

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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As is typical during the weeks leading up to the adjournment of the General Assembly, some bills moving through the process get changed dramatically. Sometimes the entire contents of a bill are “gutted” (i.e. totally removed) and then replaced with new legislative language that is totally unrelated to the original content.

In other situations, the original content of the bill remains intact, but other legislative proposals are added to the bill that are totally unrelated to the original content. That happened this week to a bill in the House Rules Committee.

These dramatic changes to legislative bills occur when: (1) bill sponsors are trying to keep a legislative initiative alive and moving through the process, but their original legislative bill has not been moving; or (2) a legislator decides to pursue a new legislative initiative on a topic for which no bill was introduced prior to the bill filing deadline. Sometimes these strategies are successful, and sometimes they are not. Their chances for success often depend on whether or not the legislator pushing the issue is in a leadership position or is otherwise well-respected by their legislative colleagues.

This week the Senate adjourned on Wednesday and the House adjourned on Thursday morning. The House is scheduled to return for Session on Monday evening and the Senate is scheduled to return on Tuesday morning.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 206](#), [Various Transportation Changes](#), has been amended to clarify that a designated handicapped parking space would also include the clearly marked access aisles for the parking space. Therefore, any vehicle without a handicapped placard that blocks clearly marked access aisles would be subject to the same penalties applicable to parking within the handicapped parking space. The bill has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 217](#), [DIT Changes.-AB](#), which is summarized in the April 26, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended to require any person employed as a telecommunicator by a municipal police agency, such as a police department, to obtain telecommunicator certification through the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. Currently, municipal police agencies can elect to have their telecommunicators obtain this certification, but they are not required to do so. The bill has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to

Governor Roy Cooper for his signature. **This bill is SUPPORTED by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and by the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police.**

[HOUSE BILL 228](#), Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board, which is summarized in the March 1, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective date of October 1, 2019, unless noted otherwise in the bill.

[SENATE BILL 9](#), Female Genital Mutilation/Clarify Prohibition, which is summarized in the February 1, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective date of October 1, 2019.

[SENATE BILL 321](#), Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM, which is summarized in the July 25, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[SENATE BILL 413](#), Raise the Age Modifications, which is summarized in the March 29, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective date of December 1, 2019. **The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association SUPPORTS – HIGH PRIORITY this bill.**

[SENATE BILL 584](#), Criminal Law Reform, which is summarized in the April 5, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

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