

New Mexico Medical Society Legislative Report - Final **March 30, 2015**

The New Mexico Legislative Sixty day session ended March 21, 2015 with the capital outlay bill reaching an impasse and dying on adjournment, causing in its wake many bills to die. The House and Senate introduced 1,731 bills and only 221 (13%) passed both chambers - several of which were NMMS priority bills. As of press time, HB122 [Scope of Practice of Health Professions], SB325 [Limits Non-Compete Contractual Provisions for Healthcare Practitioners], and HB369 [Genetic Analysis Informed Consent Exception] are all on the Governor's desk waiting to be signed. SB121 [Vaccine Purchase Act] was signed by Governor Martinez before the end of the session and HM9 [Health Care Transition Study for Special Needs Children] was signed by Officers of the House on March 12th and enacted.

A special thank you goes out to all the members who called and wrote legislators this session, urging support of NMMS-backed bills. The contact that you, physicians, have with state legislators make all the difference in the world on getting these bills supported (or voted down in some cases). Thank you.

2015 NMMS PRIORITIES

Bill: HB122
Sponsors: McMillan (R37)
Title: SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Summary: (Related to 2014 HB143, HJM9, HM28, SB14, SB58, SB76, SB329) Requires that a member or licensee of a health profession licensing board who seeks a change in the scope of practice shall request a hearing from that board on the matter. The board shall collect data, make a technical assessment of the proposed change and report its analysis, conclusions and recommendations to the New Mexico Legislative Council. The council shall assign the proposed change to a committee for its review and shall report on its assessment, analysis and recommendations to the Legislature.
Status: 03/27/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/13/2015—H Prefiled in the House.
01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/16/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Health.
02/23/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
02/27/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/27/2015—H Passed 57-0.
03/03/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Rules.
03/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/13/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules.
03/18/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/20/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—S Passed 37-0.
03/26/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed.
03/26/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.
03/27/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.

Bill: HB259
Sponsors: Trujillo, J. (D45)
Title: GROSS RECEIPTS DEDUCTION FOR RECEIPTS OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS
Summary: Amends the existing deduction for receipts of a health care practitioner from managed care organizations or health care insurers. Removes the restriction that payment be for services rendered within the practitioner's scope of practice. Adds that receipts of the practitioner from deductibles paid by the insuree or enrollee are deductible. Sunsets this deduction January 1, 2021.
Status: 02/19/2015 – House Ways and Means Committee
History: 01/29/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.

01/29/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
01/29/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/19/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Health.

Bill: **HB369**
Sponsors: Cook (R56)
Title: GENETIC ANALYSIS INFORMED CONSENT EXCEPTION
Summary: Existing statute prohibits genetic analysis on a person without first obtaining informed and written consent, with a number of exceptions. The bill adds another exception to consent, thereby authorizing a laboratory to conduct an analysis or test of a specified individual based on a written order from a health care practitioner (or agent).
Status: 03/30/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 02/09/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/09/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/04/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/07/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/07/2015—H Passed 60-0.
03/12/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/12/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/18/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/20/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—S Passed 40-0.
03/30/2015—H Note: Previously E&E'd by House.
03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate (Senate Message dated 03/26/15).
03/30/2015—H Note: (Received by House 03/30/15, 9:24 a.m.).

Bill: **HM9**
Sponsors: Adkins (R29)
Title: HEALTH CARE TRANSITION STUDY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
Summary: Requests DOH's Children's Medical Services Program and UNM's Center for Development and Disability to convene a task force to study ways to improve the system of health care transition for New Mexico children and youths with special health care needs.
Status: 03/12/2015 – Signed by Officers of House
History: 01/26/2015—H Introduced and placed on Speaker's Table.
02/03/2015—H Removed from Speaker's table.
02/03/2015—H Referred to House Health.
02/03/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/05/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Appropriations & Finance.
03/10/2015—H Passed 70-0.
03/12/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed.
03/12/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.

Bill: **SB121**
Sponsors: O'Neill (D13); McMillan (R37)
Title: VACCINE PURCHASING ACT
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Cited as the Vaccine Purchasing Act, establishes a statewide universal vaccine purchasing program within the Department of Health. The purpose of the program is to expand and improve rates of childhood immunizations, facilitate acquisition of vaccines by health care providers and leverage funding for purchase, storage and distribution of vaccines for children who are not eligible under the federal Vaccines for Children Program.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Signed by the Governor
History: 01/08/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/06/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/03/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.
03/04/2015—S Committee referrals changed.
03/04/2015—S Referral withdrawn from Senate Finance.
03/05/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/05/2015—S Passed 41-0.
03/06/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/14/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/14/2015—H Passed 55-0.

03/17/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/17/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.
03/17/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.
03/20/2015—G Signed by the Governor.

Bill: SB189
Sponsors: Beffort (R19)
Title: GOOD SAMARITAN LIABILITY IMMUNITY FOR AIDING PERSON IN NEED OF DEFIBRILLATION
Summary: Changes the standard for immunity from civil liability under the Cardiac Response Act for persons who render emergency care or treatment by the use of an automated external defibrillator.
Status: 03/27/2015 – Signed by Officers of Senate
History: 01/14/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/11/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Public Affairs.
03/02/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
03/03/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/03/2015—S Passed 39-0.
03/05/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/05/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/19/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—H Passed 62-0.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate (Enrolling & Engrossing pending).
03/27/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/27/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.

Bill: SB325
Sponsors: Ingle (R27)
Title: LIMITS NON-COMPETE CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS
Summary: (Similar to 2014 HB76 and SB46; similar to 2013 SB608 and 2013 HB642) Limits enforceability of contractual conditions involving certain healthcare practitioners who are under contract to health businesses. Declares a non-compete provision void, in a contract that restricts the right of a health care professional to provide health care services, upon the termination of the agreement (or extension) or the practitioner's employment with a party seeking to enforce the agreement. Applies to agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2015.
Status: 03/19/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/28/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/28/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/05/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/12/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
02/17/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/17/2015—S Passed 37-3.
02/23/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
02/23/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/16/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/17/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/17/2015—H Passed 55-0.
03/19/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/19/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.
03/19/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.

Bill: SB422
Sponsors: Beffort (R19)
Title: PAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATION AND PEER REVIEW
Summary: (Related to 2015 SB24 and 2014 SB186) Imposes requirements on licensing boards and health care practitioners regarding pain management. Amends the Pain Relief Act to require that no later than July 1, 2015, health licensing boards shall adopt rules to implement the act, determine whether the prescriptive practices of its health care practitioner licensees who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances are consistent with the appropriate treatment of pain for patients with substance use disorders. Provides for peer review of opioid prescribers; makes peer review confidential; provides penalties for unauthorized disclosure; makes consent to peer review a condition of licensure. Makes an appropriation.
Status: 02/03/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee

History: 02/03/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: SM68
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: HEALTH CARE TRANSITION STUDY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
Summary: (Identical to HM9) Requests DOH's Children's Medical Services Program and UNM's Center for Development and Disability to convene a task force to study ways to improve the system of health care transition for New Mexico children and youths with special health care needs.
Status: 03/11/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/09/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
02/09/2015—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/11/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules.

