



**ILLINOIS SHERIFFS'
ASSOCIATION**

Legislation Update: 01/12/2021

ACTION NEEDED NOW!

Thanks to the support of our members and the community, HB 163 had over 19,000 opposed Witness Slips filed! We cannot thank you enough for your continued action on behalf of keeping citizens of Illinois and Law Enforcement safe. Keep it coming!

The identical language on HB 163 has now also been filed on HB 3653 as Senate Amendment #1.

Please do not stop contacting legislators. **We have 24 hours left** to keep this from happening and have heard that they may try to amend the bill. Now is NOT the time to make sweeping changes that threaten our safety.

Sign the Petition [HERE](#)

House Resolution Shows Support for Law Enforcement!

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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States of America, for more than two
3 hundred and forty years, has moved in the direction of being a
4 society of laws and not of individual men nor women; and

5 WHEREAS, In order to create a society of laws, it is
6 necessary, a requirement of every ordered nation around the
7 world, that the society place one of its toughest burdens, the
8 day-to-day enforcement of law and order, upon a professional
9 group of service officers who are trained to fulfill this role;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The American people have, up until now, been
12 distinguished among all the people of the world in our unique
13 understanding of, and respect for, the burdens faced by law
14 enforcement first responders, the men and women we call "the
15 police"; and

16 WHEREAS, In the extraordinary year of 2020, which has now
17 come to an end, all U.S. first responders have faced
18 unprecedented challenges as part of their day-to-day work;
19 because of the nature of police work and the people with whom
20 police officers have to deal, this is and must be, as there is
21 no alternative, a special burden, a special challenge, for

22 first responders in the field of law enforcement; and

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1 WHEREAS, Perhaps because of the conditions of this
2 extraordinary and tragic year, 2020, many Americans, many
3 well-meaning Americans, many good Americans, have become
4 confused; all of us are bearing our own weights, and so in a
5 time when we should be showing our uniformed men and women of
6 law enforcement more understanding than ever, some are showing
7 them less; and

8 WHEREAS, Crimes committed by police against our citizens
9 cannot nor will not be tolerated; these individuals must be
10 held accountable and prosecuted for their acts; and

11 WHEREAS, The great vast majority of men and women who wear
12 the badge are committed to their mission of protecting
13 law-abiding citizens and enforcing the laws of the State of
14 Illinois, and they should not be vilified with legislation that
15 diminishes their ability to serve, nor legislation which is
16 punitive to those who serve honorably; and

17 WHEREAS, At a time when the City of Chicago sadly tallied
18 774 murders in 2020, a 50% increase from 2019, the General
19 Assembly should be working to reduce crime, not moving flawed
20 legislation through a "lame duck session"; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

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1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 the sponsors of this resolution are committed to effective and
3 thoughtful changes to the criminal justice system and policing
4 in a bipartisan transparent manner with all stakeholders
5 represented, and this approach on issues of this importance
6 will serve the State of Illinois and its citizens well; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That the sponsors of this resolution affirm our
9 support for the men and women of Illinois who wear the badge.