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LAW, LAW, EVERYWHERE A LAW

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It's that time of year again. July 1st is quickly approaching and there's a new list of laws going into effect. It can be difficult to figure out what passed and what didn't, so we're highlighting a few notable bills.

During the last Iowa legislative session, the ISPA worked on about 168 of the approximately 830 bills introduced during the session. If you were able to follow all of this, and know which bills passed and which didn't, I commend you. For the rest of us, our lobbyists have broken it down. The full report can be found [here](#).

What passed?

The following bills passed and were signed by the governor. The effective date is included.

- [HF 475](#) **SEARCH WARRANTS FOR GLOBAL POSITIONING DEVICES** — Cleared up an interpretation that only certain agents could get search warrants. Now any peace officer can apply. Effective 7/1/14.
- [HF 2289](#) **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES** — There was a lot of debate on “drones” during the session. Many of the bills aimed to prohibit law enforcement use of these devices. We were able to defeat many of these attacks and ended up with a study to determine if changes should be made to the code. Expect more discussion on this next session. Effective 7/1/14.
- [SF 2310](#) **UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION AND SOCIAL HOST** — Liability to host for premises used by persons under 18. Also added consumption of alcohol as an offense under 123.47. Effective 7/1/14.
- [SF 2360](#) **MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL** — There was a lot of debate on this topic, as expected. This narrow version was the only bill of this type to pass. Effective 7/1/14.
- [HF 159](#) **NEW PRECURSOR SUBSTANCES** — Four new substances were added to the list of substances that are illegal to possess with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance. Effective 7/1/14.

- [HF 2109](#) **PROHIBITION OF E-CIGS FOR CHILDREN**. E-cigs treated as tobacco, although no prohibition on smoking indoors. Effective 7/1/14.
- [SF 2297](#) **CONTAGIOUS DISEASE TRANSMISSION** — Updated and modernized the Contagious Disease Transmission law to include other diseases apart from HIV. It also changed the penalties based on more modern information on these diseases. Intent must be proven. Knowledge of disease does not prove intent. Effective 5/30/14.

What failed?

- This was a pension year but somehow we didn't see the usual attack on the public pension systems. The critics were still there, and introduced [SF2126](#), which called for the development of a **mandatory defined contribution plan** for all new hires. Fortunately it didn't gain much traction and failed to pass.
- [SF2294](#) would have legalized the sale and use of **fireworks** in Iowa. There was a lot of debate but this, too, failed to pass.
- [HSB572](#) required that all **custodial interrogations** at a place of detention be both audio and video recorded. The ISPA and other groups spoke out against this bill and were able to defeat it in subcommittee. Unfortunately this won't be the last time we see a bill on this subject.

These are just a few of the bills that we worked on this session. For the full report check out our website, www.ispaonline.com. A big thank you to all who made calls and sent emails throughout the session. With your involvement we will continue to be effective on legislative issues.