Clinical Issues

Bill: HB390
Sponsors: Herrell (R51)
Title: RESTRICTS ACCESS TO ABORTION
Summary: Renames the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act as the "Late-Term and Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act;" prohibits abortion after 20 or more weeks of gestation; provides exceptions and penalties. Also provides that hospital employees and others who object to the practice of abortion may opt out of participating in medical procedures. Also repeals the criminal abortion statute.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/09/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/09/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/23/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/02/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/06/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/06/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Rep. Yvette Herrell).
03/06/2015—H Note: The House Speaker rules Floor Substitute 1 (Egolf) is not related to original bill..
03/06/2015—H Note: Motion to appeal ruling of the House Speaker (Egolf).
03/06/2015—H Note: Ruling of the House Speaker has been sustained 36-31.
03/06/2015—H Passed 42-26.
03/10/2015—S Received in the Senate.
03/10/2015—S Note: Motion to refer HB390 solely to SFC (Sen. Sharer) fails, 18-24.
03/10/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/10/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/20/2015—S Note: Motion to withdraw HB390 from all committees to hear on the Floor (Sen. Sharer) failed 16-23.

Bill: HB391
Sponsors: Baldonado (R8)
Title: PHYSICIAN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON ABORTIONS
Summary: Proposes the Parental Notification of Abortion Act to require notification of a parent or guardian when an abortion is to be performed on a minor. Creates exceptions; requires detailed reporting by physicians; imposes penalties on physicians. Also repeals the criminal abortion statute.
Status: 03/10/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/09/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/09/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/23/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/02/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
03/06/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/06/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Rep. Alonzo Baldonado).
03/06/2015—H Passed 39-28.
03/10/2015—S Received in the Senate.
03/10/2015—S Note: Motion to refer to Committee of the Whole (Sen. Sharer) fails, 17-25.
03/10/2015—S Note: Motion to refer solely to SCORC (Sen. Sharer) fails, 17-25.
03/10/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/10/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: HB504
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: MANDATES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR GYNECOLOGICAL AND OBSTETRIC SERVICES
Summary: Proposes to amend the Public Assistance Act, the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Preferred Provider Arrangement Laws, the Insurance Code, the Health Care Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to ensure access to gynecological and obstetric services. Also proposes a new section of the Insurance Code to provide for confidentiality of health care services.
Status: 02/19/2015 – House Health Committee
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/19/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Bill: HB522
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: NO IMMUNIZATION FOR NONDENOMINATIONAL RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
Summary: From the allowable exemptions from required child immunizations, strikes filing of an affidavit or written affirmation by a child's parent or guardian that his religious beliefs, held either individually or jointly with others, do not permit administration of the vaccine or immunization.
Status: 02/19/2015 – House Health Committee
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/19/2015—H Also referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.

Bill: SB81
Sponsors: Morales (D28); James (R24)
Title: EMS PRE-HOSPITAL PROTOCOLS FOR STROKE PATIENTS
Summary: Proposes to amend the Public Health Act to provide for new pre-hospitalization protocols for stroke patients and to expand the allowable sources of accreditation for stroke centers.
Status: 03/24/2015 – Signed by Officers of Senate
History: 12/21/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/06/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
02/20/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/24/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/24/2015—S Passed 38-0.
02/26/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/26/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
03/13/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/17/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—H Passed 52-0.
03/18/2015—S Received in the Senate (Enrolling & Engrossing Pending).
03/24/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed 03/21/15.
03/24/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate 03/21/15.

Bill: SB89
Sponsors: Moores (R21)
Title: UNM APPROPRIATION: BRAIN SAFE PROGRAM
Summary: Appropriates \$3,000,000 (GF) to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 2016 for the Brain Safe program for university athletes.
Status: 02/27/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 12/21/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/27/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Education.

Bill: SB431
Sponsors: Soules (D37)
Title: BRAIN INJURY TRAINING FOR STUDENT ATHLETES
Summary: Requires annual brain injury training for student athletes at the beginning of the academic year or the first participation in school district athletic activities, confirmed by a brain injury training and information form signed by the student athlete and the athlete's parent.
Status: 03/18/2015 – House Judiciary Committee

History: 02/03/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.
02/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/18/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Education.
03/04/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/12/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/12/2015—S Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Sen. Howie Morales) Voice Vote.
03/12/2015—S Passed 18-16.
03/13/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/13/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.

Bill: SB437
Sponsors: Brandt (R40)
Title: RESTRICTS ACCESS TO SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION
Summary: Requires a physician performing or inducing an abortion to have physician admitting privileges and to facilitate access to medical records and emergency medical assistance.
Status: 02/03/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/03/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: SB652
Sponsors: Torracco (R18)
Title: WOMAN’S INFORMED DECISION ACT
Summary: (Similar to 2013 HB122; related to 2015 HB391, SB437) The proposed “Woman’s Informed Decision Act” requires that, at least 24 hours prior to performing an induced abortion, a physician provide the patient with information concerning risks, fetal development, alternatives, and other information before a woman may give her voluntary and informed consent to the abortion. Provides procedures for emergencies that compel performing the abortion without 24 hours’ notice.
Status: 02/19/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/19/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/19/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Department of Health - Studies and Funding

Bill: HB84
Sponsors: Trujillo, C. (D25)
Title: FREESTANDING BIRTH CENTER LICENSURE
Summary: Amends the Public Health Act to include freestanding birth centers in the definition of health facilities licensed by the Department of Health, and provides that such a center accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Birth Centers shall be granted a license renewal based on that accreditation.
Status: 03/26/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/08/2015—H Prefiled in the House.
01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Safety & Civil Affairs.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
02/09/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Safety & Civil Affairs.
02/24/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
02/26/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/26/2015—H Passed 62-0.
03/03/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/14/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/19/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—S Passed 36-0.
03/25/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed (03/24/15).
03/25/2015—H Signed by Officers of House (03/24/15).
03/26/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.

Bill: HB99
Sponsors: Clahchischilliage (R4)
Title: DOH APPROPRIATION: LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS
Summary: Appropriates \$900,000 (GF) to Department of Health for expenditure in FY 2016 to fund county and tribal health councils' identification of local communities' health needs and development of strategies to address those needs pursuant to the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act.
Status: 02/04/2015 – House Appropriations and Finance Committee
History: 01/08/2015—H Prefiled in the House.
01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/04/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.

Bill: HB244
Sponsors: Roch (R67)
Title: STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FINANCING STUDY
Summary: Provides \$300,000 (GF) to Department of Health, DOH, for use in FY 2016 for a study to be conducted by DOH's Injury Prevention and Emergency Medical Services Bureau within the Public Health Division. The study is to determine how the state can best finance emergency services statewide.
Status: 02/19/2015 – House Appropriations and Finance Committee
History: 01/28/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/28/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/19/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.

Bill: HB420
Sponsors: Lundstrom (D9)
Title: APPROPRIATION: COORDINATED CANCER SERVICES
Summary: Appropriates \$25,000 (GF) to DOH for expenditure in FY 2016 to provide coordinated cancer prevention, research and education services, including access to clinical trials in rural areas.
Status: 02/26/2015 – House Appropriations and Finance Committee
History: 02/12/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/12/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.

