

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report



July 18, 2008

The General Assembly adjourned this year's Session at 4:47 p.m. today. During the 2007-2008 legislative Session, 4,979 legislative bills were introduced for consideration. The closing days of this year's legislative Session were managed well by the General Assembly leadership to avoid the chaos that often surrounds the last week or two of the Session. The leadership managed to wind up this year's activities without an all-night session, like we have experienced in past years.

For any legislative bills pending upon adjournment today, the Governor has 30 days to sign the bill, veto it or allow it to go into law without his signature. Any bills not acted on by the Governor within that 30 day time period will automatically become law on Monday, August 18, 2008.

In keeping with the General Assembly's usual custom, the last few days of the Session included remarks from and on behalf of departing legislators who will not be returning for the 2009 Session. Notable among that group is Representative Joe Kiser of Lincoln County, a former Lincoln County Sheriff who has served many years in the General Assembly and who decided to retire and not run for re-election this year. Sheriff Kiser has been a tremendous advocate on behalf of North Carolina's Sheriffs and the entire criminal justice system during his tenure in the General Assembly. His dedication, common sense, wit, tenacity, knack for cross-examining speakers in committee and his friendship will be missed by all of us who have had the privilege of working with him.

In the next few weeks, we will prepare an NCSA Final Legislative Report that summarizes all of the legislation enacted into law in 2008 of interest to the Sheriffs of North Carolina and other criminal justice professionals. Our NCSA Final Legislative Report will also include a summary of significant legislation that was not enacted into law this year.

The General Assembly will reconvene at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

BILL STATUS

HOUSE BILL 274, Street Gang Prevention Act, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 887, Amend Criminal Offense of Stalking, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 933, Jessica Lunsford Act for North Carolina, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 1230, Nonprofit & Tourism ABC Law Changes, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 1624, Frequency of Parole Reviews, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2167, Towing of Recreational Boats/Exemption, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2340, Transporting Children in Open Bed of Vehicle, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2341, Child Passenger Safety Technician Liability, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2397, Nursing Home Administrators & General Assembly/ Criminal History, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2431, Studies Act of 2008, was enacted into law. This bill authorizes or requires the Legislative Research Commission and other committees and state agencies to study various issues between now and when the General Assembly convenes in January of 2009.

HOUSE BILL 2492, Amend Release of Juvenile Escape Information, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2570, Create Permit for Movement of Trailer Frames, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

HOUSE BILL 2779, Bertie Deer Hunting, was enacted into law. Effective: October 1, 2008.

HOUSE BILL 2788, 2008 Appointments Bill, was enacted into law by the General Assembly. It includes the appointments of persons by the General Assembly leadership to various state boards and commissions.

SENATE BILL 132, Protect Children From Sexual Predators Act, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 180, Prohibit Certain Sweepstakes, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 685, Up Penalties Cross Burn/Illegal to Hang Noose, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 1100, State Highway Patrol Funeral Expenses, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 1407, Resale of Tickets via Internet, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 1632, 2008 Technical Corrections Act, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 1695, Vehicle Size and Weight Changes, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 1770, Expand Medical Examiner Jurisdiction/Funds, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 1799, DMV Record Checks and License Changes, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 2056, Court Fee Exemption, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

SENATE BILL 2081, NICS Reporting/Restoration, was approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Easley for his signature.

If you would like a copy of any of the legislation introduced or considered by this year's General Assembly, copies are available on the General Assembly's World Wide Web site: www.ncleg.net.

You may also receive one copy of as many bills as you are interested in, free of charge, by calling the General Assembly's Printed Bills office at 919/733-5648. They will need to know if it is a House bill or Senate bill and the bill number. (For example, Senate Bill 8).

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