

VICTIMS' VOICE DAY SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

House Bill No. 6361, An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Program: *To establish a sexual assault forensic examiners program of specially trained nurses to provide immediate care and treatment to a victim of sexual assault and collect evidence pertaining to the investigation of any sexual assault.*

Section 8 of House Bill 6670, An Act Concerning the Rights of Crime Victims and the Duties of the Office of the Victim Advocate: *To formalize the process for a continuance in sexual assault cases where a minor child is the victim of sexual assault or the minor child is expected to testify.*

House Bill No. 6532, An Act Concerning the Statute of Limitations for Bringing an Action for Damages for the Sexual Assault of a Minor: *To allow an action to recover damages for personal injury to a minor caused by sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault after the statute of limitations has expired if there is newly discovered evidence.*

Senate Bill No. 646, An Act Excluding Sexual Assault and Other Violent Crime Victims from Jury Service in Certain Criminal Cases: *To excuse a violent crime victim from jury service on any criminal case where the defendant is accused of a violent crime in order to avoid further psychological trauma to the victim.*

VICTIMS OF DRUNK DRIVING

Senate Bill No. 152, An Act Prohibiting Open Alcoholic Beverage Containers in motor vehicles: *To prohibit the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages in the passenger area of a motor vehicle.*

Senate Bill No. 151, An Act Concerning the Use of Ignition Interlock Devices in Motor Vehicles: *To expand the use of ignition interlock devices in motor vehicles operated by persons convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol.*

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

House Bill No. 6494, An Act Concerning Teen Dating Violence Education: *To include teen dating violence education as part of the health and safety curriculum in public schools.*

ALL VICTIMS OF CRIME

Sections 6 & 7 of House Bill 6670, An Act Concerning the Rights of Crime Victims and the Duties of the Office of the Victim Advocate: *Establish the Victim Service Advocate Program Fund through a fine assessed to criminal defendants upon conviction of a felony or misdemeanor offense. The fund shall be used to provide additional victim advocates in criminal courts to assist all crime victims, not just those who suffer physical injury.*

Sections 4 & 5 of House Bill 6670, An Act Concerning the Rights of Crime Victims and the Duties of the Office of the Victim Advocate: *Create a balancing test, invasion of personal privacy vs. the public's right to know, based on a reasonable person standard, for the release of personal information that has been requested through a freedom of information request.*

House Bill No. 6705, An Act Concerning Habeas Corpus Reform: *Institute a 3 year statute of limitations for the filing of habeas corpus appeals to challenge an inmate's conviction.*

Sections 1, 2 & 3 of House Bill 6670, An Act Concerning the Rights of Crime Victims and the Duties of the Office of the Victim Advocate: *Allow the Office of Victim Services to provide burial expenses, for eligible surviving family members, in cases where an application has been denied based on contributory behavior of the victim.*

House Bill No. 6357, An Act Creating the Offense of Cyber Stalking: *Creates the offense of cyber stalking to protect victims from harassment, threats or intimidation through the use of a computer, computer network or other electronic device.*

VICTIMS OF ROBBERY AND LARENCY

House Bill No. 6519, An Act Concerning Pawnbrokers, Precious Metal and Stone Dealers and the Recovery of Stolen Jewelry and Precious Metals and Stones: *Requires pawnbrokers that are in receipt of jewelry and other items to record and retain the items for a period of time before resale.*

MISSING PERSONS

House Bill No. 6563, An Act Concerning the Investigation of Missing Persons Reports: *To establish procedures for law enforcement in the reporting and investigating cases of missing persons.*