



Ohio Township Association

Legislative Alert

January 3, 2020

Legislative Action This Week

Legislature on Break

The Ohio General Assembly continued its winter break this week. Sessions are scheduled to resume for the House on January 29th and for the Senate on January 22nd.

Legislative Meetings

This week, the OTA spoke with Rep. Scherer's office regarding village dissolution. Additionally, the OTA spoke with Rep. Baldrige and Rep. Abrams's offices regarding the township omnibus bill ([HB 444](#)) in preparation for hearings when the House returns from break.

Bill Introductions

[HB 462 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES](#) (Ghanbari) - Regarding health care coverage for law enforcement and public safety officers who have retired under the Public Employees Retirement System.

ORIL Research Project

On behalf of Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals, this survey is being conducted as part of the ORIL research project: Intersection Modifications Using Modular and Mini-Roundabout Methods.

The project aims to understand and also evaluate best practices in the use of mini/modular/traditional roundabouts. Your professional perceptions and experiences will help researchers of this project in developing standards for the design and implementation of mini/modular roundabouts.

To assist with this project by participating in the survey, please click [here](#).

OTA Conference Volunteers

The OTA is in need of workshop volunteers for the 2020 OTA Winter Conference!

If you are interested in serving as a sergeant-at-arms for one or more of our workshop sessions, please email Heidi Fought at fought@ohiotownships.org.

Federal Update



NATaT Celebrates Legislative Success

On Friday, December 20th, President Trump signed into law two spending packages totaling \$1.4 trillion, averting a government shutdown. The bills included all 12 annual appropriations bills for fiscal year 2020, which include full funding for NATaT's priority programs.

The spending packages signed into law also included two major legislative victories for NATaT:

1. **Repeal of the "Cadillac Tax,"** which would have imposed a 40% excise tax on certain employer-provided healthcare plans.
2. **Passage of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA),** which will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax benefits and up to \$600 per year in other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel from employment taxes and wage withholding. NATaT worked to get these benefits into law from 2007 to 2010 and has been working since they expired December 31, 2010 to reinstate these benefits.

2020 Census



All Your Information for the Upcoming 2020 Census

PSAs Available

The US Census Bureau has provided a selection of public service announcements intended to help educate the public. You may access them [here](#).

[US Census Website](#)

[Ohio Census Website](#)

The 2020 Census is headed your way! And it's so important that your township gets an accurate count. This section will help you get information out to your friends and neighbors to ensure residents in your area are counted. Check here for weekly information and links to important documents and resources.

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