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LD 1078 An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 85 enables a trained nonsworn member of a law enforcement agency to serve as a public safety traffic flagger to control vehicular traffic at emergency scenes in the same manner that firefighters and members of emergency medical services control vehicular traffic.

LD 1170 An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility or Jail

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 266 creates new Class D crimes for the unauthorized possession of a firearm in a correctional facility and unauthorized possession of a firearm in a jail or on the premises of a correctional facility or jail. The law exempts a person who has stored a firearm out of sight in a locked motor vehicle that is on the premises of the correctional facility or jail.

LD 1171 An Act To Curtail No-knock Warrants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 267 defines "no-knock warrant" as a warrant that authorizes execution of the warrant without the law enforcement officer first announcing the authority for the execution of the warrant and the purpose of the warrant. The law provides that any warrant that is executed without waiting at least 20 seconds after the announcement of authority and purpose before making entry is a no-knock warrant. The law prohibits the use of no-knock warrants, except in the event of imminent risk of death or bodily injury to persons and when a recognized exception to the warrant requirement, such as exigent circumstances, allows unannounced entry. The law requires an officer executing a no-knock warrant to wear an official uniform and, if provided by the officer's law enforcement agency, a body-worn camera worn in accordance with agency policies. The law limits the use of stun grenade, stun distraction or other similar devices during the execution of a no-knock warrant to officers trained in the use of such a device during the execution of the warrant.

LD 1245 An Act To Ensure the Provision of Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to Firefighters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 442 requires each municipal fire department and volunteer fire association to provide properly fitting protective clothing and equipment to firefighters. The equipment must meet or exceed the requirements of the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the National Fire Protection Association. The