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The Legislature concluded its work for the 2024 Legislative Session and adjourned "Sine Die" as scheduled on Friday, March 1, at 2:25 pm. There were 1,957 member bills, joint resolutions, and proposed committee bills filed for consideration this Session, but only [325 passed both chambers](#). The Legislature passed the constitutionally mandated state budget, providing for \$117.46 billion in spending for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. Focus will now shift to Governor Ron DeSantis and which policy bills and appropriations he will sign or veto, as well as the upcoming campaign season.

BUDGET

Lawmakers passed the \$117.46 billion budget by a wide bipartisan margin, a measure that Republican leaders proudly note sets aside \$10 billion in reserves as the recent cash influx of federal aid provided to the state during the COVID pandemic comes to an end. The budget ([HB 5001](#)) also provides \$500 million for state debt, \$500 million for a state Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund, and includes a long-sought salary bump for state employees of 3%.

The healthcare section of the budget, typically at the top of the list as the most expensive funding item, totals \$46.5 billion in funding for the 2024-2024 Fiscal Year. It includes more than \$34.7 billion to the Agency for Health Care Innovation, which includes \$333 million for Medicaid provider rate increases, \$2.4 billion to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, \$4.7 billion to the Department of Children and Families, and \$4.1 billion to the Department of Health. Over \$717 million was appropriated to implement the Live Healthy Act ([SB 7016](#)), which passed this year. That includes \$245 million for Medicaid Provider Rate Increases, \$195.8 million in iBudget provider rate increases, a Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program with \$10 million, Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical and Dental education, with \$30 million allocated to the medical and \$8 million to dental, among other provisions and programs. This section of the budget also includes \$51.3 million for the Health Care Innovation Council and Revolving Loan Program ([SB 7018](#)), \$38.9 million for individuals with disabilities ([SB 1758](#)), and \$321 million for behavioral health teaching hospitals ([SB 330](#)).

Education is another big-ticket item each year, and this year was no exception, with total funding of \$30.1 billion. The proposed spending plan increases K-12 funding by nearly 7% over the current year, with per-student spending coming in at \$8,958 per student, an increase of 2.75% over last year's budget for a public school funding total of \$28.4 billion. It includes \$1.7 billion for early learning services, \$2.4 billion for the State Colleges, \$243.2 million for the Private Colleges, \$6.8 billion for the State University System, and \$1.05 billion in student financial aid.

The Criminal and Civil Justice budget clocks in at \$7.3 billion. The Department of Corrections will receive \$100 million for upgrades to its beleaguered prison facilities.

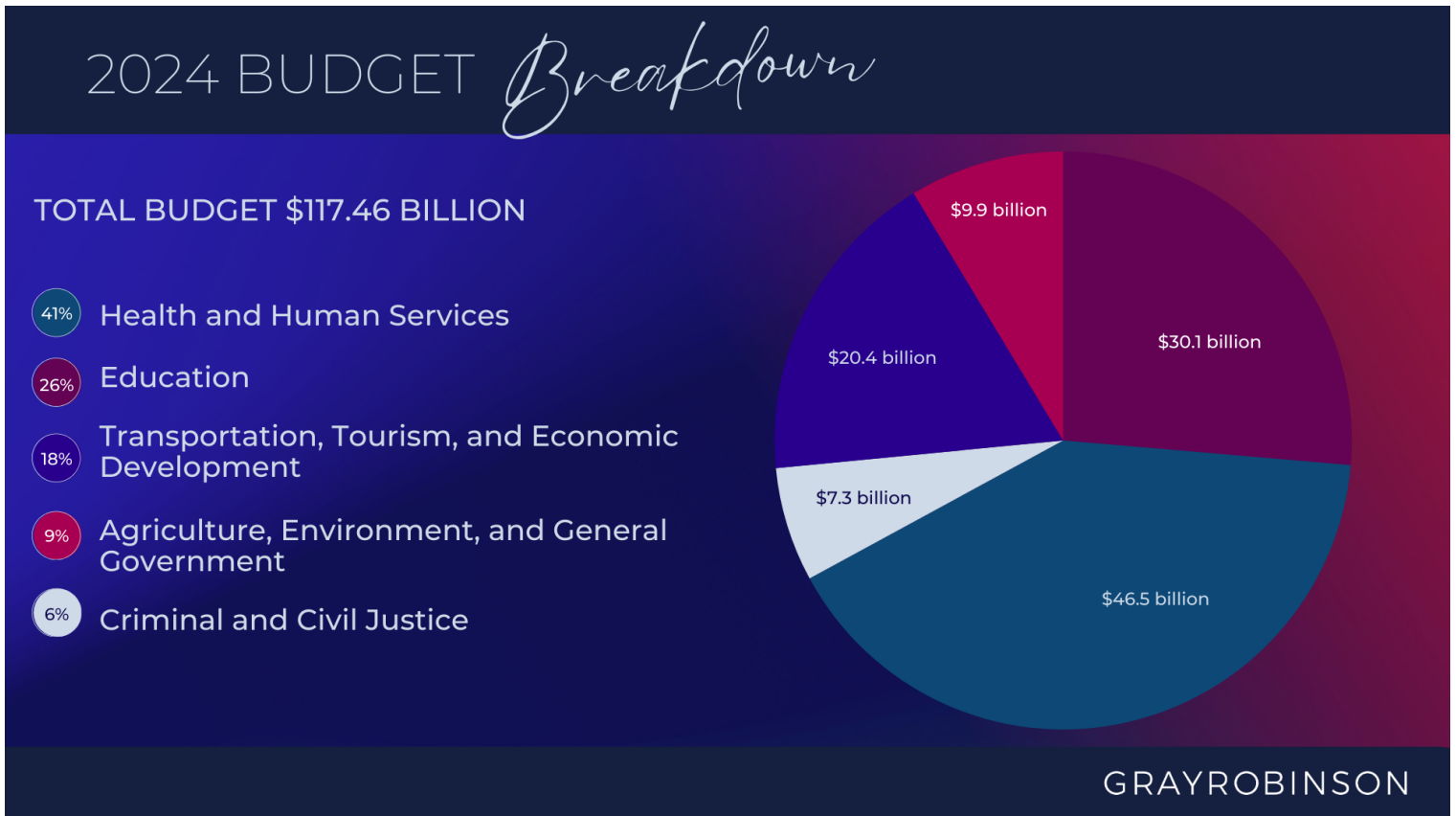
The Transportation and Economic Development section totals \$20.4 billion, with \$75 million allocated to the Florida Job Growth Grant Program and \$80 million to Visit Florida, and an additional \$100 million was allocated to the Florida Hometown Hero Program, which assists low-income first-time homebuyers to access affordable housing.

Rounding out the budget, \$9.9 billion was allocated for various Agriculture, Environment, and General Government programs. This includes \$100 million each for Land Acquisition and Land Management programs, \$100 million for the Resilient Florida Grant Program, and \$79 million for the Water Quality Grant Programs

included in [SB 1638](#). The Department of Environmental Protection will receive \$3.4 billion, with \$1.7 billion allocated for various water quality improvement programs. The Flood and Sea Level Rise Program is funded at \$125 million, the Florida Forever programs at \$528.6 million, and water infrastructure improvements at \$178.3 million.

While Republicans have applauded budget writers' efforts, some Democratic members, particularly in the Black Caucus, expressed frustration with disparities in funding in the bill. Rep. Bruce Antone (D-Orlando) echoed concerns he raised when the House first passed its chamber's version of the budget, noting that districts represented by Black lawmakers didn't get much in the way of projects, and said he felt Historical Black Colleges and Universities were shortchanged.

The budget has not yet been transmitted to the Governor, so it remains to be seen how heavily he will exercise his line-item veto power.



