



GAC Weekly Report

By Adams St. Advocates

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HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

On Tuesday HB 1063 on Administrative Vaccines was heard in the Professions and Public Health Subcommittee. This bill updates what a pharmacist can give to adults to include vaccinations listed under the CDC recommended immunization schedule, CDC health and international travel, and FDC licensure for use. There was some concern with the bill on giving children shots, especially where there was an intern giving the shot.

Rep. Rayner was thankful for this legislation. She loves how this bill helps with minorities and those who do not have access to regular doctors. Representative Sirois shares this sentiment. He brings up how the bill is a continuation of last session to make pharmacists more healthcare front line workers, and how the bill doesn't take choice away from patients. In the end, the bill passed favorably with 17 yays and 1 nay.

On Tuesday we also heard SB 390 on Prescription Drug Coverage in the Banking and Insurance committee. Earlier in the week FPA met with members of the committee to discuss this bill. The legislation would authorize the Office of Insurance Regulation to examine pharmacy benefit managers. The bill seeks to clarify the authority and impose the cost of exams on pharmacy benefit managers. As mentioned in testimony the bill "gives recourse for when the big guy comes after the little guy." There was a lot of debate around the amendment that was introduced. The amendment sought to eliminate changes to maximum allowable costs. As Senator Thurston brought up, the amendment took out the ability to cancel contract. This wasn't meant to be, and after testimony from both sides, it was agreed that things didn't come out the way they were intended to be written. The amendment was still adopted, but keep a lookout, as the language of the amendment is due to change in the future. Lots of talk about how this bill has been introduced in previous sessions, but this time around Senator Broxson feels comfortable that we have come to a landing place where everyone understands the nature of PBMS and that something needs to be done.



With that the bill was passed favorably.

On Thursday of this week Senate bill 72 was up on the Senate floor with nine amendments being heard. The only one adopted was from Senator Brandes which makes a technical change to one of the defenses. Sen. Brook withdrew her amendment on making



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private schools not reliable. Senator Thurston tried hard to get his amendment on extending coverage of workers compensation to essential health care workers, but to no avail. It was this lack of support that kept him from voting yes on the bill. Senator Farmer also made his opposition to the bill loud and clear. In a lengthy speech he claims that the bill doesn't distinguish between from back when things were uncertain until now. He also states that claims against businesses are impossible to prove. Despite opposition the bill passed 24 yays to 15 nays and is immediately certified.

GET INVOLVED

Call your local Senator and ask them to please support or oppose any of the bills listed below. You can find your Legislators at the link below:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/Find>

UPCOMING NEXT WEEK

SB 262 on Dispensing Medicinal Drugs is on the Agenda for Tuesday at 3:30pm in Military and Veterans Affairs committee.

We will keep a lookout for any other bills as they come on the Agenda.

PRIORITY BILLS ON THE MOVE

PBM Medicaid Carve Out – Support/High Priority

HB 1043- Referred to 1st committee in Finance and Facilities

SB 1306- Referred to 1st committee in Health Policy

Prescription Drug Coverage – Support/ Medium Priority

HB 1155- Referred to 1st committee in Finance and Facilities

SB 0390- Referred to 2nd committee in Appropriation Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Administration of Vaccines – Support/Low Priority

HB 1063 – Referred to 2nd committee In Health Care Appropriations

SB 898 – Referred to 1st committee in Health Policy

SB 768 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 2nd committee, Children, Families& Elder Affairs

Families & Elder Affairs Administration of Vaccines – SUPPORT/Low Priority

HB 459 – Waiting in the Professions & Public Health committee

SB 494 – Passed its 1st committee, waiting to be scheduled in 2nd and final committee Rules

Antiretroviral Drugs – SUPPORT/Low Priority



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HB 607 – Waiting in Professions & Public Health

SB 928 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Health Policy

Telehealth – OPPOSE/Work to amend

HB 247- Referred to the Professions and Public Health Committee

HB 1477- Referred to the Professions and Public Health Committee

SB 660- Referred to Health Policy

SB 700 – Waiting to be scheduled 2nd committee, Appropriations on Health and Human Services

OTHER BILLS TO WATCH/MONITOR

Dispensing Medicinal Drugs

HB 29 – Placed on Calendar, second reading

SB 262 – On Agenda for Tuesday at 3:30 in Military and Veteran Affairs

Civil Liability

HB 0007- Read for 3rd time; passed

SB 72- Passed with immediate certification

Insurance Prior Authorization

HB 851 – Referred to 1st committee in Finance and Facilities

SB 528 – Referred to 1st committee in Banking and Insurance

Step Therapy Protocols

HB 1001 – Referred to 1st committee in Finance and Facilities

SB 1290 – Referred to 1st committee in Banking and Insurance

Non-opioid Alternatives

HB 725 – Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading

SB 530 – In messages

Insulin Drugs

HB 109 – Referred to 1st committee in Finance & Facilities

SB 786 – Referred to 1st committee in Banking & Insurance

