



Legislative Subcommittee Meeting Minutes | February 20, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Impaired Driving Legislation Discussion
 - HB 291: Relating to occupational driver's licenses and to the renewal of driver's licenses.
 - Current issue is people who are in OMNI hold (due to unpaid tickets) and how that applies to getting an occupational driver's license
 - License is not suspended but in a state of non-renewal
 - Currently, not eligible for an occupational driver's license. Language to release from OMNI hold if payment plan is approved. However, judges are seeing people default on payments but still get their license renewed – OMNI hold is losing its use for compliance for paying fines
 - So, HB 291 will allow for the person with an OMNI hold to be released on an occupational license until the payment plan is completed. Improves compliance.
 - Goal: to get a tool where the person can legally drive, but the court can still take that away if the person doesn't do what they're supposed to do (i.e., pay fines via payment plan)
 - Direct to consumer sales/delivery sales will undo protections from the three tier system.
 - No compliance check framework for these services (e.g., not checking IDs)
 - HB 1131: Relating to the authority of a justice of the peace to issue a search warrant to collect a blood specimen from a person arrested for certain intoxication criminal offenses.
 - Adds JP to magistrate signing blood draw warrant by adding JP to a difficult exception. Will make it easier to get a blood search warrant.
2. Quarterly Report to Texas Impaired Driving Task Force
 - Clay to report to the task force on impaired driving legislation
 - Nicole to report on alcohol to legislation
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)
 - "Meet" via email before April TxIDTF meeting to discuss new bills filed and movement on bills
 - Microsoft Teams meeting in early June

ACTION ITEMS

1. TxIDTF Admin:
 - Initiate email discussion before April meeting
 - Doodle Poll for June meeting

2. Subcommittee Members:
 - a. Continue tracking bills
 - b. Provide Christine with any new bills on the list

Subcommittee Members:

- Clay Abbott, TDCAA
- Ned Minevitz, TMCEC
- Debra Coffey, Smart Start
- Judge Laura Weiser, TCJ
- Randy Sarosdy, TJCTC
- Tucker Bronson, TJCTC
- Nicole Holt, TxSDY