

*Legislative Report*  
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1. I have e-mailed my Action Alert to ADSAI members urging them to contact their State Representatives to oppose HB 1275. This bill would allow canine odor providers to obtain a detective or a private security license without examination!

This is a **MUST KILL BILL**.

2. SB 1427, the so-called Displaced Worker Bill, was held in the Senate Rules Committee.

This is a big win for ADSAI and AGPA.

3. Our own bills, HB 1506 (Saviano) and SB 463 (Millner) are out of Committee in the House and Senate. However, the Department is insisting on changes, which I will not be able to review until they have provided me with the precise language.
4. HB 1282 (Saviano) is a Department bill, which if enacted, would make it easier for the Department to access documents and records from licensees. I have expressed our opposition to the Department and it is considering modifying the language, however, I have not yet seen their proposed changes. The Department insists they must have this power.
5. HB 1271 would allow a person who lacks the required management experience to take the alarm contractors examination. IESA opposed the bill and it is being held in Committee.

TAXES

1. HB 750 and SB 750 which increase the income taxes and extends the State sales tax to 44 specific services, including "Investigation Services," will be heard in a House Committee March 20. The bill now has 22 co-sponsors.

I plan to express our opposition. However, at this time, I do not expect a vote to be taken.

2. The Governor's massive tax program has not as yet been introduced, but I expect it to emerge as an amendment to another bill very soon. That program consists of a Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) and a payroll tax. It is my understanding that income from all professional services will be taxed at 1.8%. Businesses would be prohibited from showing the amount of the tax on a billing to customers.

Obviously, we will be opposing all of these ill-advised proposals.

NOTE: I am a part of a coalition of business organizations and an action strategy is being developed to oppose that legislation. The plans call for a "GRT Lobby Day," tentatively set for Wednesday, April 18 in Springfield.

The legislative schedule calls for a recess starting April 1st. The next two weeks will be “spring break” and the General Assembly will return on April 17. In other words, legislators will be home the first two weeks in April. I urge each of you to take advantage of that time to express your opinions to your State Senator and State Representative. I do not expect adjournment on May 31, as was originally scheduled. My guess is that we will continue into June.

There may be questions as to whether non-profit organizations would be included in the GRT. At this time, I understand they will not.