

PUBLIC SAFETY

IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

END OF SESSION, 2009

PSEUDOEPHEDRINE ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK

With the assistance of a federal grant totaling \$700,000, all pharmacies will track the sale of pseudoephedrine products through an electronic logbook. This will result in information collected being immediately sent to a central storage warehouse, which will enable law enforcement to better track persons who travel from store to store to store to purchase pseudoephedrine to make meth.

SF 237 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

SEX OFFENDER

Puts all persons who have committed a sex offense into one of three tiers based upon severity of crime. Those with the most severe crimes will be required to update their registry information with the county sheriff three times a year. Creates exclusionary zones and work restrictions if offender has committed a sex crime against a minor, and states that offenders cannot loiter within 300 feet of areas these zones which comprise of playgrounds, swimming pools, etc.

SF 340 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

DEPT. OF PUBIC SAFETY TECHNICAL BILL

States that repairs and renovations to an existing building owned by a state agency or the Regents are only subject to a review of the plans, rather than an onsite inspection. This will be done by the State Fire Marshal's office. Adds a ten year record keeping requirement when any law enforcement agency seeks a destruction order for a controlled substance from a court. Adds an exemption to the destruction of juvenile criminal records if that juvenile is required to be on the sex offender registry after the age of 21 years.

SF 209 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS

Created the "Volunteer Emergency Services Providers Job Protection Act," which will allow for a volunteer emergency service provider to bring a civil action against their employer if the volunteer is fired for reasons of being late or absent from work because they were responding to an emergency.

HF 671 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY BOARD

Requires one of the two fire fighters on the board to be a volunteer and the other a career fire fighter. Adds four legislative members who will be nonvoting members, to the board.

SF 108 – Signed; Effective March 19, 2009

TRAINING STANDARDS FOR RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS

Exempts reserve peace officers from the new training standards that went into effect on July 1, 2007, if they had completed the previous training requirements and were appointed prior to July 1, 2007.

HF 762 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

**911 CALLS TRIGGER
NOTIFICATION TO FAMILY**

Allows phone companies to develop technology that will enable the phone company, if 911 is dialed, to call a person that has been a designated as an emergency contact.
SF 154 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICY BILL**

Establishes a fine of \$500 for persons under the age of 21 years who enter or attempt to enter the gaming floor or wagering area at a gaming facility. Updates definitions to Iowa’s “pen register” law, which enables law enforcement to identify numbers called into or out of communication devices, such as phones and pagers, and ensures that action taken by Iowa’s law enforcement will be in line with federal law. Clarifies that if state troopers are working under the direction of federal officers, Iowa’s Tort Claim Act will still be applicable.
SF 380 – Signed; Effective July 1, 2009

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

- HF 676 Increases the standards that a sexually violent predator must prove in order to receive a final hearing in a civil commitment proceeding. (Signed; Effective July 1, 2009)
- HF 193 Establishes course standards, issuance process, reciprocity and an appeal process for persons who would like to carry a weapon. (Died on House Calendar)