THE HIGHLIGHTS

\$46.5 BILLION

*Health and
Human Services*

SB 7016 - LIVE HEALTHY INITIATIVE \$717.1 MILLION

- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - **\$245.7 million**
- Increasing Graduate Medical Education Residence Slots - **\$150 million**
- Statewide Expansion of the Telehealth Minority Maternity Care Program - **\$23.4 million**
- Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical and Dental Education - **\$38 million**



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THE HIGHLIGHTS



*Criminal and
Civil Justice*

\$7.3 BILLION

- Correctional Facilities Capital Improvement - **\$100 million**
- Forensic Backlog Reduction - **\$1.3 million**
- Purchase of Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement - **\$2 million**

\$30.1 BILLION

- State University System **\$6.8 billion**
- Florida College System **\$2.4 billion**
- Public Schools/K12 FEFP **\$28.4 billion**
- Early Learning Services **\$1.7 billion**

Education



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THE HIGHLIGHTS

\$20.4 BILLION

SB 328 - FLORIDA HOMETOWN HERO PROGRAM - \$100 MILLION

Department of Commerce

- Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program - **\$17 million**
- Florida Job Growth Grant Funding - **\$75 million**
- Fully funds Live Local
 - State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program - **\$174 million**
 - Affordable Housing (SAIL) Program - **\$84 million**
- VISIT FLORIDA - **\$80 million**

Department of Transportation

- Transportation Work Program - **\$13.98 billion**
- Transportation Disadvantaged - **\$3 million**

*Transportation,
Tourism & Economic
Development*



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THE HIGHLIGHTS

\$9.9 BILLION

SB 1638 - ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Land Acquisition - **\$100 million**
- Land Management - **\$100 million**
- Resilient Florida Grant Program - **\$100 million**
- Water Quality Grant Program - **\$79 million**

FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAMS AND LAND ACQUISITION - \$528.6 MILLION

- Division of State Lands - **\$100 million**
- Florida Recreational Development Assistance Grants - **\$14.3 million**

- Rural and Family Lands Protection Program - **\$100 million**
- Wastewater Grant Program - **\$135 million**
- Indian River Lagoon WQI - **\$75 million**
- Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - **\$20 million**
- Florida Communities Trust (FCT) - **\$15 million**
- Water projects - **\$410.4 million**

*Agriculture,
Environment &
General Government*



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - GENERAL

SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATIONS FOR KIDS

Social media companies that use certain "addictive features" to keep kids scrolling through their content would not be allowed to let Florida kids under 14 have an account and would require parental permission for kids who are 14 and 15 years old who want an account. This compromise language ([HB 3](#)) was much less restrictive than the original bill ([HB 1](#)) which passed and was subsequently vetoed by the Governor. The original bill would have banned any child under 16 from social media platforms, but DeSantis rejected the original bill over concerns that parents needed a voice in the matter and that the age verification process in the first bill was too intrusive.

Skeptics continue to raise First Amendment concerns about the measure, but backers of the new bill hope that their effort to target the methods the companies use to deliver content rather than the content itself will make the bill constitutionally sound amid an all-but-guaranteed legal challenge. Backers of the legislation likened government efforts to blunt the impact of social media accounts to previous regulations targeting the age at which kids are allowed to drive cars and the fight against tobacco companies, which they argued similarly tried to hook young consumers. One of the bill's House sponsors, Rep. Tyler Sirois (R-Merritt Island), said action needs to be taken to save a generation of kids from the harms of overuse of social media.

DeSantis signed the bill on March 25, and the legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024.

ANNUAL TAX PACKAGE

The politically popular tax package ([HB 7073](#)) passed unanimously this year and offers over \$1.5 billion in broad-based tax savings over the next two years. These include a Governor-backed \$450 million toll rebate program for drivers with more than 35 toll transactions per month. A credit for insurance companies lowering homeowner premiums is expected to save homeowners \$417.5 million over two years. The legislation also provides for five sales tax holidays that seek to save consumers around \$97.3 million, including a two-week back-to-school sales tax holiday, a 30-day "Freedom Month" sales tax holiday, a one-week "Tool Time" sales tax holiday and two separate Disaster Preparedness tax holidays.

LIMITS ON BOOK CHALLENGES

The House gave its support to a wide-ranging education measure ([HB 1285](#)) that includes a limit on objections to books and other classroom materials, a provision cited by Democrats as evidence that Republican measures passed last year allowing for the public to challenge school materials went too far. The bill passed the House on an 84-29 vote. The final product includes a provision stating, "a resident of the county who is not the parent or guardian of a student with access to school district materials may not object to more than one material per month." The House language originally included a \$100 fee for non-parents who make more than five unsuccessful challenges in an effort to cut back on individuals filing frivolous claims, but that provision was not included in the final version, which passed. The initiative has garnered support from Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and Gov. Ron DeSantis.

VACATION RENTALS

The Legislature passed and sent to Gov. Ron DeSantis a long-discussed measure to preempt local attempts to regulate vacation rentals like those advertised by Airbnb and Vrbo. The bill ([SB 280](#)) allows local communities to charge fees for registering vacation properties but sets out rules at the state level for things like maximum occupancy. Sen. Nick DiCeglie (R-St. Petersburg) urged his colleagues to acknowledge that vacation rental

homeowners were a vital part of the economy in some communities and that some attention was due to their property rights. He said he tried to find a balance between the needs of owners who make a living renting out their homes and the communities that have to face complaints from neighbors about unruly behavior at the properties or nuisances like too many cars or too much noise. The bill passed on a 23-16 vote in the Senate, with four Republicans joining 12 Democrats in opposition.

HIGH PROFILE LEGISLATION WHICH FAILED

Despite the Legislative Session lasting for 60 days, only 325 bills ended up passing. Of the bills that failed, many received significant media attention and are likely to be resurrected in the future.

- **DEFAMATION:** For the second year in a row, Rep. Alex Andrade (R-Pensacola) carried [legislation](#) that would have changed the threshold to sue for defamation.
- **ABORTION/PERSONHOOD:** Bills here included a measure ([HB 1519](#)) by Rep. David Borrero (R-Sweetwater), which would have banned nearly all abortions in Florida. It never received a committee hearing. [SB 476](#) by Sen. Erin Grall (R-Ft. Pierce) initially sought to make it easier for parents who lose an unborn child through negligence to file suit for damages.
- **THC CAPS IN MARIJUANA:** A Senate Health Policy Committee bill ([SB 7050](#)) that would cap delta-9 levels.
- **TICKETMASTER MONOPOLY-STIFLING:** The [legislation](#) would have prohibited live venues from selling tickets through just one company and banned arenas and concert halls from selling or transferring passes at prices higher than originally listed.
- **TRANSGENDER IDENTITY ERASURE:** [HB 1639](#) impacted coverage of gender affirmation surgery and coverage for conversion therapy
- **FLAG BAN:** Sen. Jonathan Martin (R – Ft. Myers) filed [legislation](#) to prohibit flags representing any political, racial, or ideological viewpoint from being displayed at public facilities.
- **GUN PURCHASE WAITING PERIOD:** [HB 17](#) would have required guns to be delivered after a three-day period (excluding holidays and weekends) regardless of whether a background check was completed or not.
- **LOWER AGE LIMIT TO BUY RIFLES:** [HB 1223](#) would have lowered the age from 21 to 18 for long gun purchases.
- **COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM LIMITS:** Filed for multiple consecutive sessions, [the bill](#) sought to impose 8-year term limits for County Commissioners.
- **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THRESHOLDS:** [House Joint Resolution 335](#) would have raised the required vote threshold for passing a constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot to 66.67%, or two-thirds, of voters voting on the measure to pass.
- **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY CAPS:** Another [attempt \(SB 472\)](#) to increase the monetary caps on lawsuit damage awards against governmental entities failed to cross the finish line again this year.

FSOMS HIGH PRIORITY BILLS WHICH PASSED

HB 855 - DENTAL SERVICES

by Rep. Lawrence McClure (R-Plant City) and SB 302 by Sen. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)

The bill requires every dentist and any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides dental services through telehealth to make available the dentist's name, telephone number, after-hours contact information for emergencies, and upon request, licensure information.

Additionally, the bill requires that there must be a dentist of record who will remain responsible for all treatment of any patient, regardless of who is rendering services. The bill creates a definition for advertisement and requires if any services are provided via telehealth, that the ad must include a specific disclaimer that an in-person exam is recommended if the ad is for:

- Taking of impressions or dental scanning of the teeth/jaw – directly or indirectly.
- Placing an appliance or structure in the mouth or adjustment of the appliance/structure.
- Correcting malformations of teeth or jaws.

Finally, the bills establish grounds for discipline by the Board of Dentistry (BOD) by creating a standard that would require the dentist of record to perform an in-patient exam and x-ray before using said products or failing to disclose the required contact information to the patient.

HB 855 passed unanimously in both chambers and is awaiting presentation to the Governor. If approved, the bill will take effect July 1, 2024.

SB 938 - DENTISTRY

by Sen. Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville) and HB 547 by Rep. Thad Altman (R-Indian Harbour Beach)

This bill will make several updates to the Dental Practice Act, which have been discussed and mutually agreed upon by the Florida Dental Association (FDA) and the Department of Health (DOH). Specifically, the bill revises sections of Chapter 466 by:

- Deleting language requiring dental students who have completed the coursework necessary to prepare to pass the American Dental License Examination (ADEX) to wait until their final year of dental school to apply for licensure.
- Deleting the National Board of Dental Examiners (NBDE) dental examination as obsolete, replacing it instead with the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE).
- Deleting an alternate pathway to dental licensure by having an active Florida health access dental license and meeting specific additional practice requirements.
- Deleting language relating to ADEX scores for applicants only being valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published.
- Requiring that an out-of-state licensed dentist applying for licensure in Florida must disclose to the BOD during the application process, rather than submit proof, whether he or she has been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse.

