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Legislative Update

Below is a list of legislation the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission is tracking. We encourage you to become familiar with these proposals, as they could affect Ohio's Latino community. To read a complete list of tracked legislation, [click here](#).

Senate Bill 251 - Drone Usage by Law Enforcement

[SB 251](#) generally bars a law enforcement officer from using a drone to gather evidence and information in a criminal investigation unless the officer has a search warrant or there are extenuating circumstances involving the immediate danger of a person. Drones would be permitted to look at crimes scenes, traffic accidents, or to locate missing persons. The bill provides procedures regarding possible disciplinary action against a law enforcement officer who violates the law. SB 251 legislation has been referred to the Government and Oversight Reform Committee where it awaits a hearing.

Related Articles:

Cleveland Plain Dealer - [Drone use by police would be restricted under
Ohio Senate bill](#)

ABC 6 - [Ohio first responders explore drone programs](#)

House Bill 392 - Domestic Violence Protection Against Intimate Partners

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Upcoming Events:
**Human Trafficking:
Awareness and
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**Latino Youth Summit,
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**HCC and TSJ Media
Job Fair, Columbus -
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**Small Business Forum,
Marietta - June 7**

**Fiesta of Hope,
Cleveland - June 10**

[HB 392](#) grants several new protections to victims of domestic violence in Ohio. Namely, the Court of Common pleas would be authorized to issue a civil domestic violence protection order for an intimate partner of a person who commits domestic violence. Law enforcement agencies would be required to maintain an index of intimate partner protection orders and consent agreements provided by the courts, which is crucial to enforcement of the protection orders. Under the bill, the Attorney General would be required to include in the crime victims' bill or rights pamphlet notice of the right of an intimate partner who is a victim of domestic violence to a protection order. Intimate partners who are victims of domestic violence would be provided access to domestic violence shelters. The legislation has been referred to the Judiciary Committee where it awaits a hearing.

House Bill 537 - Protection of Sexual Orientation and Religious Affiliations for Marriage and Employment

[HB 537](#) would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or religious affiliation in regards to marriage and employment. The bill ensures that any couple, regardless of sexual orientation, can be married by an elected official and/or judge if they have a marriage license; the elected official or judge is unable to refuse. It also protects ministers, pastors, and other leaders with religious affiliations to deny the request to solemnize a marriage if the sexual orientation of the couple does not coincide with their belief system. Inherently, the bill also protects against discrimination of sexual orientation and protection of religious beliefs in the workplace. The legislation currently stands as introduced, and awaits a committee referral and further hearing.

**Ohio Medical
Interpreting
Conference, Columbus
- June 25**

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