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## [ipamemberlist] Post-Funnel Lobbyist Report

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Legislative deadlines are like spring cleaning. Bills that aren't being seriously considered are sent to the recycling bin, decluttering the desks (and minds) of legislators, lobbyists, and anyone watching the legislative process. The first of those deadlines, called a funnel, hit on Friday, March 3. Bills that did not make it out of their committee of origin by the end of last week are officially "dead" for the rest of session.

The first funnel deadline ended debate on hundreds of bills but left plenty of controversy for the remaining seven (or so) weeks of session. Among the dead is legislation that would have ended licensure of social workers, mental health counselors, and dozens of other professions; prohibited health care workers from asking about a patient/client's gun ownership; required partisan balance among faculty at universities and colleges; licensed behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts; called for a collaborative approach to addressing health care workforce shortages; conducted a study of the state's prescription pain medication abuse; banned conversion therapy; ended the certificate of need process for hospitals and medical clinics; reinstated the death penalty; defined life as beginning at conception; expanded the use of medical marijuana and allowed for in-state production/distribution; legalized the sale of machine guns; protected good Samaritans seeking help for overdoses; made changes to the Medicaid managed care system; opposed the proposed federal elimination of the AmeriCorps program; and ended the annual ritual of setting our clocks back in the fall (keeping daylight savings time as the standard).

Unfortunately among the dead was IPA priority [HF 423](#), which would have paved the way for reimbursement for supervised work performed by post-doctoral residents and pre-doctoral interns. The bill was introduced too close to the funnel deadline; it was never even assigned to a subcommittee. The issue, however, is not dead. We will continue to advocate for this to be addressed through other avenues, including rules and in the budgeting process. Stay tuned.

But don't worry, there is still plenty of controversy in the bills that survived, including a ban on abortions after 20 weeks, massive rewrite to the state's gun laws (including stand your ground legislation), voter ID legislation that also ends straight-party voting, ban on sanctuary cities, minimum wage pre-emption, caps on medical malpractice non-economic damages, reductions in worker's compensation benefits, forced break-up of the Des Moines Water Works, elimination of the state's nearly 40-year-old can/bottle redemption law, legalization of fireworks and fantasy sports,

Surviving on our tracking list include:

- Insurance coverage for applied behavior analysis for children with autism ([HF 215](#) & [SF 400](#))
- Allowing non-physician mental health professionals, including psychologists, to provide voluntary and involuntary commitment treatment, screening, and reporting ([HF 319](#))
- Licensing of genetic counselors ([HF 444](#))
- Another study on geriatric sex offenders ([SR7](#) & [HR7](#))
- Mandate that hospitals and MHIs use the psychiatric bed tracking system ([HF 156](#))
- Work group to address service needs of individuals with complex mental health, disability, and substance use disorders (also [HF 156](#))

The IPA Bill Tracker is updated daily, so you can watch the progress of bills of interest. [You can also see the full list of bills in the IPA Bill Tracker here.](#)

- Two excel files are attached - a list of IPA-flagged bills surviving the funnel, and a list of IPA-flagged bills that didn't make the cut.

The end of the funnel also signals a turn of attention toward budgetary matters, which should bring more discussion on IPA priorities. Ahead in coming weeks:

- Public hearings on Monday (March 6): Des Moines Water Works (10 am), state preemption (5 pm), and voter ID (7 pm).

- Public hearing on worker's compensation benefit changes (Tuesday, March 7 @ 6 pm).
- Floor debate to move bills into position for second funnel (March 31).
- Revenue estimating conference (March 14 @ 11 am)
- Budget targets soon after REC (expected the following week).

So far, revenue estimates are still trailing expectations, so March estimates will likely not give much wiggle room for lawmakers. Policy bill debates haven't been much fun this year; don't expect budget discussions to be any relief.

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 **IPA Bills (Dead).xls**  
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