Bill: SB137
Sponsors: Lopez (D11)
Title: PREVENTION OF BIRTHS AMONG ADOLESCENTS
Summary: Provides \$500,000 (GF) to the Department of Health, DOH, for use in FY 2016 to implement statewide comprehensive programming to prevent births among adolescents.
Status: 03/04/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/08/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/04/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: SB362
Sponsors: Ivey-Soto (D15); McMillan (R37)
Title: ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES AND DOH FUNCTIONS
Summary: A 63-page bill relating to essential health services and DOH functions; sexually transmitted infections; conditions of public health importance; communicable diseases; isolation and quarantine and school health care oversight.
Status: 03/16/2015 – House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/29/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/29/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/16/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Public Affairs.
03/02/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
03/05/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/05/2015—S Passed 37-0.
03/06/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/06/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/16/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Health.

Bill: SB404
Sponsors: Munoz (D4)
Title: RURAL CLINICAL TRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CANCER PATIENTS
Summary: Provides \$100,000 (GF) to the Department of Health, DOH, for use in FY 2016 to provide coordinated cancer prevention, research and education services. The authorization includes access to clinical trials in rural areas. DOH is to provide the services through a nonprofit statewide network of health care providers engaged in conducting clinical trials, providing educational services to physicians and patients and coordinating with organizations that provide support services to cancer patients and their families.
Status: 02/27/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 02/02/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/02/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/27/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs

Hospital/Triage Issues & Staffing

Bill: HB81
Sponsors: Trujillo, C. (D25)
Title: PATIENT SAFE STAFFING ACT
Summary: (Identical in substance to 2014 HB83 and SB151) Proposes the Patient Safe Staffing Act in order to ensure that hospitals maintain a safe number of nurses on duty at all times. Vests the Department of Health with authority to administer the act, require reports from hospitals for purposes of publication and audit, and adopt rules. Provides a \$100,000 General Fund appropriation to DOH.
Status: 01/26/2015 – House Regulatory and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/08/2015—H Prefiled in the House.
01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Health.

Bill: HB139
Sponsors: Salazar, T. (D70)
Title: DESIGNATION AND TRAINING OF AFTER-CARE LAY CAREGIVERS
Summary: Directs hospitals to provide each patient or patient's legal guardian with an opportunity to designate one lay caregiver following the patient's admission and before the patient's discharge. Directs the hospital to consult with a designated lay caregiver to prepare the lay caregiver for aftercare, to provide a discharge plan detailing the patient's aftercare needs, to engage the patient or lay caregiver in the discharge planning process and to educate the lay caregiver in a manner consistent with current accepted practices.
Status: 03/30/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/16/2015—H Prefiled in the House.
01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
02/17/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/05/2015—H Referred to House Judiciary.
03/05/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Business & Employment.
03/19/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
03/19/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—H Passed 54-2.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/20/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/21/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/21/2015—S Passed 26-12.
03/30/2015—H Note: Previously E&E'd by House.
03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate (Message dated 03/26/15).
03/30/2015—H Note: (Received by House 03/30/15, 9:24 a.m.).

Bill: HB212
Sponsors: McMillan (R37); Papen (D38)
Title: REIMBURSEMENT PARITY FOR CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER SERVICES
Summary: Directs Department of Health, to adopt and promulgate rules to establish a reimbursement rate for services provided to recipients of state medical assistance at a crisis triage center that, at a minimum, equals the reimbursement rate for the same services provided at a hospital.
Status: 03/19/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/27/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Transportation & Public Works.
01/27/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
01/30/2015—H Referral withdrawn from House Transportation & Public Works.

01/30/2015—H Referred to House Health.
01/30/2015—H Referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/17/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Appropriations & Finance.
03/03/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/03/2015—H Passed 64-0.
03/05/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/05/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/11/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/17/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
03/18/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—S Passed 38-0.
03/19/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed.
03/19/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.
03/19/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.

Bill: SB117
Sponsors: Rodriguez (D24)
Title: SUNSETS COUNTY OBLIGATION TO SAFETY NET CARE POOL FUND
Summary: (For the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee) Sunsets on December 31, 2018, the obligation of counties to pay the state's Safety Net Care Pool Fund annually an amount equal to that raised by a gross receipts tax rate of one-twelfth percent.
Status: 03/16/2015 – House Ways and Means Committee
History: 01/08/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
02/25/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
02/26/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/26/2015—S Passed 40-0.
03/02/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
03/02/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
03/16/2015—H Reported without recommendation by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.

Bill: SB191
Sponsors: Neville (R2)
Title: HSD PAYMENTS TO COUNTY HOSPITALS
Summary: Amends the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act to require Human Services Department, HSD, to make quarterly payments for indigent care from the Safety Net Care Pool Fund to qualifying county hospitals. These payments are equal to, or may be in excess of, the county's contribution to the fund for the corresponding quarter—depending on the amount of indigent care provided by a county hospital.
Status: 01/22/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/16/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: SB284
Sponsors: Lopez (D11)
Title: PATIENT SAFE STAFFING ACT
Summary: (Duplicate of HB 81) (Identical in substance to 2014 HB83 and SB151) Proposes the Patient Safe Staffing Act in order to ensure that hospitals maintain a safe number of nurses on duty at all times. Vests the Department of Health with authority to administer the act, require reports from hospitals for purposes of publication and audit, and adopt rules. Provides a \$100,000 General Fund appropriation to DOH.
Status: 03/07/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/25/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
03/07/2015—S Reported without recommendation as amended by Senate Judiciary.

Information Systems - Electronic Records

Bill: SB309
Sponsors: Beffort (R19)
Title: HEALTH RECORD INTEROPERABILITY COMMISSION
Summary: Establishes the Health Record Interoperability Commission to convene stakeholders and develop a plan for the interoperability of electronic health records across health care providers statewide.
Status: 03/18/2015 – House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/04/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/14/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/18/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—S Passed 38-0.
03/18/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.

Bill: SB323
Sponsors: Moores (R21)
Title: SAFE DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION
Summary: Proposes to amend sections of the Health Information System Act to provide for the safe disclosure of information related to specifically identifiable data sources; proposes a new section of the act to establish a Health Information System Advisory Committee.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/20/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
03/05/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.
03/06/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/06/2015—S Passed 26-0.
03/07/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/17/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—H Passed 52-0.
03/18/2015—S Received in the Senate (Enrolling & Engrossing pending).
03/20/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/20/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.
03/20/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.

Bill: SB474
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: SAFE DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION
Summary: (Substituted by SB323) Proposes to amend sections of the Health Information System Act to provide for the safe disclosure of information related to specifically identifiable data sources; proposes a new section of the act to establish a Health Information System Advisory Committee.
Status: 03/05/2015 – Substituted by another bill
History: 02/05/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/05/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/20/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
03/05/2015—S Substituted in Senate Judiciary by SB323.
03/05/2015—S Note: see SB323 for succeeding entries.

Insurance & Payments

Bill: HB17
Sponsors: McCamley (D33)
Title: ESTABLISHES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE ID CARD REQUIREMENTS
Summary: Proposes new sections of the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Health Care Maintenance Organization Law, the New Mexico Insurance Code and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to establish health care coverage ID card requirements.
Status: 03/18/2015 – Senate Calendar
History: 12/16/2014—H Prefiled in the House.

