

### Legislation of Interest (listed alphabetically)

**Actions for Recovery of Damages for Wrongful Death** – [HB 6017](#) by Rep. Dana Trabulsy (R-Fort Peirce), [SB 734](#) by Sen. Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville), and [SB 616](#) by Sen. Jonathan Martin (R-Fort Myers), delete a provision prohibiting the recovery of certain damages by specified parties related to the decedent in wrongful death proceedings.

HB 6017 passed the House 104-6 on Wednesday, 3/26 and is now in Senate messages.

SB 734 was approved by the Senate Rules Committee on Wednesday, 3/26 and now goes to the Senate floor.

**Anaphylaxis in Public Schools** - [HB 1197](#) by Rep. Rita Harris (D-Orlando) and [SB 1514](#) by Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith (D-Orlando) require each district school board to ensure that certain emergency action plans are effective and school personnel and employees and contracted personnel of before-school and after-school programs receive certain training relating to allergic reactions and anaphylaxis.

SB 1514 was approved by the Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee on Tuesday, 3/25.

**Autonomous Practice by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist** – [HB 649](#) by Rep. Mike Giallombardo (R-Cape Coral) and [SB 718](#) by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez (R-Doral) allow licensed advanced practice registered nurse anesthetists to practice autonomously.

HB 649 was approved by the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/24 and will be heard on the House Special Order Calendar Thursday, 4/3.

**Autonomous Practice by Certain Psychiatric Nurses** – [HB 883](#) by Rep. Jason Shoaf (R-Port St. Joe) and [SB 758](#) by Sen. Corey Simon (R-Tallahassee) authorize advanced practice registered nurses who are psychiatric nurses to engage in the autonomous practice.

HB 883 will be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/31.

**Collaborative Pharmacy Practice for Chronic Health Conditions** – [HB 689](#) by Rep. Rachel Saunders Plakon (R-Longwood) and [SB 294](#) by Sen. Gayle Harrell (R-Stuart) revise the definition of the term “chronic health condition” to exclude specified heart conditions for purposes of collaborative pharmacy practice for chronic health conditions.

SB 294 passed the Senate 38-0 on Wednesday, 3/19 and is in House messages.

**Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** – [HB 651](#) by Rep. Kaylee Tuck (R-Sebring) and [SB 700](#) by Sen. Keith Truenow (R-Tavares) are comprehensive agriculture bills that includes a water quality provision that would prevent the use of certain additives (fluoride) in a water system which do not meet the definition of water quality additive or certain other additives is prohibited.

HB 651 was approved by the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Wednesday, 3/26 and will be heard in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee on Monday, 3/31.

SB 700 was approved by the Senate Appropriation Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government on Wednesday, 3/26.

**Diabetes Early Detection Program** – [HB 723](#) by Rep. Allison Tant (D-Tallahassee) and [SB 958](#) by Sen. Mack Bernard (D-West Palm Beach) require the DOH in collaboration with school districts throughout state to develop informational materials for early detection of Type 1 diabetes for parents and guardians of students.

HB 723 was approved by the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/24 and now goes to the House floor.

SB 958 was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services on Wednesday, 3/26.

**Diabetes Management In Schools** – [HB 597](#) by Rep. Toby Overdorf (R-Stuart) and [SB 772](#) by Sen. Alexis Calatayud (R-Miami) authorize school districts or charter schools to annually request and acquire a supply of undesignated glucagon to treat students with diabetes who experience a hypoglycemic emergency or whose prescribed glucagon is not available on site or has expired.

SB 772 will be heard on Tuesday, 4/1.

**Electronic Prescribing** – [HB 1297](#) by Rep. Bil Partington (R-Daytona Beach) and [SB 1568](#) by Sen. Jason Brodeur (R-Lake Mary) require health care practitioners to electronically transmit prescriptions with few exceptions.

HB 1297 will be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/31.

SB 1568 was approved by the Senate Health Policy Committee on Tuesday, 3/25.

**Evidence of Damages to Prove Medical Expenses in Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Actions** – [HB 947](#) by Rep. Omar Blanco (R-Miami) and [SB 1520](#) by Sen. Erin Grall (R-Fort Pierce) provide for evidence that is admissible to demonstrate past and future medical expenses in personal injury and wrongful death actions.

HB 947 was approved by the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, 3/26 and will be heard on the House Special Order Calendar on Thursday, 4/3.

**Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases** – [HB 907](#) by Rep. Adam Anderson (R-Tarpon Springs) and [SB 1356](#) by Sen. Colleen Burton (R-Winter Haven) establish the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases within FSU College of Medicine, provide goals of institute, and establish the Sunshine Genetics Pilot Program and Sunshine Genetics Consortium. There is \$25,000,000 attached to the bill.

HB 907 was approved by the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/24.

SB 1356 was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services on Wednesday, 3/26.

**Health Care Practitioner Identification** – [HB 1341](#) by Rep. Karen Gonzalez Pittman (R-Tampa) and [SB 172](#) by Sen. Colleen Burton (R-Winter Haven) prohibit the use of specified titles and designations by health care practitioners not licensed as physicians.

SB 172 was approved by the Senate Health Policy Committee on Tuesday, 3/25 and will be heard in the Senate Rules Committee on Tuesday, 4/1.

**Improving Screening for and Treatment of Blood Clots** – [HB 1421](#) by Rep. Dean Black (R-Jacksonville) and [SB 890](#) by Sen. Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville) require DOH to establish, or contract to establish, a statewide registry for specified purpose, require certain licensed facilities to report specified information to department for inclusion in registry, provide that certain personal identifying information is confidential and exempt from public records requirements, require DOH to exempt certain facilities from certain reporting requirements, require certain licensed facilities to arrange for rendering of appropriate medical attention for persons at risk for certain conditions, specify requirements for the manner in which such facilities must provide such medical attention, including admission, training, and practice policies, revise requirements for certain annual in-service training for certified nursing assistants employed by nursing home facilities, revise training requirements for certain certified nursing assistants, revise

minimum standards for care of residents in assisted living facilities, and revise requirements for core competency test for administrators of assisted living facilities.

