



Legislative Subcommittee Notes | April 7, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Impaired Driving / Marihuana Legislation Discussion
 - [SB 3](#) and [HB 28](#) Hearing (House State Affairs) April 7 at 8am
 - SB3 – Comprehensive THC Ban
 - Summary: SB 3 proposes a total prohibition on all THC products, regardless of source or concentration. This includes hemp-derived products that currently fall below the federal 0.3% THC threshold. The bill aims to close loopholes in the 2019 Texas hemp law that allowed for the sale of psychoactive THC isomers like Delta-8 and Delta-9 from hemp.
 - Status: Passed Senate; currently in House State Affairs Committee
 - HB28 – Regulated THC Market with Oversight Shift
 - Summary: HB 28 offers a more moderate approach by preserving the legality of THC-infused beverages and allowing on-site consumption, such as at bars. The bill would shift regulatory oversight of these products from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).
 - Concern with allowing on-site consumption, specifically at establishments that serve alcohol
 - Status: In House State Affairs Committee
2. Bill Tracking
 - [HB 750/HB 1482](#) – Felony DWI Parole Ineligibility
 - Summary: These bills seek to make individuals convicted of felony DWI ineligible for parole, even for non-violent or first-time felony offenders. This change would effectively remove participants from DWI Court programs, which are designed to provide treatment and rehabilitation as alternatives to incarceration.
 - Estimated \$1 billion cost due to increased incarceration rates and longer prison terms.
 - Status: No DWI Court judges testified – increasing likelihood of passage
 - Numerous bills filed enhancing penalties (e.g., involving pedestrians, children, etc.)
 - A consolidated bill was proposed but not carried; may reappear as a floor amendment
3. Report to Cannabis & Alcohol Subcommittee
 - Delay sending the bill list and committee report until Thursday or Friday

- Plan to reconvene the Cannabis & Alcohol Subcommittee after the Legislative Subcommittee completes bill review
4. Quarterly Report to Texas Impaired Driving Task Force: April 17, 2025
 - Add Nicole Holt to agenda
 5. Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)
 - June (prior to June 14)

ACTION ITEMS

1. TxIDTF Admin:
 - a. Continue tracking bills
 - b. Schedule next meeting for early June
2. Subcommittee Members:
 - a. Clay/Nicole to report out at task force meeting on April 17
 - b. Continue tracking bills

Subcommittee Members:

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