01/22/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/22/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
01/30/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
02/12/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted as amended by House Ways & Means.
02/16/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/16/2015—H Passed 44-0.
02/24/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/24/2015—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/10/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/18/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: **HB224**
Sponsors: Madalena (D65)
Title: PROVIDES PARITY BETWEEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OTHER HEALTH BENEFITS
Summary: Proposes new sections of the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Health Care Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to provide for parity between behavioral health benefits and other benefits. Also adds certain behavioral health benefits to the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability Act.
Status: 02/19/2015 – House Ways and Means Committee
History: 01/28/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/28/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
02/19/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.

Bill: **HB258**
Sponsors: Garcia, Miguel (D14)
Title: PATIENT FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
Summary: (Similar to 2013’s HB208) Amends the Insurance Code, under the Freedom of Choice section, to include a licensed professional mental health counselor or therapist among the list of practitioners that an insured person has the right and freedom to choose for treatment of an illness or injury. That right shall not be restricted under any new policy of health insurance, contract or health care plan.
Status: 03/30/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/29/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
01/29/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/14/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/14/2015—H Passed 65-0.
03/17/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/19/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/21/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/21/2015—S Passed 39-0.
03/30/2015—H Note: Previously E&E’d by House.
03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate (Message dated 03/26/15).
03/30/2015—H Note: (Received by House 03/30/15, 9:24 a.m.).

Bill: **HB388**
Sponsors: McMillan (R37)
Title: COST SHARING LIMITS FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES
Summary: (Identical to SB359) Proposes new sections of the Health Care Purchasing Act, the New Mexico Insurance Code, the Health Care Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to establish limits on cost sharing for physical rehabilitation services.
Status: 03/03/2015 – House Business and Employment Committee
History: 02/09/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/09/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
03/03/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.

Bill: **HB480**
Sponsors: Baldonado (R8)
Title: HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES NOT INSURERS
Summary: (Duplicate of 2015 SB475) Defines a “health care sharing ministry” and provides that such an entity shall not be considered to be engaged in the business of insurance for purposes of the Insurance Code.
Status: 03/16/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/18/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/18/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.

03/05/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/11/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Business & Employment.
03/13/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/13/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Rep. Alonzo Baldonado).
03/13/2015—H Passed 39-24.
03/16/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/16/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: **HB556**
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: REQUIRES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BRAIN INJURY SERVICES
Summary: (Similar to 2014 SB52) Proposes new sections of the Health Care Purchasing Act, the New Mexico Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law that require coverage for services related to brain injury.
Status: 03/19/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/19/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
03/10/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Reported without recommendation by House Business & Employment.
03/18/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—H Passed 46-0.
03/19/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: **SB3**
Sponsors: Leavell (R41); Larranaga (R27)
Title: INSURANCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT CHANGES
Summary: Provides for the compensation of the State Insurance Superintendent to be established by the Insurance Nominating Committee, instead of by the Legislature in the Appropriations Act, at the beginning of each term and annually thereafter.
Status: 03/19/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/29/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/03/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
02/20/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Finance.
03/03/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/03/2015—S Passed 35-5.
03/05/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
03/05/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
03/09/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Business & Employment.
03/16/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/16/2015—H Passed 65-0.
03/19/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/19/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.
03/19/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.

Bill: **SB12**
Sponsors: Candelaria (D26)
Title: REQUIRES GROUP INSURANCE COVERAGE TO COMBAT OBESITY
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) (Identical to SB64 2014, except for effective date; related to SJM10) Proposes a new section of the Health Care Purchasing Act to require that beginning on January 1, 2016, all group health coverage (including any form of self-insurance) that is offered, issued or renewed under the Health Care Purchasing Act must provide coverage for obesity prevention and screening as well as for interventions to promote weight reductions and treat obesity.
Status: 02/02/2015 – Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/02/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: **SB152**
Sponsors: Morales (D28)
Title: HEALTH SECURITY ACT
Summary: (Similar to 2013 HB262) Proposes the Health Security Act to make health care coverage available to all New Mexicans through a
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combination of public and private financing. Participation is mandatory for holders of private insurance. Seeks to control escalating health care costs and improve health care for all New Mexicans. The act creates a Health Care Commission, charged with developing and adopting a plan to provide for certain preventive health care to be offered to all New Mexicans, regardless of a person's eligibility to participate as a beneficiary. An individual is eligible for coverage if physically present in the state for one year prior to the date of application for enrollment. Private insurance may not be provided to a beneficiary for health care that is covered by the plan; however, a beneficiary may purchase private, supplemental benefits and insurance for benefits not covered under the plan. Appropriates \$250,000 (GF) to the Legislative Finance Committee for expenditure in FY 2016 to undertake fiscal analysis required pursuant to the act.

Status: 02/11/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/10/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/11/2015—S Reported without recommendation by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: **SB190**
Sponsors: Papen (D38); Sapien (D9)
Title: HEALTH INSURANCE: PROHIBITED DISCRIMINATION
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) (Substantially similar to 2011 HB 334 and SB 339) Provides that group and individual health care coverage issued the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Insurance Code the Health Maintenance Organization Law, and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law shall not discriminate with respect to the participation or reimbursement of any health care provider who acts within his or her scope of practice.
Status: 01/22/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/15/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: **SB359**
Sponsors: O'Neill (D13)
Title: LIMITS ON COST SHARING FOR PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
Summary: Establishes limits on cost sharing for physical rehabilitation services. Provides that insurance coverage of physical rehabilitation services shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance on physical rehabilitation services that exceed the lesser of (1) the copayment or coinsurance imposed for specialist services; or (2) 120% of the copayment or coinsurance imposed for primary care services.
Status: 03/10/2015 – House Business and Employment Committee
History: 01/29/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/29/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/25/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/04/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
03/09/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/09/2015—S Passed 28-13.
03/10/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Business & Employment.
03/10/2015—H Also referred to House Health.

Bill: **SB475**
Sponsors: Moores (R21)
Title: HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES NOT INSURERS
Summary: Defines a "health care sharing ministry" and provides that such an entity shall not be considered to be engaged in the business of insurance for purposes of the Insurance Code.
Status: 02/23/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/05/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/05/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/23/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

Bill: **SB517**
Sponsors: Candelaria (D26)
Title: HEALTH INSURANCE: PROVIDES FOR INTERNAL APPEALS OF ADVERSE DETERMINATIONS
Summary: Proposes new sections of the Health Maintenance Organization Law and the Patient Protection Act to provide for internal appeals of adverse determinations.
Status: 03/16/2015 – House Health Committee
History: 02/09/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/09/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/20/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/10/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.

03/14/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/14/2015—S Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Sen. Jacob Candelaria) Voice Vote.
03/14/2015—S Passed 41-0.
03/16/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/16/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Liability

Bill: HB171
Sponsors: Herrell (R51)
Title: ESTABLISHED CONDITIONS FOR BIRTHING WORKFORCE RETENTION FUND AWARDS
Summary: Proposes to amend the Medical Malpractice Act to establish certain conditions for awards from the Birthing Workforce Retention Fund. The fund provides malpractice assistance insurance premium assistance for certified nurse-midwives and physicians whose insurance premium costs jeopardize their ability to continue their obstetrics practice in the state.
Status: 03/30/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/17/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/03/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/05/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/05/2015—H Passed 64-0.
03/07/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/07/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/16/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/19/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/21/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/21/2015—S Passed 37-0.
03/30/2015—H Note: Previously E&E'd by House.
03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate (Message dated 03/26/15).
03/30/2015—H Note: (Received by House 03/30/15, 9:24 a.m.).

