



HOUSE PASSES GUN BILL; FAILED CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILLS BACK ON THE TABLE

The Michigan House of Representatives has passed H.B. 4159, which would allow current and retired COs to carry firearms in pistol-free zones.

The bill was passed 89-21 with bipartisan support.

Next the bill will go to the Senate Judiciary Committee. If it passes a committee vote, it could be called for a vote before the entire Senate.

MCO officials are pleased this bill has been moving along. Let's keep the momentum going — call your senator and ask for a yes vote, if H.B. 4159 is called to the Senate floor for a vote. You can look up

your senator at mco-seiu.org.

To those who contacted their representative this month in support of H.B. 4159, thank you! Your voice makes a difference in Lansing.

Two criminal justice reform bills that failed in the last legislative session have been reintroduced.

If approved, H.B. 4137 would put a two-year cap on probation for certain offenders. The five-year cap would remain for those convicted of certain crimes. H.B. 4138 calls for presumptive parole when inmates reach their minimum

sentence, with some exceptions.

The bills died at the end of the last legislative session after the attorney general and certain law enforcement groups spoke out against them.

Representatives Kurt Heise and Martin Howrylak reintroduced the bills earlier this month.

Joe Haveman, the former representative who made the first push for the bills, testified in favor of the bills before the House Criminal Justice Committee this week. The committee did not take a vote. A future hearing date has not been set.

We'll keep you posted on these bills.

AROUND THE STATE: STOP ORDERS AT ST. LOUIS; SPUD JUICE AND MORE AT SRF

Two Aramark workers at SLF were put on stop order for overfamiliarity this month.

One stop order came this week, and the other was issued earlier this month. In both cases, a woman working for Aramark was allegedly overfamiliar with an inmate working

in food service.

Recent events at Saginaw:

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• Inmate found in possession of a weapon during strip search.

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• Three-inmate fight in 500 unit. All

three taken to seg.

• Two-inmate fight in 600 unit while returning from chow.

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• One ounce of tobacco found in an inmate's area of control.

• Three gallons of spud juice found in an inmate's area of control.

• A tattoo needle found in an inmate's area of control.



LOOK FOR STATE SURVEY MARCH 9

MCO encourages all members to take the state employee survey,

which launches March 9.

State employees will get the survey by email. It can be taken from work or home this year. The deadline to respond to the survey is

March 30. The state takes great efforts to make the survey completely anonymous.

This is your chance to share your true feelings with the Department. Your honest feedback could help the Department improve operations, employee relations or other areas.

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