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Legislative Update

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission tracks a variety of legislation that could affect Ohio's Latino community. Below are a few legislative bills that may be of interest to you. For a complete list of tracked legislation, [click here](#).

[House Bill 538](#) - Penalties for Improper Denial of Driver's Licenses

HB 538 would adopt rules to establish a training program for deputy registrars and their employees in appropriately identifying all types of documentation necessary for issuing a driver's license, as well as establishing a cultural competency component. HB 538 would also adopt rules to establish an administrative penalty to any deputy registrar that improperly denies a driver's license to an eligible applicant. The House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety Committee heard sponsor testimony from Rep. Kevin Boyce on HB 538 earlier this month.

[House Bill 539](#) - Establish Office for New Americans

HB 539 would establish an Office for New Americans as part of the Governor's executive cabinet. The office would represent the interests of new Americans, defined as people residing within the state of Ohio who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, by increasing access to ESOL training, providing resources and connections to new Americans, advising the Governor on issues concerning new Americans, and assisting local governments in developing activities to enhance civic engagement. On May 5, 2016, the House Chamber referred HB 539 to the Government

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Accountability and Oversight House Committee. Currently there are no hearings scheduled for HB 539.

[House Bill 575 - Public Benefits Eligibility for Immigrant Domestic Violence Victims](#)

HB 575 would remove the 5-year ineligibility period for Medicaid, Ohio Works First, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for immigrant VAWA recipients that have been subject to battery or extreme cruelty. Representative Kevin Boyce (D-Columbus) introduced this legislation on May 23, 2016. The House Chamber has not yet referred HB 575 to a committee.

[Senate Bill 256 - Biased Policing Training](#)

SB 256 works to stop the use of biased policing and status-based profiling by implementing training requirements for peace and law enforcement officers, prohibiting law enforcement officers from engaging in biased policing or status-based profiling, and requiring law enforcement agencies to maintain a policy against biased policing and status-based profiling. SB 256 also establishes a reporting system to the Attorney General's Office regarding all stops related to biased policing and status-based profiling, and creates a civil cause of action for individuals who are victims of biased policing or status-based profiling. The Senate Chamber referred SB 256 to the State and Local Government Senate Committee on January 20, 2016. Currently there are no hearings scheduled for SB 256.

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