Bill: HB350
Sponsors: Gentry (R30)
Title: TORT CLAIMS ACT APPLICATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS SERVING JAILS
Summary: Extends the application of the tort claims act by adding to the definition of public employee those licensed medical, psychological or dental arts practitioners who provide to a local public body contracted services that pertain to a person held in a jail or detention facility under the local public body's jurisdiction.
Status: 02/05/2015 – House Safety and Civil Affairs Committee
History: 02/05/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Safety & Civil Affairs.
02/05/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Bill: HB395
Sponsors: Cook (R56)
Title: VENUE FOR WRONGFUL DEATH, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES
Summary: (Related to 2011 HB274) Clarifies that when a personal representative files a wrongful death action, the residence of the person bringing the claim shall not be considered when determining venue in any civil action.
Status: 02/11/2015 – House Safety and Civil Affairs Committee
History: 02/11/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Safety & Civil Affairs.
02/11/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Bill: HB542
Sponsors: McMillan (R37)
Title: HEALTH CARE LIABILITY ACT
Summary: Proposes the Health Care Liability Act to limit damages in claims against certain health care providers.
Status: 03/05/2015 – House Judiciary Committee
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/19/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/05/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.

Medicaid

Bill: HB505
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE RESIDENTS
Summary: (Duplicate of 2015 SB139) Proposes a new section of the Public Assistance Act that makes it mandatory for the Human Services Department to provide medical assistance coverage for New Mexico residents who are former recipients of foster care, regardless of the state where the foster care was received, until the person reaches the age of 26.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Passed in the Senate
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/19/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
03/02/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/13/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Ways & Means.
03/16/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/16/2015—H Passed 59-0.
03/17/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/19/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/20/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—S Passed 39-0.

Bill: SB42
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: MEDICAID FOR CERTAIN INCARCERATED PERSONS
Summary: (For the Legislative and Human Services Committee and the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee) Directs the Secretary of Human Services to adopt and promulgate rules to provide continued Medicaid enrollment to eligible, incarcerated individuals.
Status: 03/21/2015 – Senate concurred with House amendments
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
01/29/2015—S Referral withdrawn from Senate Finance.
01/29/2015—S Referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
02/24/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.
02/25/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/25/2015—S Passed 35-1.
02/26/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
02/26/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/10/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
03/20/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—H Passed 59-5.
03/21/2015—S Senate concurred with House amendments.

Bill: SB55
Sponsors: Papen (D38)
Title: CLARIFY DEFINITION OF MEDICAID FRAUD
Summary: (For the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) (Similar to 2014 SB33) Changes the definition of Medicaid fraud; defines “overpayment” and “credible allegation of fraud;” establishes rights and remedies of Medicaid providers and subcontractors for alleged overpayments or credible allegation of fraud; and provides for judicial review, injunctive relief, attorney fees and witness fees.
Status: 03/11/2015 – House Judiciary Committee
History: 12/17/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/13/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Public Affairs.
03/02/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/10/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/10/2015—S Passed 32-8.
03/11/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.

Bill: SB305
Sponsors: Beffort (R19)
Title: THREE-DIMENSIONAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR MEDICAID- AND CANCER-SCREENING-ELIGIBLE WOMEN
Summary: Provides \$1 million from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund to the Department of Health, DOH, for use in FY 2016 to buy three-dimensional mammography equipment for mammography services to women who are eligible for Medicaid or the breast and cervical cancer screening program. The funds may also be used for outreach and education, or to contract with a third party to provide outreach and education concerning three-dimensional mammography.
Status: 02/25/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/25/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: SB451
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: MEDICAID DENTAL HEALTH CARE PILOT PROJECT
Summary: Proposes a year-long dental health care pilot project in the counties of Catron, Grant, Sierra, Otero, Dona Ana, Luna and Hidalgo to begin on January 1, 2017. Dental health care coverage provided through the pilot project shall replace any coverage offered through the existing Medicaid state plan or waiver.
Status: 03/06/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 02/04/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/04/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/06/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Pain Management/Controlled Substances

Bill: HB215
Sponsors: Trujillo, J. (D45)
Title: DWI GRANT FUND: SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
Summary: Broadens use of the Local DWI Grant Fund to include treatment for substance abuse and drug detoxification programs.
Status: 02/20/2015 – House Ways and Means Committee
History: 01/28/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Safety & Civil Affairs.
01/28/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
02/20/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Safety & Civil Affairs.

Bill: HB294
Sponsors: Espinoza (R59)
Title: RECLASSIFYING DIHYDROCODEINONE AS A SCHEDULE II RATHER THAN A SCHEDULE III DRUG
Summary: Reclassifies dihydrocodeinone in the following quantities and concentrations as a Schedule II drug – one with a high potential for abuse potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence – rather than as a Schedule III drug – one with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence:
Status: 03/09/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/03/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/03/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/16/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/25/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
02/27/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/27/2015—H Passed 55-0.
03/03/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: HM98
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: REDUCING OVERDOSE DEATHS FROM PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
Summary: Requests the Department of Health to collaborate with UNM's Health Sciences Center Pain Center to design a survey of chronic pain patients to ascertain their needs in an effort to reduce overdose deaths from prescription drugs.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Signed by Officers of House
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
03/09/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—H Passed 47-0.

03/20/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed.
03/20/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.

Bill: SB22
Sponsors: Padilla (D14)
Title: DRUG OVERPRESCRIBING HOTLINE
Summary: Appropriates \$250,000 to the Board of Pharmacy for FY 2016 to develop and implement this program to establish a program to address the overprescribing of controlled substances, which program shall include a 24-hour telephone hotline and a publicly accessible internet website to receive reports of suspected overprescribing. The board shall establish rules and procedures for the investigation of reports and for collaboration with licensing boards to discipline practitioners who violate professional standards.
Status: 01/21/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: SB24
Sponsors: Padilla (D14)
Title: APPROPRIATION: UNM PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER
Summary: Appropriates \$1,100,000 (GF) to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 2016 to support the UNM Pain Management Center.
Status: 02/27/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Education.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/02/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
02/27/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Education.

Bill: SB40
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: APPROPRIATION: ADOLESCENT TRANSITIONAL LIVING AND RECOVERY SERVICES
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Appropriates \$1,024,000 (GF) to CYFD for expenditure in FY 2015 through FY 2020 to contract with a Bernalillo County nonprofit organization for transitional living and recovery services for adolescents statewide.
Status: 02/02/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/02/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: SB154
Sponsors: Beffort (R19)
Title: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRIMARY CARE, COMMUNITY WORK FORCE TRAINING
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Appropriates \$12,000,000 (GF) to the UNM Board of Regents for expenditure in FYs 2015 through 2020 to expand access to behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment through training and support of the primary care work force in 20 community clinics. (2/10/15 SPAC reduced funding to \$1 million for training in clinics with greatest need.)
Status: 02/11/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/12/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/11/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: SJM23
Sponsors: Padilla (D14)
Title: UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG RECOVERY WORKING GROUP
Summary: Requests that the Prescription Drug Misuse and Overdoes Prevention and Pain Management Advisory Council convene a Prescription Drug Recovery Task Force to study the opportunities and challenges that new federal regulations afford for local unused prescription drug recovery, to remove the threat that unused prescription drugs will end up in the wrong hands.
Status: 03/19/2015 – Passed in the Senate
History: 02/16/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.