- Removing the requirement that out-of-state dentists who apply and receive a license must engage in full-time practice of dentistry inside the geographic boundaries of the state for 1 year after licensure.
- Allowing any person who fails the examination for licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist to retake the exam.

SB 938 passed unanimously in both chambers and is awaiting presentation to the Governor. If approved, the bill will take effect July 1, 2024.

HB 975 - BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

By Rep. Dana Trabulsy (R-Fort Pierce) and Rep. Melony Bell (R-Ft. Meade) and SB 1008 by Sen. Erin Grall (R-Fort Pierce)

This bill will require all health care practitioners, including dentists, to undergo a background screening as a requirement for licensure. Florida law currently requires physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists, certified nursing assistants, nurses, athletic trainers, and massage therapists to undergo a background screening, with fingerprinting, for licensure. These bills would expand that requirement to include all DOH-licensed healthcare practitioners.

Any practitioner licensed prior to July 1, 2024, would be required to complete the background screening process by July 1, 2025. Applicants subject to the screening are required to pay for both the processing costs as well as the cost of retaining the fingerprints. Once licensed, practitioners in screened professions pay \$43.25 every five years for fingerprint retention by the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse, which is used by state agencies for statutorily required screenings. The total cost amounts to approximately \$61.25 per person for both screening and retention,

All screenings received would be entered into the Clearinghouse and require criminal history review through DOH. This would impact current non-screened professions and licensees who do not have updated screenings in the clearinghouse. Under the bill, 699,754 licensees in renewable status would have to complete the fingerprinting process of background screening within the year, and an additional 42,467 initial applicants would need to be screened.

Additionally, the bill adds eight offenses to the statutory list of 52 offenses that can disqualify a person from employment in certain regulated professions if he or she has been the subject of certain legal actions regarding such offenses.

The bill has not yet been presented to the Governor, but if signed into law, would have an effective date of July 1, 2024.

SB 7016 - HEALTH CARE

by Sen. Colleen Burton (R-Lakeland) and HB 1549 by Rep. Michael Grant (R-Port Charlotte)

Dubbed the "Live Healthy Act" by Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, for whom this bill was a top priority this Session, this legislation is designed to grow Florida's healthcare workforce, increase access, and incentivize innovation.

Throughout the legislative process, as this bill moved through its committees of reference, multiple amendments were adopted to SB 7016, several of which impacted dentistry:

Dental Student Loan Repayment Program

- As originally filed, the Senate bill increased the current funding amount for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program of \$1.8 million to \$13 million, but that amount was reduced to \$8 million via a floor amendment.
- Current law caps the number of dentists allowed to receive the award to 10 per state fiscal year. DOH has not yet implemented the DSLR Program but intends to rework its online portal (FRAMEworks) to implement by 2.1.24.
- Both versions of the bill expand DSLR recipient eligibility to include dental hygienists and expand employment eligibility beyond just a public health program to include private practices that serve Medicaid and other low-income recipients.
- The bill further expands eligibility requirements to include participating in 25 hours per year volunteering to provide dental services in a free clinic located in a dental health professional shortage area or medically underserved area or through a pro-bono program approved by BOD.
- The awards have been modified to be allocated at 20% of the applicant's principal loan amount at the time of application – not to exceed \$7,500 per year per eligible hygienist – but maintain the \$50,000 annual cap for dentists.
- The bill adds a repeal date of the DSLR program on July 1, 2034.

Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Dental Services

- The bills provide \$35 million for a dental fee increase in the Medicaid program but add additional language that directs the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to develop a plan to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for preventative dental care services by September 1, 2024. The bill directs the dental plans that participate in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program to pass the fee increase to the dental providers.

In honor of Sen. Passidomo's father, who passed away last year, an amendment was adopted renaming a portion of the bill for her parents, creating the "Dr. and Mrs. Alfonse and Kathleen Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program." Dr. Cinotti, who was an ophthalmologist, valued and promoted volunteer health care programs throughout his career. That provision expands access to no-cost health care screenings or services for the general public facilitated by nonprofit entities.

In total, the Live Healthy Act appropriates \$717 million to various programs contained within the bill. The bill was transmitted to Governor DeSantis on March 12 and was signed into law at a press conference on March 21, 2024, with both [Passidomo](#) and [DeSantis](#) praising the legislation and its impacts on Floridians.

SB 1600 – INTERSTATE MOBILITY

by Sen. Jay Collins (R-Tampa)

Licensure by endorsement is the most common alternative to licensure by examination in Florida. Licensure by endorsement is an expedited licensure process that allows a health care professional to become licensed in Florida based upon holding a substantially equivalent or similar health care professional license from another state.

Currently, 20 healthcare professionals are regulated by DOH, and the boards are legislatively authorized to offer licensure by endorsement. Seventeen are not, including dentists.

This bill creates the “Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement Act” or “MOBILE Act,” which requires DOH to issue a license or certificate by endorsement within 7 days of receipt of all required documents for any of the 59 healthcare professions regulated by the Department when the applicant meets specific criteria:

- Submits a completed application.
- Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the U.S. in a profession with a similar “scope of practice,” as determined by the board or the DOH, as applicable. Section 456.0145(2)(a)2., F.S., defines the term “scope of practice” as the full spectrum of functions, procedures, actions, and services that a health care practitioner is deemed competent and authorized to perform under a license issued in this state.”
- Has obtained:
 - A passing score on a national licensure examination or holds a national certification recognized by the board or the DOH if there is no board, as applicable to the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure; or
 - If the profession applied for does not require a national examination or national certification and the applicable board, or the DOH, if there is no board, determines that the jurisdiction in which the applicant currently holds an active, unencumbered license:
 - Meets established minimum education requirements; and
 - The work experience and clinical supervision requirements are substantially similar to the requirements for licensure in that profession in Florida.
- Has actively practiced the profession for at least three years during the four-year period immediately preceding the application submission.
- Attests that he or she is not, at the time of application submission, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the U.S. Department of Defense for reasons related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.
- Has not had professional disciplinary action taken against him or her in the seven years preceding the application submission application.
- Meets the financial responsibility requirements of s. 456.048, F.S., or the applicable practice act; and
- Submits a set of fingerprints for a background check pursuant to s. 456.0135, F.S., or the applicable practice act. The bill requires the DOH to verify the information above submitted by the applicant using the National Practitioner Data Bank.

The bill authorizes the board, or the DOH if there is no board, to revoke a license upon finding that the licensee provided false or misleading material information or intentionally omitted material information in an application. The bill authorizes the board, or the DOH if there is no board, to require an applicant to successfully complete a state jurisprudential examination on Florida laws and rules that regulate the applicable profession if the applicable practice act requires such examination.

The bill requires the DOH to submit an annual report by December 31 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which provides all of the following information for the previous fiscal year, distinguished by profession:

- The number of applications for licensure received under the MOBILE Act;
- The number of licenses issued under the MOBILE Act;
- The number of applications submitted under the MOBILE Act which were denied and the reason for such denials; and
- The number of complaints, investigations, or other disciplinary actions taken against health care practitioners who are licensed under the MOBILE Act.

The bill requires each applicable board, or the DOH if there is no board, to adopt rules to implement the MOBILE Act within six months after its effective date, including rules relating to legislative intent provided under s. 456.025(1), F.S., and the requirements of s. 456.025(3), F.S., both of which contain provisions for the assessment of fees from applicants and licensees in health care professions.

The bill amends current law for licensure by endorsement in various practice acts to conform to provisions found in the MOBILE Act and to retain statutory guidance for the maximum amounts of related fees.

The bill provides that, notwithstanding the changes made to the Florida Statutes by the MOBILE Act, a board or the DOH, as applicable, may continue processing applications for licensure by endorsement as authorized under the Florida Statutes (2023) until the rules adopted by such board or the DOH to implement the changes made by the MOBILE Act take effect or until six months after the bill's effective date, whichever occurs first.

If approved by the Governor, the bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

FSOMS HIGH PRIORITY BILLS WHICH FAILED

[HB 1173/SB 1254](#) – DENTAL THERAPY

By Rep. Linda Chaney (R-St. Petersburg) and Sen. Jay Collins (R-Tampa)

This legislation would authorize dental therapists to practice in the state of Florida, allowing someone right out of high school who has gone through three years of dental therapy training to perform numerous dental procedures such as extractions, partial root canals, and administer local anesthesia.

This proposal had existed in some iterations since 2018 when it was filed by incoming House Speaker Danny Perez. We have been successful in defeating the legislation each year it has been filed.

In committee, proponents argued that there is a shortage of dentists. There is not a shortage of dentists in Florida; however, there is a maldistribution of where dentists are located. This underscores the importance of implementing the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program to help increase access to dental care in rural and underserved areas. Proponents will falsely compare dental therapists to nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants have more extensive and substantive education and training than what a dental therapist would receive. Proponents of dental therapy state that they will focus on the underserved population. This statement should be concerning if the state chooses to allow individuals with less training to be responsible for people who may have compromised health conditions. Dentists are trained to be comprehensive health care providers who not only examine teeth but are trained to ensure that oral health does not compromise overall health.