**Insurance Claims Payments to Physicians** – [HB 1231](#) by Rep. Dean Black (R-Jacksonville) and [SB 1526](#) by Sen. Gayle Harrell (R-Stuart) prohibit contracts between certain physicians and health insurers from specifying credit card payments to physicians as the only acceptable method for payments, authorize the use of electronic funds transfers by health insurers and HMOs for payments to physicians, prohibit health insurers from charging fees for automated clearinghouse transfers as claims payments to physicians, and prohibit health insurers and HMOs from denying claims subsequently submitted by physicians for procedures that were included in prior authorizations.

**Medicaid Oversight** – [HB 935](#) by Rep. Kimberly Berfield (R-Clearwater) and [SB 1060](#) by Sen. Jason Brodeur (R-Lake Mary) establish the Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid Oversight within the Office of the Auditor General. The bills require the Auditor General and AHCA to enter into a data sharing agreement and provide that the committee must be given access to certain records, papers, and documents.

**Motor Vehicle Insurance** – [HB 1181](#) by Rep. Alvarez and [SB 1256](#) by Sen. Erin Grall (R-Fort Pierce) repeal provisions relating to the application of the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law.

[HB 1181 will be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/31.](#)

**Naturopathic Medicine** – [HB 533](#) by Rep. David Smith (R-Winter Springs) and [SB 470](#) by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez (R-Doral) redesignate the title of ch. 462, F.S., from “Naturopathy” to “Naturopathic Medicine,” create the Board of Naturopathic Medicine within DOH, and provide for the licensure of naturopathic physicians.

**Out-of-network Providers** – [HB 1101](#) by Rep. Jon Albert (R-Winter Haven) and [SB 1842](#) by Sen. Colleen Burton (R-Winter Haven) require a health care practitioner to notify a patient in writing upon referring the patient to certain providers, and require certain health insurers to apply payments for services provided by nonpreferred providers toward insureds’ deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums if specified conditions are met.

[HB 1101 will be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/31.](#)

[SB 1842 was approved by the Senate Health Policy Committee on Tuesday, 3/25.](#)

**Patient Access to Records** – [HB 1083](#) by Rep. Erika Booth (R-Orlando) and [SB 1606](#) by Sen. Erin Grall (R-Fort Pierce) require certain licensed facilities and health care practitioners to furnish and provide access to records and reports within specified timeframes after receiving request for such records.

[HB 1083 will be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee on Monday, 3/31.](#)

[SB 1606 was voted down on a tie vote in the Senate Health Policy Committee on Tuesday, 3/25. The bill will be reconsidered and has been placed back on the Senate Health Policy Committee agenda on Tuesday 4/1.](#)

**Physician Assistant and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Services** – [HB 647](#) by Rep. Dana Trabulsky (R-Fort Pierce) and [SB 998](#) by Sen. Alexis Calatayud (R-Miami) authorize physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses under a physician protocol to provide specified care to hospice patients.

[HB 647 was approved by the House Health Professions and Programs Subcommittee on Thursday, 3/27.](#)

[SB 998 will be heard in the Senate Health Policy Committee on Tuesday, 4/1.](#)

**Protection from Surgical Smoke** – [HB 103](#) by Rep. Marie Paule Woodson (D-Pembroke Pines) and [SB 152](#) by Sen. Tracie Davis (D-Jacksonville) require hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to adopt and implement policies requiring use of smoke evacuation systems during certain surgical procedures. [HB 103 was approved by House Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee on Thursday, 2/20.](#) [SB 152 was approved by Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services on Wednesday, 3/26.](#)

**Rural Communities** – [HB 1427](#) by Rep. Griff Griffiths (R-Panama City) and [SB 110](#) by Sen. Corey Simon (R-Tallahassee) require the state land planning agency to give preference for technical assistance funding to local governments located in a rural area of opportunity, authorize eligible counties to receive a distribution of sales and use tax revenue, create the Office of Rural Prosperity within the Department of Commerce, create the Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant Program within the Office of Rural Prosperity, and require, rather than authorize, that certain funds received from the State Transportation Trust Fund be used for the Small County Road Assistance Program. The bills have an appropriation of \$197,343,293.

[HB 1427 was approved by the House Commerce Committee on Monday, 3/24.](#)  
[SB 110 passed the Senate 39-0 on Wednesday, 3/19 and is in House messages.](#)

**Stem Cell Therapy** – [HB 1617](#) by Rep. James Buchanan (R- North Port) and [SB 1768](#) by Sen Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City) authorize licensed health care providers to perform stem cell therapy, specify requirements for stem cells that may be used by such providers, require such providers to adhere to applicable current good manufacturing practices in performance of such therapies, require health care providers to provide specified written notice to patients before performing any stem cell therapy, specify requirements for written notice; provides advertisement requirements, require health care providers to obtain written consent from patient or his or her representative before performing therapy, specify requirements for consent forms, and provides for disciplinary action. [SB 1768 will be heard in the Senate Health Policy Committee on Tuesday, 4/1.](#)

**Voluntary Nonopioid Advance Directive Forms** – [HB 1081](#) by Rep. Randy Maggard (R-Zephyrhills) and [SB 714](#) by Sen. Colleen Burton (R-Winter Haven) require health care facilities to create a voluntary nonopioid advanced directive form, authorize individuals to revoke the form for any reason by specified means, and provide immunity from civil and criminal liability for health care practitioners.