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**Legislation and Policy  
in the News:**

[Hearing on Ohio Bill to Limit Protest Ends in -- What Else? -- Protest; Columbus Dispatch, January 30, 2020](#)

[Temporary Ban Extended for Fentanyl-Related Drugs; Canton Repository, January 31, 2020](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 265** (Sen. Kunze) **Increased Penalty for Domestic Violence**, introduced 1.29.20. The bill increases the penalty for domestic violence if the victim is functionally impaired (defined as an infirmity caused by age or an impairment that prevents providing for own care or protection). Causing serious physical harm, now an M1, would be an F4 if the victim is functionally impaired; threatening harm, now an M4, would be an M3.
- **HB 476** (Reps. Hambley, Manning, D.) **Eminent Domain**, introduced 1.21.20. The bill creates veto authority over any appropriation of real property by an unelected public agency. The veto power rests with the elected body that appoints members of the public agency. If the property is being appropriated for a recreational trail, the municipal or township legislative authority has the veto, but not in counties with more than 1 probate judge (6 counties).
- **HB 477** (Rep. Kick, West) **Driving Privileges and Child Support**, introduced 1.21.20. The bill allows individuals whose license has been suspended for child support non-payment to apply to the DR/juvenile court for limited driving privileges. Hearings must be scheduled every 2 weeks to consider the application, and limited privileges must be granted if the license has not been suspended for another reason. The bill allows a judge, in any proceeding, who believes a defendant is incompetent to hold a license to submit a report to the BMV, which can require the defendant to submit to an examination. Additionally, any time a court suspends a license, the bill requires the court to grant limited driving privileges provided the offense that resulted in the suspension is unrelated to the operation of a vehicle or to the failure to comply with requirements for the use, possession, or registration of the vehicle.
- **HB 486** (Rep. Powell) **Create New Crime of Assisted Reproduction**, introduced 1.29.20. The bill creates the F3 crime of fraudulent assisted reproduction as well as civil actions, when a woman who is receiving assisted reproduction does not consent to the donor.
- The Ohio Public Defender Commission is seeking public comment on [guidelines for appointed counsel hourly rates and maximum fees](#). Comments on the proposed guidelines should be submitted in writing to: OPD, Laura Austen, 250 East Broad Street, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or [outreach@opd.ohio.gov](mailto:outreach@opd.ohio.gov) by 2.27.20. Additional information is available [online](#).
- The Chief Probation Officers Association is seeking nominations for the [2019 Vincent Polito Executive Leadership Award](#) for outstanding probation or community corrections work, due 3.1.20.
- **Did You Know?** The Ohio Judicial Conference, in conjunction with the Ohio Lawyers' Assistance Program (OLAP), organizes JAG, the **Judicial Advisory Group**. If you or a colleague needs help, more information is available [online](#).
- **THE DEADLINE TO SPEND OR ENCUMBER TCAP DOLLARS FROM FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 IS 6.30.20. MONIES NOT SPENT OR ENCUMBERED BY THE DEADLINE MUST BE REPAYED TO THE STATE.**

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