02/16/2015—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/11/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules.
03/13/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/19/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—S Passed 34-0.

Pharmacy Matters

Bill: **HB273**
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: PROVIDES PARITY BETWEEN MAIL-ORDER AND COMMUNITY PHARMACIES
Summary: Proposes new sections of the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Public Assistance Act, the Insurance Code, the Health Care Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to provide enrollees with parity of access between participating mail-order pharmacies and participating community pharmacies.
Status: 03/10/2015 – House Regulatory and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/29/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/29/2015—H Also referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
01/29/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/10/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Health.

Bill: **HB274**
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: SYNCHRONIZATION OF PRESCRIPTIONS
Summary: Proposes new sections of the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Public Assistance Act, the Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to allow synchronization of prescriptions.
Status: 03/27/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 02/03/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/03/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
02/16/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/03/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/05/2015—H Note: HHC C.R. is Expunged from record..
03/05/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/05/2015—H Passed 64-0.
03/07/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/07/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/14/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/18/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
03/20/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—S Passed 41-0.
03/26/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed.
03/26/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.
03/27/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.

Bill: **SB21**
Sponsors: Padilla (D14)
Title: COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNUSED DANGEROUS DRUGS
Summary: Provides a new section of the Pharmacy Act to regulate the Dangerous Drug Take-Back Program.
Status: 01/21/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Regulations & Licensing

Bill: **HB384**
Sponsors: Armstrong (D17)
Title: PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY RULES AND OVERSIGHT
Summary: (Related to 2014 SB166 and 2015 SB367) Amends the Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority Act to vest licensed and practicing osteopathic physicians with the same authority and responsibilities as a physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act in prescribing controlled substances. The prescriptive authority granted to a pharmacist clinician by the osteopathic physician must be

within the scope of the osteopathic practitioner's current practice.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/09/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/09/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
02/09/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/16/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/03/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/19/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—H Passed 51-0.
03/19/2015—S Received in the Senate.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: **HB398**
Sponsors: Montoya (R1)
Title: OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ACT
Summary: HRPAC substitute for HB398 continues as a 39-page bill that renames Sec. 61-10-1, et seq., as the “Osteopathic Medicine Act;” repeals the Osteopathic Physicians’ Assistants Act and adds provisions relating to osteopathic physician assistants to the Osteopathic Medicine Act; creates a board of osteopathic medicine and revises provisions relating to board duties and licensure for osteopathic physicians, osteopathic physician assistants and pharmacist clinicians.
Status: 03/16/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/11/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/11/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/10/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/13/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/13/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Rep. Rodney Montoya).
03/13/2015—H Laid on the table (Temporarily).
03/13/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 2) (Rep. Rodney Montoya).
03/13/2015—H Note: Audio: (Amendment 2) (Rep. Rodney Montoya).
03/13/2015—H Passed 63-0.
03/16/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: **HB443**
Sponsors: Herrell (R51)
Title: TEMPORARY HEALTH PRACTITIONER LICENSURE FOR SERVICES TO THE UNDERSERVED
Summary: Creates temporary licensure for a practitioner licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction who wishes to provide free health care or veterinary services for the underserved of New Mexico.
Status: 02/16/2015 – House Agriculture, Water and Wildlife Committee
History: 02/16/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Agriculture, Water and Wildlife.
02/16/2015—H Also referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.

Bill: **SB41**
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE POWERS AND STAFF
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Authorizes the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee to operate as a permanent, year-round committee and appropriates \$200,000 (GF) for use in FY2016 for the Legislative Council Service to provide the committee with expert, permanent, year-round staff assigned exclusively to committee duties.
Status: 02/05/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/05/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Rules.

Bill: **SB220**
Sponsors: Pirtle (R32)
Title: ESTABLISHED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS
Summary: SJC substitute for SB220 maintains the intent of the original measure, but does so in a clearer, if less concise, fashion. Proposes new and amended sections of the Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Law to establish provider credentialing requirements and define “credentialing.”
Status: 03/20/2015 – Passed in the House
History: 01/26/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.

01/26/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/05/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/26/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.
03/02/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/02/2015—S Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Sen. Cliff Pirtle) Voice Vote.
03/02/2015—S Passed 39-0.
03/03/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/03/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/19/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Business & Employment.
03/20/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—H Passed 64-0.

Bill: SB318
Sponsors: Cisneros (D6)
Title: EXTENSION OF SUNSET DATES FOR OCCUPATION AND MILITARY BOARDS
Summary: (For the Legislative Finance Committee) Delays the sunset termination dates for several military and occupation boards and extends the term of their existence to the following dates:
Status: 03/27/2015 – Signed by Officers of Senate
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/16/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
02/25/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
02/27/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/27/2015—S Passed 37-2.
03/02/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
03/02/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/13/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/19/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—H Passed 61-0.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate (Enrolling & Engrossing pending).
03/27/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/27/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.

Scope of Practice & Health Professionals

Bill: HB54
Sponsors: Espinoza (R59)
Title: ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS ACT CHANGES
Summary: Provides that anesthesiologists and anesthesiologist assistants may practice in New Mexico outside the employment of the Department of Anesthesiology at the UNM Medical School.
Status: 03/20/2015 – House concurred with Senate amendments
History: 12/21/2014—H Prefiled in the House.
01/22/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/22/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
02/05/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
02/11/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Business & Employment.
02/16/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/16/2015—H Note: Motion to table Floor Amendment 1 Failed 32-33.
02/16/2015—H Floor amendments failed (Amendment 1) (Rep. Debbie Rodella) Roll Call 33-33.
02/16/2015—H Passed 38-28.
02/19/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/19/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/11/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
03/16/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/18/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/18/2015—S Passed 40-0.
03/20/2015—H House concurred with Senate amendments.

Bill: HB349
Sponsors: Roch (R67)
Title: DENTAL THERAPY LICENSURE AND PRACTICE
Summary: (Substantially identical to HB0349) (Related to 2013 HB17 and SB567 as well as 2011 HB495) Revises the Dental Health Care Act and other pertinent statutes to provide for the licensing, regulation and scope of practice of dental therapy, a new category of dental health care service.
Status: 03/17/2015 – Senate Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/05/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
02/05/2015—H Also referred to House Health.
02/24/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Health.
03/16/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/16/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Rep. Dennis Roch).
03/16/2015—H Note: Audio: (Amendment 1).
03/16/2015—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 2) (Rep. Miguel Garcia) Voice Vote.
03/16/2015—H Passed 34-25.
03/17/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/17/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: HB519
Sponsors: Herrell (R51)
Title: PHYSICAL THERAPY ACT CHANGES
Summary: (Identical to 2015 SB571. Related to 2014 HB284 and 2015 HB192 and SB359) Provides that a physical therapist is a licensed health care provider conducting the practice of physical therapy and is fully responsible for managing all aspects of the physical therapy care of each patient served.
Status: 03/21/2015 – Passed in the Senate
History: 02/19/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/19/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
03/09/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Business & Employment.
03/14/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/14/2015—H Passed 65-0.
03/17/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/19/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/21/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/21/2015—S Passed 38-0.