Additionally, the bills:

- Create section 466.0025 – allowing dental therapists to practice in Florida if they've met the following requirements:
 - Must be 18 years of age or older.
 - Graduated from a dental therapy college or school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity (if any) or any other dental therapy accrediting entity recognized by the USDOE.
 - If they are applying before 1/1/29, the board must approve the applicant's program if it was administered by an accredited dental or dental hygiene program and that school certifies to the Board that the applicant's education "substantially conformed" to the standards established by the ADAC-DA.
 - Successfully completed a dental therapy practical or clinical exam produced by ADEX or its successor, if any.
 - If the applicant fails to pass the exam after 3 attempts, they cannot retake it unless they complete additional education requirements as established by the board.
 - If ADEX has not established a dental therapy exam, the board must administer or approve an alternative examination.
 - Has not been disciplined by "a" board, except for citation offenses or minor violations.
 - Has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of health care.
 - Has completed the state exam on laws and rules regulating dental therapy.

- Allows for an applicant from out of state who meets the requirements or who has completed a comparable exam approved by their own jurisdiction to be licensed if the board determines the exams to be substantially similar.
- Create section 466.0227 – Dental Therapy Scope of Practice
 - Requires general supervision of a licensed and practicing dentist, to the extent authorized by that dentist, as provided within the terms of their written collaborative agreement. That dentist is responsible for all services performed by the DT.
 - Dental therapy services include the following if authorized by the collaborative agreement:
 - All services, treatments, and competencies identified by the ADAC-DA.
 - State-specific services, if the dental therapist’s education included curriculum content satisfying the ADAC-DA criteria for:
 - Evaluating radiographs.
 - Placement of space maintainers.
 - Pulpotomies on primary teeth.
 - Dispensing and administering nonopioid analgesics, including nitrous oxide, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics.
 - Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and formulation of an individualized treatment plan.
 - A collaborative agreement must include the following info:
 - Practice settings where services can be provided to the population to be served.
 - Any limitations on services provided, including the level of supervision required (including telehealth).
 - Age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols for the DT, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines, and imaging frequency.
 - A procedure for maintaining records.
 - A plan to manage medical emergencies.
 - A quality assurance plan for monitoring care.
 - Protocols for administration of medicines.
 - Criteria related to care for patients with specific medical conditions or complex medical histories, including requirements for consultation before the initiation of care.
 - Supervision criteria of dental therapists.
 - A plan for the provision of clinical resources and referrals in situations beyond the capabilities of the DT.
 - The supervising dentist shall determine the number of hours of practice that a DT must complete under direct or indirect supervision of before the DT may perform any of the services authorized by the Collaborative Agreement.
 - The supervising dentist can restrict or limit the DT’s practice in the written collaborative management agreement to be less than the full scope as authorized.
 - Allows a DT to provide services to a patient before the supervising dentist examines the patient if the authority, conditions, and protocols are established in a written agreement and if the patient is subsequently referred to a dentist for any additional services beyond the DT’s scope.
- If an applicant fails the practical or clinical exam by only one part or procedure, they may be required to retake only that part of the exam; but if they fail more than one part, they must retake the entire examination.

- Dental therapists would be required to complete 24 hours – but no more than 36 – biennially of CE in dental subjects approved by the board.
- Allow a dental therapist – under the “general” supervision of a dentist – to administer local anesthesia, including intraoral block anesthesia or soft tissue infiltration anesthesia if they’ve completed the required course and is certified in basic/advanced cardiac life support.
- Effective 28 months after the first dental therapy license is granted by BOD, the bills would require the Board to appoint a Council on Dental Therapy, chaired by at least one Board member, and must include 3 dental therapists.
- DOH must submit a progress report to the President & Speaker by 1/1/27 and a final report 4 years after the first dental therapy license is issued. It must include:
 - Progress made to implement training programs, licensure & Medicaid reimbursement.
 - Data showing the effects, including:
 - Access to care.
 - Costs.
 - Quality & Safety.
 - Recommendations for any reform re DT.
 - Any other info deemed appropriate.

Each bill received three committees of reference. HB 1173 was placed on the Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee on January 24 and passed with a 14-3 vote. It was subsequently taken up by the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, where it also passed on a 9-5 vote. However, it did not progress to its final committee of reference, as the Senate bill never received a hearing, thanks to Senate Health Policy Chair Colleen Burton’s (R – Lakeland) steadfast resolve not to hear the legislation. Members of the FSOMS lobby team were present at each hearing and publicly registered the Society’s opposition to the legislation at both stops.

Although the legislation has once again failed this year, the bills may have a stronger chance of passage during the next two Sessions, as the original sponsor of the bill, Rep. Danny Perez (R – Miami), will become Speaker of the House after the 2024 General Election.

HB 1295/SB 1112 – HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TITLES AND DESIGNATIONS

By Rep. Ralph Massullo (R-Inverness) and Sen. Gayle Harrell (R-Stuart)

This legislation passed last year and was vetoed by the Governor without explanation. The sponsors re-filed the legislation for consideration again this Session, keeping the language we worked on last year intact.

The bill defines “advertisement,” “educational degree,” “misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation,” and “profession”. The bill also provides exceptions for certain professions and certain titles and provides that practitioners may use titles and specialty designations authorized under their respective practice acts. Specifically, the bill allows for the use of the following titles for practitioners licensed under Chapter 466, Florida Statutes:

- Doctor of medicine in dentistry;
- Doctor of dental medicine;
- D.M.D.;
- Doctor of dental surgery;

- D.D.S.;
- Oral surgeon;
- Maxillofacial surgeon;
- Oral and maxillofacial surgeon;
- O.M.S.;
- Oral radiologist;
- Dental anesthesiologist;
- Oral pathologist; and
- “any other titles or abbreviations authorized under his or her practice act.”

The legislation also included a provision that states that a practitioner’s failure to wear a name tag, which must include his or her name and profession, when treating or consulting with a patient is grounds for discipline unless he or she is providing services in his or her own office where the practitioner’s license is prominently displayed in a conspicuous area, and the practitioner verbally identifies himself or herself to all new patients by name and profession in a manner that does not constitute the unlicensed practice of medicine. Any advertisement naming a practitioner must include the practitioner’s profession and educational degree. The practitioner regulatory boards must adopt rules to determine how their practitioners must comply with the bill.

Despite both bills clearing all committees of reference and passing both chambers of reference at the initial pass, the House amended the Senate version of the bill when it came over, and the Senate refused to concur with the changes made and asked the House to recede the amendment. The House instead let the bill die in returning messages.

OTHER LEGISLATION

HB 1561 – OFFICE SURGERIES

By Rep. Demi Busatta-Cabrera (R-Miami) and SB 1188 by Sen. Ileana Garcia (R-Miami)

Last Session, the Legislature passed a law codifying standards of care for “Brazilian Butt Lifts,” following multiple deaths in South Florida resulting from the procedure (Chapter 2023-307, Laws of Florida). That law went into effect July 1, 2023. For the 2024 Legislative Session, bills were filed which were intended to further clarify the law.

As originally filed and upon review, it was determined that the bills would not impact dentists or OMSs. However, as the bill was scheduled to be heard in its final committee of reference, Senator Garcia filed [a strike-all amendment](#) which added a massive expansion of the applicability of office surgeries under a new statute being created in Chapter 458, much of which dealt with requirements of having an anesthesiologist present to assist in the defined Level II and Level III office surgeries, among other requirements which could have impacted any dual degree OMS practicing under their medical license.

The FSOMS lobby team crafted amendment language to exempt dually licensed OMSs from the proposed provisions in the bill. Senator Garcia agreed to the amendment and filed language which made this correction. However, after being temporarily postponed in committee, once it was placed back on the committee agenda, a new strike-all amendment was filed, which returned the bill more closely to its original form, which only pertained to liposuction procedures and gluteal fat grafting and our practitioners were once again not impacted by the bill.

The legislation ultimately passed and will be sent to Governor DeSantis for his consideration.

HB 257/SB 810 – AUTONOMOUS PRACTICE BY A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST

By Rep. Mike Giallombardo (R-Cape Coral) and Sen. Blaise Ingoglia (R-Spring Hill)

APRNs are generally required to practice under a supervising physician’s protocol and only to the extent that the written protocol allows. In 2020, the Legislature passed legislation authorizing APRNs meeting certain criteria to practice “autonomously,” or without physician supervision or a supervisory protocol, in specified settings. The Council on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice was established to recommend standards of practice for autonomous APRNs to the Board of Nursing. APRNs registered for autonomous practice may only provide “primary care” services and limited acts related to their respective specialty without a physician’s supervisory protocol.

