

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



July 8, 2024

### In Case You Missed It:

The OPD has updated their *Reimbursement Standards & Guidelines*, 6.24.24. Read the [memo](#); read the [updated standards and guidelines](#).

The Ohio BMV has a new court liaison, Kristie Davis. For expediting license error fixes, courts should use [BMVoutreach@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:BMVoutreach@dps.ohio.gov)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary & a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.

- **HB 56** (Reps. Plummer, White) **Increase in Penalty for Police Pursuit, Fleeing**, passed by the Senate and concurred on by the House, 6.26.24. The bill prohibits causing the death of or serious physical harm to another while operating a utility vehicle or mini-truck, increases penalties for fleeing from law enforcement and forms of stunt driving, and makes changes to the distribution of certain driving-related fees.
- **SB 94** (Sens. Brenner, Landis) **Mortgage, Towing Practices**, amended, passed by the House, and concurred on by the Senate, 6.26.24. The bill was amended to include key provisions of [HB 305](#), including: providing for e-filing of pleadings or documents in courts of common pleas, except juvenile and probate courts; in municipal courts, and in county courts, permitting an elected clerk to disburse funds for the computerization of the clerk's office without the court's authorization; and permitting municipal and county courts to increase the maximum amount of their additional fees from \$10 to \$20 to cover the computerization of the clerk's office.
- **HB 179** (Reps. Mathews, Stewart) **Vicarious Liability**, passed by the Senate, 6.26.24. The bill provides that the tolling of the limitations period during the defendant's absence or concealment does not apply to statutes of repose.
- **SB 214** (Sen. Kunze) **Criminal Record Sealing for Human Trafficking Victims**, passed by the House, 6.26.24. The bill expands the eligibility for victims of human trafficking to expunge criminal records.
- **HB 636** (Reps. Somani, Whitted) **Same Sex and Interracial Marriage**, introduced 6.27.24. The bill reconciles Ohio with federal law regarding same-sex marriage and provides for the right to interracial marriage.
- **HB 637** (Reps. Forhan, Stewart) **Uniform Public Expression Protection Act**, introduced 6.27.24. The bill relates to legal actions concerning protected speech.
- The Center for Jury Studies at the National Center for State Courts is now accepting nominations for the **G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation**. The award recognizes improvements or innovations in jury operations, management or technology. [Nominations](#) accepted until 9.13.24.
- Save the Date: The **OJC Annual Meeting** is September 19-20. Registration for the Annual Meeting will be made available in early July.
- Save the Date: On 8.12.24 and 8.13.24, Bowling Green State University, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Center for the Future of Forensic are hosting the 3rd annual **"Understanding and Using Forensic Science and Expert Testimony in the Courtroom"** continuing legal education (approved for 14.5 hours). [Register](#) by 7.28.24.

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