



# KELLEY CAWTHORNE

## Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Update

### **Legislative Update for October 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

After last week's introduction of the auto no-fault reform proposal from Speaker Tom Leonard (R – DeWitt), Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, and House Insurance Committee Chair Lana Theis (R – Brighton), this week saw the first committee hearing on the legislation. The House Insurance Committee took testimony for approximately 12 hours on Tuesday. Despite the initial show of support at the unveiling, opposition to the bill has begun to grow, including from some democrats that initially supported the proposal. Additionally, a whip count of the committee after Tuesday's hearing indicated a deficit of four republican votes before the legislation can be reported to the House floor.

Speaker of the House Tom Leonard (R – DeWitt) ended months of anticipation on Thursday when he announced his candidacy for Attorney General. Leonard is a former assistant attorney general, and is campaigning on a platform of being tough on violent crime, addressing opioid problems, ending sanctuary cities, and helping those with mental health issues. He is running against Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker (R – Lawton).

### **Miscellaneous:**

Senator Stamas indicated that the House has told him they plan to run SB 264 & 265 on the House Floor the week Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports:**

The House Insurance Committee doesn't have a hearing scheduled yet for this week on HB 5103. The House Republicans have an offsite caucus retreat on Tuesday to discuss the issue. It is believed the Republicans are still shy of the necessary votes needed to pass the proposal.

The Law and Justice Committee voted out of committee HB 4585, 4590 & 4591. These bills would increase penalties for those that target police, fire or EMS.

Senate Government Operations took testimony on SB 594 & 595 which would allow for the creation of special police agencies. This is essentially privatizing law enforcement. It is being driven by the Huizenga Group which has contracts in other states for these services. Their website also discusses that they provide fire services as well. It's something that needs to be monitored.

The Senate Energy & Technology Committee continues to take testimony on SB 400. This bill amends the 9-1-1 Enabling Act to increase surcharges for 9-1-1. Revised drafts are being worked on currently. <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2017-SFA-0400-G.pdf>



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**Committee** Michigan Competitiveness

**Clerk Phone Number** Sondra Gordon 517-373-0910

**Location** Room 521, House Office Building, Lansing, MI

**Date** Wednesday, 10/11/2017

**Time** 8:15 AM

**Agenda** [HB 5040](#) (Rep. Chatfield) Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate collection of beginning September 30, 2018.  
[HB 5041](#) (Rep. Santana) Traffic control; other; educational outreach program for driver responsibility fee amnesty program; create, and provide funding.  
[HB 5042](#) (Rep. Love) Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate December 31, 2015 deadline for completion of form notifying department of treasury of individual's intent to perform community service.  
[HB 5043](#) (Rep. Hauck) Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate collection of for certain individuals who entered into an installment payment program.  
[HB 5044](#) (Rep. Bellino) Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate assessment beginning October 1, 2018.  
[HB 5045](#) (Rep. Phelps) Traffic control; other; reference in enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act to driver responsibility fees; modify.  
[HB 5046](#) (Rep. Marino) Traffic control; other; waiver of driver responsibility fee for successful participation in DWI sobriety court program; provide for on or after October 1, 2018.

**Chair** Lee Chatfield

### **Bill Introductions:**

[HB 5068 of 2017](#) Construction; code; requirements for certain storm shelters; exclude from building code. Amends sec. 4 of 1972 PA 230 (MCL 125.1504).

[SB 0605 of 2017](#) Public employees and officers; other; 1968 PA 317 regarding contracts of public servants with public entities; modify certain population thresholds. Amends sec. 3a of 1968 PA 317 (MCL 15.323a).

[SB 0353 of 2017](#) Labor; benefits; mandatory job interview information requirements; prohibit local units of government from establishing for employers. Amends sec. 4 of 2015 PA 105 (MCL 123.1384).



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**Bill Activity:**

**PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER**

*No activity at this time*