Legislative Report for February 2017

Motorcycle and Transportation Bills

- **HB4013** – Allow paperless registration and proof of insurance
  - 11-Jan-2017: Referred to committee of insurance

- **HB4024** – Extend driver license renewal from 4yr to 8yr
  - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to committee of transportation and infrastructure.

- **HB4040** – Vehicle registration fees; exempt senior citizens from increases.
  - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to Committee on Government Operations

- **HB4042** – Operating a motor vehicle without valid driver license; Increase penalties and require police officers to take certain actions:
  - 18-Jan-2017: Referred to committee on Law and Justice
HB4062 – Traffic regulation; traveling in extreme left-hand lane

- THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE THAT IS OVER TAKING AND PASSING ANOTHER VEHICLE PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) MAY EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT FOR THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY UPON WHICH THAT VEHICLE IS TRAVELING, SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
  (A) THE DRIVER MAY EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT BY NO MORE THAN 10 MILES PER HOUR.
  (B) THE DRIVER MAY ONLY EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT HE OR SHE IS OVERTAKING AND PASSING THE OTHER VEHICLE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) AND FOR NO LONGER THAN 10 SECONDS AFTER HE OR SHE HAS SAFELY OVERTAKEN AND PASSED THE OTHER VEHICLE.
  (C) THIS SUBSECTION ONLY APPLIES WHILE THE VEHICLE IS TRAVELING ON A PORTION OF A HIGHWAY THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF A VILLAGE OR CITY OR WITHIN A SCHOOL ZONE.

- 26-Jan-2017: referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

HB4108 – Speed restrictions when passing

- UPON A ROADWAY HAVING 2 OR MORE LANES FOR TRAVEL IN 1 DIRECTION, THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE IN THE EXTREME LEFT-HAND LANE SHALL NOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE HIS OR HER VEHICLE IN THAT LANE IF HE OR SHE KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT HE OR SHE IS BEING OVERTAKEN IN THAT LANE FROM THE REAR BY A VEHICLE TRAVELING AT A HIGHER RATE OF SPEED. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES: (A) TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, INCLEMENT WEATHER, OBSTRUCTIONS, HAZARDS, OR COMPLIANCE WITH A LAW OF THIS STATE OR AN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MAKE IT NECESSARY TO DRIVE IN THE EXTREME LEFT-HAND LANE.

- 18-Jan-2017: referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SB0046 – Eliminate the requirement that emergency lights be mounted on the roof of an authorized emergency vehicle

- 18-Jan-2017: Referred to committee of transportation
Other Bills in Lansing

- **HB4033 – HB4035 – Absentee voter; issue upon voter's request without requiring justification**
  - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to Elections and Ethics Committee

- **HB4037 – HB4039 - Automatic voter registration when receiving driver license or identification card**
  - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to Elections and Ethics Committee

- **HB4053 – Establish English as the official state language**
  - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to the committee of Government Operations

Ohio Bill Update

- **Ohio House Bill 154 Signed into law and will go in effect March 21st 2017**
  - To amend sections 4511.132 and 4511.27 of the Revised Code to provide that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is three feet or greater, and to alter the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights.

Florida Bill Update

- **Florida House Bill 6008: Mandatory Helmet Bill**
  - Removes provisions authorizing certain persons over 21 years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties.
  - **Last Action**: Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Monday, January 09, 2017