CRNAs provide pain medication, specifically anesthesia, to patients before, during, and after surgery. CRNAs must operate under an established supervisory protocol to perform acts related to the administration of anesthesia. CRNAs may register for autonomous practice; however, they may only autonomously provide primary care services. There are 7,567 CRNAs currently registered to practice in Florida, of which 72 are registered for primary care autonomous practice.

The legislation would have authorized autonomous CRNAs to perform CRNA-specific acts, such as conducting a pre-anesthesia evaluation, ordering and administering the anesthetic as determined appropriate, monitoring and interpreting the patient’s vital signs, and managing the patient during surgery and recovery without an established

supervisory protocol. The bills exempted autonomous CRNAs practicing in certain licensed facilities from the requirement that they only administer anesthesia under onsite physician or dentist supervision and within an established protocol unless such facility chooses to require such a protocol. The bills added anesthesia to the list of primary care practices that an APRN may engage in autonomously and added anesthesia to the list of primary care specialties that an autonomous APRN may be practicing in to be eligible for the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program.

Neither bill ever received a committee hearing, and the legislation ultimately died.

HB 63/SB 410 – PROTECTION FROM SURGICAL SMOKE

by Rep. Marie Woodson (D-Pembroke Pines) and Sen. Ileana Garcia (R-Miami)

Surgical smoke is the gaseous by-product produced when tissue is dissected or cauterized by heat-generating devices such as lasers, electrosurgical units, ultrasonic devices, and high-speed burrs, drills, and saws. Surgical smoke contains chemicals, blood and tissue particles, bacteria, and viruses and has been proven to exhibit potential risks for surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, and technicians in the operating room due to long-term exposure.

The bills required hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to adopt and implement policies by January 1, 2025, that require the use of a smoke evacuation system during any surgical procedure that is likely to generate surgical smoke. Smoke evacuation systems must effectively capture, filter, and eliminate surgical smoke at the site of origin before the smoke makes contact with the eyes or respiratory tract of occupants in the room.

The House bill cleared all committees of reference unanimously and passed the House on a 115-1 vote, but the Senate bill never received a hearing in Fiscal Policy, its second committee stop, and the legislation died.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The dates for the 2025 Legislative Session and other events of note are listed in the chart below. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to represent the Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and commend you for your tireless commitment to the legislative process each and every year. Should you have any questions concerning the information provided in this report, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued confidence in our team.

Date	Event	Source
August 2, 2024	Deadline for filing Senate claim bills	Senate Rule 4.81(2)
August 20, 2024	Primary Election	Div. of Elections
November 5, 2024	General Election	Div. of Elections
November 19, 2024	Organization Session	Article III, SECTION 3
January-February, 2025	Committee Weeks	not yet announced
By February 2, 2025	At least 30 days prior to the scheduled annual regular session, the Governor shall furnish each senator and representative with a copy of his recommended budget and revenues.	FS section 216.162
March 4, 2025	2025 Regular Session Begins	Article III, SECTION 3
April 19, 2025	All bills are immediately certified	Senate Rule 6.8
	Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day.	Senate Rule 6.4(4)
April 22, 2025	50th Day rule (Senate) - last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings.	Senate Rule 2.9(2)
May 2, 2025	Regular Session Ends	Article III, section 3(b), Constitution

FSOMS BILL TRACKING LIST

Attached below is the list of all the relevant legislation filed, which was tracked by the FSOMS lobby team this Session, and details on each bill’s most recent (or final) action. If you have any questions regarding any of the other bills in that report or would like copies of any of the legislation, please let us know.

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Ordered by Bill Number

HB 0011 Invalid Restrictive Covenants with Physicians by Rudman

Invalid Restrictive Covenants with Physicians: Provides restrictive covenants which prohibit physician from practicing medicine within specified area for certain period of time are void & unenforceable.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Civil Justice Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

10/05/2023 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
10/05/2023 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

HB 0063 Protection from Surgical Smoke by Woodson

Protection from Surgical Smoke: Requiring hospitals & ambulatory surgical centers to adopt & implement policies requiring use of smoke evacuation systems during certain surgical procedures.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/15/2024 SENATE In Messages
02/16/2024 SENATE Received; Referred to Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Fiscal Policy

SB 0068 Social Work Licensure Compact by Rodriguez

Social Work Licensure Compact; Creating the Social Work Licensure Compact; specifying requirements for state participation in the compact; requiring member states to designate the categories of social work licensure which are eligible for issuance of a multistate license in such states; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; providing for commission enforcement of the compact, etc. Effective Date: Upon enactment of the Social Work Licensure Compact into law by seven states

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

10/02/2023 SENATE Filed
10/17/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

HB 0077 Recovery of Damages in Claims for Medical Negligence by Roach

Recovery of Damages in Claims for Medical Negligence: Removes provision that prohibits parents of adult child from recovering certain damages in medical negligence suits. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Civil Justice Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Judiciary Committee

Actions

10/05/2023 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
10/05/2023 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

HB 0099 Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact by Hunschofsky

Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact: Creates Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact; provides for recognition of access to social work services, including through telehealth, in member states; provides for development of data system, reporting procedures, & exchange of specified information between member states; specifies licensees practicing in remote state under compact must adhere to laws & rules of that state. Effective Date: upon enactment of the Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact into law by seven states

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/08/2024 HOUSE Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/08/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died on Second Reading Calendar

SB 0106 Acceptance of Cash Payments by Businesses by Jones

Acceptance of Cash Payments by Businesses; Requiring certain businesses to accept cash payments for certain transactions; authorizing a business to satisfy such requirements by placing a cash-to-card kiosk at the business location for customers to make payments; prohibiting such businesses from charging a fee or placing conditions on acceptance of such cash payments, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Commerce and Tourism
Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Senate Fiscal Policy (Current Reference)

Actions

02/22/2024 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/27/24, 9:00 am, 412 K
02/27/2024 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Fiscal Policy

HB 0129 Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions by Lopez (J)

Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions: Removes provision that prohibits adult children & parents of adult children from recovering certain damages in medical negligence suits. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Civil Justice Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Judiciary Committee

Actions

10/17/2023 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
10/17/2023 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

SB 0130 Possession or use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location by Berman

Possession or use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location; Defining the term “sensitive location”; prohibiting the possession or use of a firearm in a sensitive location; providing criminal penalties; providing exceptions, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Criminal Justice (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

10/09/2023 SENATE Filed
10/17/2023 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

HB 0161 Payments for Health Care Providers and Surgical Procedures under Workers' Compensation by Daley

Payments for Health Care Providers and Surgical Procedures under Workers' Compensation: Increases maximum amounts of certain witness fees related to workers' compensation cases; increases maximum reimbursements for physicians & surgical procedures under workers' compensation; provides effective date. Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Committees of Reference

House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
House Commerce Committee

Actions

02/24/2024 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/26/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/04/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

HB 0219 Patient-directed Doctor's Orders by Plasencia

Patient-directed Doctor's Orders: Establishes PDDO Program within DOH; authorizes EMTs & certain health care professionals to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other medical interventions if presented with PDDO form that contains order not to resuscitate; provides specified health care providers & legal representatives with limited immunity. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Judiciary Committee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

- 11/02/2023 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Health & Human Services Committee
- 11/02/2023 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
- 03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

HB 0221

Pub. Rec./Database for Patient-directed Doctor's Order Forms by Plasencia

Pub. Rec./Database for Patient-directed Doctor's Order Forms: Creates exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information held in database for Patient-directed Doctor's Order forms; authorizes disclosure of such information to certain entities & individuals under specified conditions; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 219 or similar legislation takes effect

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

- 11/02/2023 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
- 11/02/2023 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
- 03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

SB 0248

Medical Negligence by Yarborough

Medical Negligence; Revising the limits on noneconomic damages for personal injury or wrongful death arising from medical negligence; deleting a provision that prohibits adult children and parents of adult children from recovering certain damages in medical negligence suits; requiring that medical malpractice insurer rate filings reflect certain changes in costs and expenses; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to consider such changes in its review of rate filings, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Judiciary
Senate Fiscal Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Rules

Actions

- 01/24/2024 SENATE Reference to Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services removed; Reference to Fiscal Policy added; Remaining references: Fiscal Policy; Rules
- 01/24/2024 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy
- 03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Fiscal Policy

SB 0254

Picketing or Protesting in or Near Health Care Facilities by Book

Picketing or Protesting in or Near Health Care Facilities; Prohibiting a person from picketing or protesting inside of or within a specified distance of a health care facility with specified intent; providing criminal penalties; requiring a specified warning before an arrest for a violation, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Criminal Justice (Current Reference)
Senate Judiciary
Senate Rules

Actions

10/23/2023 SENATE Filed
11/07/2023 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

HB 0257 Autonomous Practice by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist by Giallombardo

