

House Committee Reports

January 27, 2010

The following bills were released from committee today:

JUDICIARY:

HB 304 – This seeks to increase the penalties on those who commit sexual assault on a juvenile, between the ages of 16 and 18, and “stands in a position of trust, authority or supervision” over the victim.

TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

HJR 8 – This joint resolution would create a task force and pilot program to determine the feasibility of allowing state-approved vehicle safety inspections to be performed by Delaware automobile and truck dealerships. As an HJR, it needs to pass both chambers of the General Assembly and be signed by the governor to be enacted.

HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

SB 172 – This bill would allow qualified certified nursing assistants to assist HIV/AIDS patients, residing in residential group homes, with the self-administration of medication.

GAMING & PARIMUTUELS:

SB 188 w/SA 1 – This bill would establish laws needed to make it illegal to cheat while playing table games in Delaware.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY:

HB 281 – This measure seeks to require those convicted of felony-level DUI offenses to submit to “electronic alcohol monitoring” for a period of six months following their release. The monitor would be paid for at the convict’s expense.

HB 299 – This bill is intended to fix an oversight of HB 204, which was enacted in the wake of the death of Delaware City paramedic Michelle Smith. “Michelle Smith’s Law” was intended to protect first responders by increasing the penalties against those that intentionally injure or kill them. However, Michelle Smith’s Law failed to include paramedics or emergency medical technicians. HB 299 adds these occupations to those designated as first responders, as well as fire marshals and fire police.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/BANKING/INSURANCE/COMMERCE:

HB 314 – Deals with the regulation of “captive insurance” companies.

ENERGY:

SB 189 – Specifies the state will not be obligated by bonds issued by the Sustainable Energy Utility.