictions or guilty pleas. Both an administrative and civil appeals process is created if the prohibitions in the bill are violated.
- **HB 270** (Rep. Merrin) **Unclaimed Funds Reform**, introduced 5.30.19. Under the bill, under certain circumstances, when an item owned by an individual who has died has been reported as an unclaimed fund, the department of commerce, after 45 days, shall distribute the item or pay the amount being held, plus any interest due, without requiring letters testamentary, letters of administration, or an Ohio estate tax release.
- **HB 272** (Reps. Hillyer, Oelslager) **Personal Jurisdiction**, introduced 6.4.19. The bill alters RC 2307.382, relative to civil actions, to allow a court to exercise personal jurisdiction not just for causes of action listed in that section, but on any basis consistent with the Constitution.

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