Autonomous Practice by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist: Revises staff membership & clinical privileges for certified registered nurse anesthetists; authorizes certified registered nurse anesthetists to perform specified acts; revises practice requirements for an autonomous advanced practice registered nurse & for certified nurse midwives; authorizes autonomous advanced practice registered nurse to perform certain acts; provides for expiration of Council on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice; authorizes certain advanced practice registered nurses to participate in Medical Education Reimbursement & Loan Repayment Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

01/12/2024 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee, 01/17/24, 8:00 am, 102 H
01/17/2024 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

SB 0302 Dental Services by Boyd

Dental Services; Requiring every dentist and certain individuals, partnerships, corporations, and other entities to provide specified information to certain patients; requiring a dentist of record to remain primarily responsible for all dental treatments for a patient treated through telehealth; requiring advertisements of dental services provided through telehealth to include a specified disclaimer for certain dental services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

02/14/2024 SENATE Retained on Calendar
02/29/2024 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/04/24
03/04/2024 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0855; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0855

HB 0309 Rural Emergency Hospitals by Shoaf

Rural Emergency Hospitals: Requires rural emergency hospitals to be subject to certain emergency services requirements for general hospitals; authorizes certain hospitals to apply to AHCA for designation as rural emergency hospitals; establishes requirements for rural emergency hospitals; exempts such hospitals from certain requirements; provides for administrative enforcement. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/26/2024 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/29/24

02/29/2024 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading

03/05/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

SB 0310 Recovery of Damages in Claims for Medical Negligence by Martin

Recovery of Damages in Claims for Medical Negligence; Removing a provision that prohibits parents of an adult child from recovering certain damages in medical negligence suits, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Judiciary (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Senate Rules

Actions

11/06/2023 SENATE Filed

11/15/2023 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Rules

03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Judiciary

SB 0316 Proprietorship by Nonphysicians by Powell

Proprietorship by Nonphysicians; Prohibiting specified acts by persons or entities other than licensed physicians and licensed entities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)

Senate Judiciary

Senate Rules

Actions

11/06/2023 SENATE Filed

11/15/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Rules

03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

SB 0322 Public Records and Meetings by Burton

Public Records and Meetings; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Health, the Board of Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and the Board of Physical Therapy Practice pursuant to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, and the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, as applicable; authorizing disclosure of the information under certain circumstances; providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for certain meetings, or portions of meetings, of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission, and the Physical Therapy Compact Commission; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 7016 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

Committees of Reference

Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

02/22/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

03/12/2024 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/27/24)

03/21/2024 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2024-13

HB 0345 Proprietorship by Nonphysicians by Skidmore

Proprietorship by Nonphysicians: Prohibits certain acts by persons or entities other than licensed physicians & licensed entities. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

11/22/2023 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
11/22/2023 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

HB 0349 Sickle Cell Care Management and Treatment Education by Robinson (F)

Sickle Cell Care Management and Treatment Education: Requires specified continuing education courses for licensure & certification renewal for specified health care professions; provides requirements for such courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee (Current Reference)

Actions

02/05/2024 HOUSE Reference to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Health & Human Services Committee
02/05/2024 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Health & Human Services Committee

SB 0362 Medical Treatment Under the Workers' Compensation Law by Bradley

Medical Treatment Under the Workers' Compensation Law; Increasing limits on witness fees charged by certain witnesses; increasing maximum reimbursement allowances for physicians and surgical procedures, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Committees of Reference

Senate Banking and Insurance
Senate Health Policy
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/07/2024 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
03/08/2024 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
03/08/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0376 Delivery of Patient Protection by Garcia (I)

Delivery of Patient Protection; Citing this act as the "Florida Patient Protection Act"; requiring health care facilities to implement staffing plans that comply with specified minimum staffing levels for direct care registered nurses; requiring that patients be cared for only in hospital or clinical units that meet the specified minimum staffing levels; providing whistle-blower protections; providing for complaints to and administrative actions by the Agency for Health Care Administration; prohibiting employers from taking specified actions with respect to employment for certain unionized staff, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

11/08/2023 SENATE Filed
11/15/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

SB 0390 Patient-directed Doctor's Orders by Gruters

Patient-directed Doctor's Orders; Authorizing specified personnel of hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies, respectively, to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with a patient-directed doctor's order (PDDO) form that contains an order not to resuscitate; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt by rule procedures for the implementation of PDDO forms in hospice care; requiring the Department of Health to establish by rule circumstances and procedures under which emergency medical technicians and paramedics may honor PDDO forms, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Judiciary
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

11/08/2023 SENATE Filed
11/15/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

SB 0392 Public Records/Patient-directed Doctor's Order Forms by Gruters

Public Records/Patient-directed Doctor's Order Forms; Creating an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information held in the database for patient-directed doctor's order forms; authorizing the disclosure of such information to certain entities and individuals under specified conditions; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB ___ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Judiciary
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

11/08/2023 SENATE Filed
11/15/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

SB 0410 Protection from Surgical Smoke by Garcia (I)

Protection from Surgical Smoke; Defining the terms "smoke evacuation system" and "surgical smoke"; requiring hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to, by a specified date, adopt and implement policies requiring the use of smoke evacuation systems during certain surgical procedures, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Fiscal Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Rules

Actions

01/16/2024 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/16/2024 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Fiscal Policy

SB 0442 Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions by Book

Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions; Citing this act as the "Keith Davis Family Protection Act"; removing a provision that prohibits adult children and parents of adult children from recovering certain damages in medical negligence suits, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Judiciary (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Rules

Actions

11/13/2023 SENATE Filed
11/28/2023 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Rules
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Judiciary

SB 0458 Invalid Restrictive Covenants in Health Care by Brodeur

Invalid Restrictive Covenants in Health Care; Specifying that certain restrictive covenants in employment agreements relating to certain licensed physicians are not supported by a legitimate business interest; specifying that such restrictive covenants are void and unenforceable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Commerce and Tourism
Senate Rules (Current Reference)

Actions

02/07/2024 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/08/2024 SENATE Now in Rules
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Rules

SB 0464 Motor Vehicle Insurance by Grall

Motor Vehicle Insurance; Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators; revising authorized methods for meeting such requirements; revising financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revising the minimum net worth requirements to qualify certain persons as self-insurers, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$83,651 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

Committees of Reference

Senate Banking and Insurance (Current Reference)
Senate Judiciary
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

11/15/2023 SENATE Filed
11/28/2023 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance

SB 0536

Community-based Child Welfare Agencies by Garcia (I)

Community-based Child Welfare Agencies; Revising requirements for contracts the Department of Children and Families has with community-based care lead agencies; requiring the lead agency's board of directors to disclose to the department any known actual or potential conflicts of interest; prohibiting a lead agency from entering into a contract or being a party to any transaction with related parties if a conflict of interest is not properly disclosed; requiring the contract with the department and the lead agency to specify the administrative functions that the lead agency may subcontract, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/08/2024 HOUSE Received from Messages; Insisted on Amendment (126347); Requested Senate to Concur
03/08/2024 SENATE In returning messages
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in returning Messages

HB 0547

Dentistry by Altman

Dentistry: Deletes role of Board of Dentistry in administration of licensure examination for dentists & requirement for board to establish examination fee; revises requirements for licensure as dentist; deletes time limitation on validity of licensure examination results; deletes requirement applicants for licensure engage in full-time practice of dentistry inside geographic boundaries of this state for 1 year after licensure; revises continuing education requirements for dentists. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/22/2024 HOUSE Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/22/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/04/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

SB 0552

Sickle Cell Disease Care Management and Treatment Education for Certain Health Care Practitioners by Rouson

Sickle Cell Disease Care Management and Treatment Education for Certain Health Care Practitioners; Requiring health care practitioners of medicine or osteopathic medicine to complete specified education on sickle cell disease care management and treatment as a condition of licensure renewal; requiring the Department of Health to evaluate the results from certain physician surveys and annually report to the

Governor and Legislature on patient outcomes as a result of such health care practitioner education; requiring that certain physician surveys include specified information, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

11/21/2023 SENATE Filed
12/05/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

HB 0571

Florida Medical School Scholarship and Grant Program by Antone

Florida Medical School Scholarship and Grant Program: Establishes Florida Medical School Scholarship & Grant Program within Florida Education Fund; provides requirements for program & fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
House Education & Employment Committee

Actions

11/30/2023 HOUSE Referred to Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee; Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee
11/30/2023 HOUSE Now in Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee

SB 0628

Prohibited Use of Human Trafficked Labor in Government Contracts by Simon

Prohibited Use of Human Trafficked Labor in Government Contracts; Requiring certain contractors with governmental entities to provide an affidavit attesting the contractor does not use coercion for labor or services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Current Reference)
Senate Community Affairs
Senate Rules