Bill: SB6
Sponsors: Shendo (D22); Roch (R67)
Title: DENTAL THERAPY LICENSURE AND PRACTICE
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee) (Related to 2013 HB17 and SB567 as well as 2011 HB495) Revises the Dental Health Care Act and other pertinent statutes to provide for the licensing, regulation and scope of practice of dental therapy, a new category of dental health care service.
Status: 01/21/2015 – Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: SB51
Sponsors: Leavell (R41)
Title: WORKERS' COMP INTRASTATE AIR AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE
Summary: Adds Health Department-certified intrastate air ambulance services to the definition of health care provider in the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that these services are subject to utilization review under the act. Provides that the Workers' Compensation director will establish a fee schedule for services and that the maximum reasonable fee charged by a service provider will not exceed those in that schedule.
Status: 01/21/2015 – Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee
History: 12/17/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: SB194
Sponsors: Ivey-Soto (D15)
Title: STATE-AGENCY RULE ADOPTION CHANGES; RULES SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
Summary: Contains requirements for proposing, adopting, amending or repealing rules. Applies to all executive branch agencies, boards, commissions, departments, institutions or officers. Proposed rules are subject to legislative review. Includes updates to accommodate the electronic transfer and posting of notices and rule publication.
Status: 02/23/2015 – House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/16/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Rules.
02/17/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
02/19/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/19/2015—S Passed 39-0.
02/23/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.

Bill: SB200
Sponsors: Sanchez, C. (D30); Smith (R22)
Title: SPEECH AND HEARING PROFESSIONS LICENSING
Summary: (Related to 2015 HM3 and HM4; 2014 HJM1, HJM2, SJM1 and SJM2;) Clarifies the definition and use of certain terms in the Speech and Hearing Professions Licensing Act; provides for a bilingual-multicultural license endorsement.
Status: 03/24/2015 – Signed by Officers of Senate
History: 01/16/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/13/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
03/07/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/10/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/10/2015—S Passed 42-0.
03/11/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/11/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/13/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/19/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—H Passed 65-0.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate (Enrolling & Engrossing pending).
03/24/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed 03/21/15.
03/24/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate 03/21/15.

Bill: SB299
Sponsors: Morales (D28)
Title: ADVANCED PRACTICE RNS, CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
Summary: (An expanded version of 2013 HB414) Updates sections of existing statutes to authorize advanced practice registered nurses, certified nurse-midwives and physician assistants to approve certain certificates and perform other duties now required of physicians. State and local government agencies must conform rules to the expanded scope of the health care practitioners' practice.
Status: 03/27/2015 – Signed by Officers of Senate
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/16/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
03/10/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/11/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/11/2015—S Passed 35-3.
03/16/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/18/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/19/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—H Passed 65-0.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate (Enrolling & Engrossing pending).
03/27/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.
03/27/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.

Bill: SB367
Sponsors: Sanchez, M. (D29)
Title: INCREASES OPTOMETRISTS' PRESCRIBING POWERS
Summary: Provides greater prescribing powers to optometrists and clarifies the powers of the Optometry Board.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Passed in the House
History: 01/29/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/29/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/16/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
02/26/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/02/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/02/2015—S Passed 41-0.
03/03/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Health.
03/03/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
03/12/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/20/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/20/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—H Passed 65-0.

Bill: SB376
Sponsors: McSorley (D16)
Title: PROVIDES FOR CERTIFICATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS
Summary: (Very similar to 2014 SB 329) Refines definitions and requirements related to chiropractic practice and adds a requirement that at least one member of the chiropractic board be a Level One or Level Two Certified Advanced Practice Chiropractic Physician.
Status: 02/27/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/29/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/29/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
02/27/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: SB571
Sponsors: Shendo (D22)
Title: PHYSICAL THERAPY ACT CHANGES
Summary: Provides that a physical therapist is a licensed health care provider conducting the practice of physical therapy and is fully responsible for managing all aspects of the physical therapy care of each patient served.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Passed in the House
History: 02/16/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/16/2015—S Also referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/06/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.
03/14/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/16/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/16/2015—S Passed 36-0.
03/17/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/19/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Regulatory & Public Affairs.
03/20/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—H Passed 66-0.

Bill: SB615
Sponsors: Sanchez, M. (D29)
Title: COLLABORATION BETWEEN PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
Summary: Amends various sections of law to specify that a physician assistant shall practice in collaboration with a licensed physician.
Status: 03/20/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/18/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/18/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/20/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted without recommendation by Senate Public Affairs.

Taxes & Money Matters

Bill: HB18
Sponsors: McCamley (D33)

Title: PHASE OUT CERTAIN GRT TAX DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS
Summary: (Nearly identical to 2014's HB131 and SB29) Phases in effective termination of 38 sections of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act providing deductions and exemptions (some sections offer more than one exemption or deduction) on July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025 or July 1, 2029. Requires itemization of certain deductions and exemptions. Provides a \$500,000 (GF) appropriation to Taxation and Revenue Department.
Status: 01/30/2015 – House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
History: 12/16/2014—H Prefiled in the House.
01/22/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/22/2015—H Also referred to House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources.
01/22/2015—H Also referred to House Business & Employment.
01/30/2015—H Reported without recommendation by House Health.

Bill: **HB351**
Sponsors: McMillan (R37)
Title: DEDUCTION FOR MEDICAL CARE EXPENSES
Summary: Taxpayer may deduct on the New Mexico tax return a percentage of the year's medical care expenses not reimbursed or compensated for by insurance or otherwise or included in the taxpayer's itemized deductions.
Status: 03/17/2015 – Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee
History: 02/05/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
02/05/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
02/05/2015—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.
02/09/2015—H Referral withdrawn from House Appropriations & Finance.
02/26/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
03/13/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Ways & Means.
03/16/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/16/2015—H Passed 57-0.
03/17/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/17/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: **SB101**
Sponsors: Neville (R2)
Title: STATE GROSS RECEIPTS AND HOLD HARMLESS TAX CHANGES
Summary: SCORC substitute for SB101, like the original bill, reduces the gross receipts tax from five and one-eighth percent to four and seven-eighths percent.
Status: 02/12/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/02/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/12/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted without recommendation by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

Bill: **SB117**
Sponsors: Rodriguez (D24)
Title: SUNSETS COUNTY OBLIGATION TO SAFETY NET CARE POOL FUND
Summary: (For the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee) Sunsets on December 31, 2018, the obligation of counties to pay the state's Safety Net Care Pool Fund annually an amount equal to that raised by a gross receipts tax rate of one-twelfth percent.
Status: 03/16/2015 – House Ways and Means Committee
History: 01/08/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.
02/25/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
02/26/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
02/26/2015—S Passed 40-0.
03/02/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
03/02/2015—H Also referred to House Ways & Means.
03/16/2015—H Reported without recommendation by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.

