



**2015 NEW MEXICO MEDICAL SOCIETY LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
**FINAL SUMMARY**

**NMMS PRIORITY ISSUES:**

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**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:** 04/10/2015 – Pocket vetoed by 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.  
04/10/2015—H Note: Pocket Vetoed.

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**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.

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**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:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by 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.).  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 156).

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**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.

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**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.

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**Bill:** SB220

**Sponsors:** Pirtle (R32)

**Title:** HMO 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:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by the Governor

**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.  
03/31/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed SJC report dated 03/28/15.  
03/31/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate SJC report dated 03/28/15.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 111) (Signed 04/09/2015).

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**Bill:** SB325  
**Sponsors:** Ingle (R27)  
**Title:** LIMITS NON-COMPETE CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS  
**Summary:** Limits noncompete provisions in health care practitioner contracts The goal is to make more doctors available in underserved areas of the state.  
**Status:** 04/08/2015 – Signed by 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.  
04/08/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 96).

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**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, Senate Judiciary, Senate Finance.

### NMMS IMPORTANT ISSUES:

#### SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

**Bill:** HB54  
**Sponsors:** Espinoza (R59)  
**Title:** ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS ACT CHANGES  
**Summary:** Allows all hospitals in New Mexico to hire anesthesiology assistants to work under the supervision of a board-certified anesthesiologist. Currently, they are only allowed to practice in the Department of Anesthesiology at the UNM Medical School.  
**Status:** 04/07/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/30/2015—H Note: Previously E&E'd by House.

03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.  
03/30/2015—H Note: Received by House 03/30/15, 1:25 p.m..  
04/07/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 52).

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**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:** 04/10/2015 – Pocket vetoed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/30/2015—H Enrolled and engrossed.  
03/30/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.  
04/01/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.  
04/10/2015—H Note: Pocket Vetoed, but identical SB571 signed.

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**Bill:** SB299  
**Sponsors:** Morales (D28)  
**Title:** NURSE PRACTITIONER SCOPE OF PRACTICE  
**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:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 116) (Signed  
04/09/2015).

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**Bill:** SB367  
**Sponsors:** Sanchez, M. (D29)  
**Title:** INCREASES OPTOMETRISTS' PRESCRIBING POWERS  
**Summary:** Provides greater prescribing powers to optometrists; clarifies powers of the Optometry Board. Gives optometrists full prescribing privileges, allowing them to treat patients' eyes and surrounding tissue with any medications, including some Schedule II controlled narcotics. Under existing law, optometrists are limited to prescribing topical medications and a few oral antibiotics.  
**Status:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/27/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.  
03/27/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 131).

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**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.

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**Bill:** SB571  
**Sponsors:** Shendo (D22)  
**Title:** PHYSICAL THERAPY ACT CHANGES  
**Summary:** Allows physical therapists to accept patients without medical diagnosis from a doctor. Specifically, 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:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/27/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed.  
03/27/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 144).

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**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.

## 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:** 04/03/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/30/2015—H Note: Previously E&E'd by House.  
03/30/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate.  
03/30/2015—H Note: Received by House 03/30/15, 1:25 p.m..  
04/03/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 31).

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**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:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/31/2015—S Enrolled and engrossed SJC report dated 03/28/15.  
03/31/2015—S Signed by Officers of Senate SJC report dated 03/28/15.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 127).

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**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.

## 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:** 04/07/2015 – Signed by 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.).  
04/07/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 59).

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**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.

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**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.

## CLINICAL ISSUES

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**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:** 04/08/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/08/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 90).

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**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:** 04/03/2015 – Signed by the Governor  
**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.  
03/31/2015—H Signed by Officers of House House Message dated 03/30/15.  
04/03/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 33).

### **INFORMATION AND 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.

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**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:** 04/10/2015 – Signed by 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.  
04/10/2015—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2015, Chapter 121) (Signed 04/09/2015).

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**Bill:** SB474  
**Sponsors:** Ortiz y Pino (D12)  
**Title:** SAFE DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION  
**Summary:** (Virtually identical to 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:** 03/20/2015 – Signed by Officers of House  
**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.  
03/20/2015—H Signed by Officers of House.