Actions

11/29/2023 SENATE Filed
12/13/2023 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 0637

Treatment by a Medical Specialist by Yeager

Treatment by a Medical Specialist: Authorizes firefighter, law enforcement officer, correctional officer, & correctional probation officer to receive medical treatment by medical specialist for certain conditions; requires continuing care & treatment by medical specialist to be reasonable, necessary & related to firefighter's or officer's condition & authorized by workers compensation carrier, self-insured employer, or third-party administrator; specifies reimbursement percentage for such treatment. Effective Date: October 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee
House Commerce Committee

Actions

02/27/2024 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/01/24
03/01/2024 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
03/04/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

SB 0644 Rural Emergency Hospitals by Simon

Rural Emergency Hospitals; Subjecting rural emergency hospitals to certain requirements for the provision of emergency services and care; defining the terms “rural emergency hospital” and “rural emergency services”; authorizing qualifying hospitals to apply to the Agency for Health Care Administration for designation as a rural emergency hospital, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/06/2024 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays)
03/06/2024 SENATE Ordered enrolled
03/06/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0653 Motor Vehicle Insurance by Alvarez

Motor Vehicle Insurance: Repeals provisions, relating to application of Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revises requirement for proof of security on motor vehicle; revises motor vehicle insurance coverages that applicant must show to register vehicles with DHSMV; revises garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer license applicants; revises minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators; revises legal liability of uninsured motorist coverage insurer; revises required coverages for motor vehicle insurance policy; requires that motor vehicle insurance policies provide death benefits provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Committees of Reference

House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Civil Justice Subcommittee
House Commerce Committee

Actions

12/07/2023 HOUSE Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
12/07/2023 HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

SB 0668 Electronic Health Records by Rodriguez

Electronic Health Records; Requiring certain hospitals to make patients' electronic health records available through a nationally recognized trusted exchange framework; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt rules; requiring certain hospitals to make specified patient data available to the agency's Florida Health Information Exchange program for specified purposes; requiring certain licensees to report certain information in a manner, timeframe, and frequency prescribed by agency rule, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

12/04/2023 SENATE Filed
12/13/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

HB 0695

Delivery of Patient Protection by Garcia (A)

Delivery of Patient Protection: Requires health care facilities to implement & maintain staffing plans; specifies minimum staffing levels for direct care registered nurses based on hospital or clinical unit setting; requires that patients be cared for only in hospital or clinical units that meet specified minimum staffing levels; prohibits health care facilities from using video cameras or monitors as substitute for direct observation; exempts health care facilities from minimum staffing level requirements during declared state of emergency; provides whistle-blower protections; creates cause of action; prohibits employers from taking actions with respect to employment for certain unionized staff. Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation (Current Reference)
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

12/19/2023 HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Health Innovation; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
12/19/2023 HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Health Innovation
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Select Committee on Health Innovation

SB 0796

Anti-human Trafficking by Avila

Anti-human Trafficking; Extending the future repeal date of the direct-support organization for the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking; revising the hotline telephone number to be included in human trafficking awareness signs; revising applicability of provisions governing the employment of minors by vendors licensed under the Beverage Law; requiring that contractors with governmental entities attest that they do not use coercion for labor or services; prohibiting the employment of persons younger than 21 years of age in adult entertainment establishments, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability
Senate Criminal Justice
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

02/23/2024 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/01/2024 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/05/24
03/05/2024 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7063; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7063

SB 0798

Health Care Patient Protection by Harrell

Health Care Patient Protection; Adding additional disqualifying offenses to background screening requirements for certain persons in health care practice settings; defining the term "memory care

provider”; requiring memory care providers to employ specified practices in the provision of memory care services; adding additional disqualifying offenses to level 2 background screening standards, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)

Senate Criminal Justice

Senate Rules

Actions

12/07/2023 SENATE Filed

12/15/2023 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Rules

03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

SB 0808

Treatment by a Medical Specialist by DiCeglie

Treatment by a Medical Specialist; Authorizing firefighters, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and correctional probation officers to receive medical treatment by a medical specialist for certain conditions under certain circumstances; requiring firefighters, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and correctional probation officers to notify certain entities of their selection of a medical specialist, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Criminal Justice

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Senate Appropriations

Actions

03/05/2024 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 0 Nays)

03/05/2024 SENATE Ordered enrolled

03/05/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0810

Autonomous Practice by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses by Ingoglia

Autonomous Practice by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Exempting certain certified advanced practice registered nurses from specified medical direction requirements for clinical privileges in hospitals; revising the functions that certain certified registered nurse anesthetists may perform without an established protocol; revising the scope of autonomous practice for certain advanced practice registered nurses; providing for the future expiration of the Council on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Senate Rules

Actions

12/08/2023 SENATE Filed

01/04/2024 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Rules

03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

HB 0855

Dental Services by McClure

Dental Services: Requires dentists & certain partnerships, or corporations to designate with board dentist of record & provide information to certain patients; requires any individual, partnership, or corporation that provides dental services through telehealth to make available specified information;

defines term "advertisement"; requires advertisements of dental services provided through telehealth to include specified disclaimer; provides requirements for initial examination for orthodontic appliances; defines "in-person examination." Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

03/04/2024 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
03/04/2024 HOUSE Ordered enrolled
03/04/2024 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0877**Electronic Health Records** by Overdorf

Electronic Health Records: Requires certain hospitals to make patient's electronic health records available through a specified network directly or through a third-party vendor; requires hospitals & pharmacies to make available specified information for certain purpose. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation
House Health & Human Services Committee (Current Reference)

Actions

01/18/2024 HOUSE Reference to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Health & Human Services Committee
01/18/2024 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Health & Human Services Committee

SB 0892**Dental Insurance Claims** by Harrell

Dental Insurance Claims; Prohibiting a contract between a health insurer and a dentist from containing certain restrictions on payment methods; prohibiting a health insurer from charging a fee to transmit a payment to a dentist through Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer unless the dentist has consented to such fee; prohibiting a health insurer from denying claims for procedures included in a prior authorization; prohibiting a contract between a prepaid limited health service organization and a dentist from containing certain restrictions on payment methods, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Committees of Reference

Senate Banking and Insurance
Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/07/2024 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
03/08/2024 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed
03/08/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0924**Prescription Drug Coverage** by Rodriguez

Prescription Drug Coverage; Requiring individual and group health insurers to provide notice of prescription drug formulary changes within a certain timeframe to current and prospective insureds and the insureds' treating physicians; specifying requirements for a notice of medical necessity submitted by the treating physician; requiring small employer carriers to comply with certain requirements for prescription drug formulary changes; requiring health maintenance organizations to maintain a record of formulary changes, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Committees of Reference

Senate Banking and Insurance (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

12/13/2023 SENATE Filed
01/04/2024 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance

SB 0938

Dentistry by Yarborough

Dentistry; Deleting the role of the Board of Dentistry in the administration of the licensure examination for dentists; deleting the requirement for the board to establish an examination fee; revising requirements for licensure as a dentist; deleting a time limitation on the validity of certain licensure examination results; deleting a board-imposed reexamination fee, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Fiscal Policy
Senate Rules

Actions

03/05/2024 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays)
03/05/2024 SENATE Ordered enrolled
03/05/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0975

Background Screenings and Certifications by Trabulsy

Background Screenings and Certifications: Provides qualifications for person seeking certification as person with lived experience; requires continuum of care lead agencies to submit certain information to DCF for purposes of background screening; expands certain background screening requirements to apply to all health care practitioners; revises licensure, registration, or certification requirements for acupuncturists; optometrists; pharmacists; dentists; midwives; speech-language pathologists & audiologists; nursing home administrators; occupational therapists; respiratory therapists; dietitian /nutritionists; practitioners of orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics; electrologists; clinical laboratory personnel; medical physicists; genetic counselors; opticians; physical therapists; psychologists & school psychologists; clinical social workers, marriage & family therapists, & mental health counselors. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

03/07/2024 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
03/13/2024 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed
03/14/2024 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1008

Background Screening Requirements by Grall

Background Screening Requirements; Specifying additional disqualifying offenses under the background screening requirements for certain persons; expanding certain background screening requirements to apply to all health care practitioners, rather than specified practitioners; prohibiting the

Department of Health, beginning on a specified date, from renewing the license of a health care practitioner until he or she complies with the background screening requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy (Current Reference)

Actions

02/15/2024 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/15/2024 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Fiscal Policy

HB 1061**Community-based Child Welfare Agencies** by McFarland

Community-based Child Welfare Agencies: Authorizes DCF to extend contracts with community-based care lead agencies under certain circumstances; revises requirements for entity to serve as lead agency; requires lead agency's board of directors to disclose any known or potential conflicts of interest; requires department contracts with lead agencies to include certain contractual penalty provisions; requires department, in collaboration with lead agencies & providers of child welfare services, to develop specific funding methodology for allocation of core services which meets certain criteria; prohibits department from changing lead agency's allocation of funds provided in General Appropriations Act without legislative approval; requires contract between department & lead agency to specify rights & obligations to real property held by lead agency during term of contract. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/27/2024 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/01/24
03/01/2024 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
03/04/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