Bill: **SB266**
Sponsors: Munoz (D4)
Title: EXCLUDING CERTAIN COUNTIES FROM REDUCTION IN HOLD HARMLESS DISTRIBUTIONS
Summary: (Related to 2014 HB155 & SB171) Allows the hold harmless distribution to a county to continue undiminished if the county's gross receipts tax base grows on average less than 11.7% annually from July 1, 2014. Defines the tax base as all taxable items other than those deductible under Section 7-9-92 ("food stamp" food) and 7-9-93 (certain medical services and products).

Status: 02/20/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/20/2015—S Reported without recommendation by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

Bill: **SB274**
Sponsors: Smith (D35)
Title: REPEALS FOOD HOLD HARMLESS DISTRIBUTION; APPLIES LOCAL OPTION TAXES TO FOOD
Summary: Proposes a complex bill to eliminate the food hold harmless distribution to municipalities and counties, allow municipalities and counties to impose local option taxes on retail food sales, increase the working family personal income tax credit, cut the state gross receipts tax from 5.125% to 5% and repeal currently authorized municipal and county local option hold harmless gross receipts taxes.
Status: 02/23/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/27/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/27/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/23/2015—S Reported without recommendation by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

Bill: **SB555**
Sponsors: Munoz (D4)
Title: EXCEPTIONS TO HOLD HARMLESS DISTRIBUTION REDUCTIONS
Summary: Starting with fiscal year 2017, halts the hold harmless distribution (in lieu of revenues from state and local gross receipts taxes on retail sale of food and certain medical goods and services) to a municipality or county if the municipality or county meets certain criteria (appears intended for Gallup and McKinley County, but may affect others).
Status: 03/02/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 02/12/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/12/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/02/2015—S Reported without recommendation by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

Bill: **SB633**
Sponsors: Munoz (D4)
Title: REINSTATING THE HOLD HARMLESS DISTRIBUTIONS FOR SOME MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
Summary: (Conflicts with HB421, SB101, SB274 and SB621) Eliminates the 15-year phase-out of gross receipts tax hold harmless distributions to those municipalities and counties that do not have in effect on or after January 1, 2016 a local option hold harmless gross receipts tax. Such municipalities and counties will continue to receive the full hold harmless distribution.
Status: 03/10/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 02/18/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/18/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/10/2015—S Reported without recommendation by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

Tobacco/Nicotine/E-Cigarettes

Bill: **HB42**
Sponsors: Youngblood (R68)
Title: TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-CIGARETTE ACT
Summary: (For the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee) (Similar to 2014 HB 15, as amended) Expands and renames the existing Tobacco Products Act to include e-cigarettes within the Tobacco Products and E-Cigarette Act. Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes to minors in person or via the internet; specifies ID requirements and penalties.
Status: 03/14/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 12/19/2014—H Prefiled in the House.
01/22/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/22/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/05/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Health.
02/16/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
02/20/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/20/2015—H Passed 52-0.
02/24/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/24/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/14/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: **HB148**
Sponsors: Steinborn (D35); Wirth (D25)

Title: MOTOR VEHICLES: NO SMOKING WHEN MINOR PRESENT
Summary: SPAC amendment to HJC substitute for HHC substitute for HB148 strikes the entire text of the HJC substitute and starts anew. Prohibits smoking in a motor vehicle when a minor age 13 or younger is present. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon a first conviction shall pay a fine of \$100, which shall be waived upon satisfactory completion of a smoking cessation course
Status: 03/11/2015 – Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/26/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Health.
01/26/2015—H Also referred to House Transportation & Public Works.
02/11/2015—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/12/2015—H Referral withdrawn from House Transportation & Public Works.
02/16/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Health.
02/17/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Health (Referral changed 2/17/15).
02/24/2015—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Judiciary.
02/26/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/26/2015—H Passed 34-23.
03/03/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
03/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/11/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: **HB213**
Sponsors: Maestas Barnes (R15)
Title: CHILD-RESISTANT NICOTINE LIQUID PACKAGES
Summary: Prohibits the sale of nicotine liquid (used in e-cigarettes) unless it is contained in child-resistant packaging. Authorizes the Attorney General to institute a district court civil action for a violation, or to prevent a violation. Relief may include an injunction, restraining order or civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.
Status: 03/26/2015 – Sent to the Governor
History: 01/27/2015—H Introduced and referred to House Judiciary.
02/11/2015—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
02/18/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
02/18/2015—H Passed 66-0.
02/24/2015—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
02/24/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/09/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.
03/17/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
03/19/2015—S Opened for floor debate.
03/19/2015—S Passed 32-2.
03/25/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed (03/23/15).
03/25/2015—H Signed by Officers of House (03/23/15).
03/26/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted as amended without recommendation by Senate Committee on Committees.

Bill: **SB65**
Sponsors: McSorley (D16)
Title: REGULATION AND LABELING OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS
Summary: (For the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee) Amends and re-names the Tobacco Products Tax Act to tax e-cigarettes at the rate of four cents per milligram of nicotine contained in their nicotine products.
Status: 01/21/2015 – Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee
History: 12/19/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: **SB433**
Sponsors: Ryan (R10)
Title: E-CIGARETTE REGULATION
Summary: SPAC substitute for SB433 expands the scope of the bill to include regulation of nicotine liquid containers in addition to e-cigarettes. Expands and renames the existing Tobacco Products Act to include e-cigarettes and nicotine liquid containers within the renamed Tobacco Products, E-Cigarette and Nicotine Liquid Container Act. Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and nicotine liquid containers to minors in person or via the internet; requires nicotine liquid containers to be sold in child resistant packaging; provides for penalties.
Status: 03/30/2015 – Signed by Officers of Senate
History: 02/03/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
02/03/2015—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
03/11/2015—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Public Affairs.
03/17/2015—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
03/19/2015—S Opened for floor debate.

03/19/2015—S Passed 29-10.
03/19/2015—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.
03/20/2015—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
03/20/2015—H Opened for floor debate.
03/20/2015—H Passed 55-0.
03/20/2015—S Received in the Senate.
03/30/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed (Senate Message dated 03/28/15).
03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate (Senate Message dated 03/28/15).
03/30/2015—H Note: (Received by House 03/30/15, 9:32 a.m.).

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Bill: SB35
Sponsors: Padilla (D14)
Title: DENTAL STUDENTS IN WICHE PROGRAM
Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Appropriates \$400,000 (GF) to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 2016 to increase the number of dental students who participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education program.
Status: 01/21/2015 – Senate Education Committee
History: 12/16/2014—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/21/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.
01/21/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: SB155
Sponsors: Beffort (R19)
Title: MEDICAL, DENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECRUITS
Summary: Provides \$300,000 (GF) to the Department of Health, DOH, for FY 2016 to fund the health professional recruitment efforts of DOH, including efforts to recruit primary care medical and dental health care professionals, and behavioral health care professionals.
Status: 02/04/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/12/2015—S Prefiled in the Senate.
01/22/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.
01/22/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
02/04/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

Bill: SB385
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)
Title: HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY STUDENT PREPARATION FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL
Summary: Provides \$100,000 (GF) to New Mexico Highlands University's board of regents for use in FY 2016 to establish a demonstration and research program to prepare undergraduate students from small universities for successful entry into medical school or other related health fields.
Status: 03/04/2015 – Senate Finance Committee
History: 01/29/2015—S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.
01/29/2015—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
03/04/2015—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Education.