



INDIANA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS COUNCIL

302 W. Washington Street, Room E-205

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2767

www.in.gov/ipac

Phone: (317) 232-1836

Fax: (317) 233-3599

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 2016

Tippecanoe Prosecutor Seeks Traffic Enforcement Within Apartment Complexes

Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Patrick Harrington and officials from the city of Lafayette today asked the Indiana General Assembly to grant law enforcement officials of Indiana communities the ability to enforce traffic laws within residential apartment complexes.

Sen. Brandt Hershman, sponsor of SB 216, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the bill came about during a "ride along" with the Lafayette Police Department when officers said residential apartment complexes have traffic issues such as failure to yield or stop, speeding or driving on the wrong side of the road. Sen. Hershman's bill provides that owners of residential apartment complexes may contract with local law enforcement to enforce traffic ordinances within the property.

"Apartment complexes are residentially dense and most have playgrounds and children are endangered when certain individuals know that traffic laws do not apply within the complex," said Prosecutor Harrington. "If police are in there, it's a safer area."

Lafayette Police Chief Patrick Flannelly told the committee, "It's a great tool for us. It's a great opportunity for us to enhance partnerships with community members."

The bill passed the committee 7-1 and will go to the full Senate for further consideration.

- End -

About the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council: The IPAC is a non-partisan, independent state judicial branch agency that supports Indiana's 91 prosecuting attorneys and their chief deputies. It is governed by a 10-member board of directors of elected prosecuting attorneys. The IPAC assists prosecuting attorneys in the preparation of manuals, legal research and training seminars. It serves as a liaison to local, state, and federal agencies, study commissions, and community groups in an effort to support law enforcement and promote the fair administration of justice.

Media contact: Connie Smith, Public Affairs Officer, 317-233-3923, cosmith1@ipac.in.gov