SB 1112**Health Care Practitioner Titles and Designations** by Harrell

Health Care Practitioner Titles and Designations; Providing that, for specified purposes, the use of specified titles or designations in connection with one's name constitutes the practice of medicine or the practice of osteopathic medicine; revising grounds for disciplinary action relating to a practitioner's use of such titles or designations in identifying himself or herself to patients or in advertisements for health care services; requiring certain health care practitioners to prominently display a copy of their license in a conspicuous area of their practice, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Rules

Actions

03/07/2024 SENATE Received from Messages; Refused to Concur in Amendment (325533); Requested House to Recede
03/07/2024 HOUSE In returning messages
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in returning Messages

HB 1173**Dental Therapy** by Chaney

Dental Therapy: Authorizes Medicaid to reimburse for dental services provided by certain mobile dental units; creates Council on Dental Therapy; specifies licensure requirements, services, limitations, & prohibitions relating to practice of dental therapy; requires DOH, in consultation with Board of Dentistry & AHCA, to submit reports to Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee (Current Reference)

Actions

02/06/2024 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/06/2024 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Health & Human Services Committee

SB 1188 Office Surgeries by Garcia (I)

Office Surgeries; Revising the types of procedures for which a medical office must register with the Department of Health to perform office surgeries; requiring that each office, as a condition of registration, list certain medical personnel and thereafter notify the department of the addition or termination of such personnel within a specified timeframe; specifying general requirements for office surgeries; specifying standards of practice for office surgeries, delineated by the level of surgery being performed, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/01/2024 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
03/01/2024 SENATE Retained on Special Order Calendar
03/04/2024 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 1561; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1561

HB 1219 Dental Insurance Claims by Black

Dental Insurance Claims: Prohibits contract between health insurer, prepaid limited health service organization, & HMO & dentist from containing certain restrictions on payment methods to dentists; requires health insurer, prepaid limited health service organization, & HMO to notify dentist before paying claim to dentist through electronic funds transfer; prohibits health insurer, prepaid limited health service organization, & HMO from charging fee to transmit payment to dentist through automated clearinghouse transfer unless dentist has consented to such fee; prohibits health insurer, prepaid limited health service organization, & HMO from denying claims for procedures included in prior authorization. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee
House Commerce Committee

Actions

02/27/2024 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/01/24
03/01/2024 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
03/05/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

SB 1254 Dental Therapy by Collins

Dental Therapy; Authorizing Medicaid to reimburse for dental services provided in a mobile dental unit

that is owned by, operated by, or contracted with a health access setting or another similar setting or program; authorizing a dental therapist under the general supervision of a dentist to administer local anesthesia and operate an X-ray machine, expose dental X-ray films, and interpret or read such films if specified requirements are met; providing application requirements and examination and licensure qualifications for dental therapists, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

01/03/2024 SENATE Filed

01/08/2024 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Health Policy

HB 1279

Administrative Procedures Committee Review of Agency Rules by Gregory

Administrative Procedures Committee Review of Agency Rules: Requires each agency to annually compile inventory of rules by certain date; requires Administrative Procedures Committee to advise & assist agencies in preparing certain inventories & in achieving certain rule reductions; requires staff director of committee to annually prepare certain historical report by certain date; requires staff director of committee to provide report to committee, publish report in certain manner, & transmit report electronically to Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (Current Reference)

House State Affairs Committee

Actions

01/13/2024 HOUSE Referred to Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

01/13/2024 HOUSE Now in Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee

03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 1292

Florida Medical School Scholarship and Grant Program by Davis

Florida Medical School Scholarship and Grant Program; Revising the authorized use of funds from the Florida Education Fund; establishing the Florida Medical School Scholarship and Grant Program within the fund for specified purposes; requiring that the fund award scholarships to certain minority students enrolled in specified schools or programs; authorizing that the fund provide grants to certain postsecondary educational institutions or nonprofit organizations to create and implement nontraditional mentoring services or support programs for specified purposes, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

01/04/2024 SENATE Filed

01/10/2024 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Education; Fiscal Policy

HB 1295 Health Care Practitioner Titles and Abbreviations by Massullo, MD

Health Care Practitioner Titles and Abbreviations: Specifies which titles & abbreviations health care practitioners may use in their advertisements, communications, & personal identification; prohibits health care practitioners from using deceptive or misleading terms or false representations in their advertisements; requires certain health care practitioners to prominently display copy of their license in conspicuous area of their practices; provides for denial of licensure & disciplinary action. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/22/2024 HOUSE Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/22/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/05/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

SB 1326 Review of Agency Rules by DiCeglie

Review of Agency Rules; Requiring each state agency to annually compile a specified report, by a specified date; requiring the Administrative Procedures Committee to advise and assist state agencies with specified actions; requiring the staff director of the committee to prepare a certain report annually, by a specified date, and to publish such report on the committee's website and submit such report to the Legislature, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Current Reference)
Senate Fiscal Policy
Senate Rules

Actions

01/04/2024 SENATE Filed
01/10/2024 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Fiscal Policy; Rules
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 1343 Health Care Patient Protection by Altman

Health Care Patient Protection: Requires hospital emergency departments to develop & implement policies and procedures, conduct training, record weights in certain manner, designate pediatric emergency care coordinator, & conduct specified assessments; requires each hospital emergency department to submit specified report to AHCA; requires AHCA to adopt rules for comprehensive emergency management plans, & in consultation with Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Program, establish minimum standards for pediatric patient care in hospital emergency departments. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/08/2024 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/09/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died on Second Reading Calendar

HB 1441 Department of Health by Anderson

Department of Health: Creates Andrew John Anderson Pediatric Rare Disease Grant Program within DOH; requires program to award grants for certain scientific & clinical research; specifies entities eligible to apply for grants; specifies types of applications that may be considered for grant funding; provides for competitive, peer-reviewed application & selection process. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/23/2024 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/26/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/05/2024 HOUSE Laid on Table

HB 1475 Health Care Services by Berfield

Health Care Services: Provides requirements related to utilization review entities authorization process for accepting electronic prior authorization; provides requirements related to payment adjudicators; authorizes OIR to investigate & take appropriate actions; authorizes provider to bring private cause of action; revises requirements of insurer contracts; revises requirements for health insurers submitting claims electronically & nonelectronically; removes prohibition against waiving, voiding, or nullifying certain provisions by contract; prohibits health insurer from retrospectively denying claim; revises procedures for investigation of claims of improper billing; prohibits insurer from requiring information from provider before provision of emergency services & care. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation (Current Reference)
House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

01/13/2024 HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Health Innovation; Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
01/13/2024 HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Health Innovation
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Select Committee on Health Innovation

SB 1498 Practice of Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact by Wright

Practice of Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact; Enacting the Practice of Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact; specifying requirements for state participation in the compact and duties of member states; specifying the parameters of practice for audiologists and speech-language pathologists practicing in member states; establishing the Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission; providing for member state dispute resolution and enforcement of the compact, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

01/05/2024 SENATE Filed
01/10/2024 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

HB 1501 Health Care Innovation by Gonzalez Pittman

Health Care Innovation: Creates Health Care Innovation Council within DOH for specified purpose; requires council to submit annual reports to Governor & Legislature; requires department to administer revolving loan program for applicants seeking to implement certain health care innovations in this state; authorizes department to contract with third party to administer program, including loan servicing, & manage revolving loan fund. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/15/2024 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/15/2024 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/21/24
02/21/2024 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 7018; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 7018

SB 1502 Health Care Expenses by Collins

Health Care Expenses; Establishing a 3-year statute of limitations for an action to collect medical debt for services rendered by a health care provider or facility; providing additional personal property exemptions from legal process for medical debts resulting from services provided in certain licensed facilities; requiring a licensed facility to post on its website a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for a minimum number of shoppable health care services; prohibiting certain collection activities by a licensed facility, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committees of Reference

No committees referenced

Actions

01/05/2024 SENATE Filed
01/05/2024 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 1515 Liens for Professional Services of Physicians by Holcomb

Liens for Professional Services of Physicians: Provides physician has lien for amount due for professional services; provides requirements for such lien; limits liability of certain persons; provides certain evidence is admissible at trial; specifies how funds are to be disbursed if there are multiple liens; prohibits instructions for disbursement of funds; requires specified accounting & certification to be given to lienholder; provides requirements for such certification; requires disputes to be settled before funds may be disbursed; prohibits certain liens; provides for attorney fees, costs, enforcement, & preemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Civil Justice Subcommittee (Current Reference)
House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Judiciary Committee

Actions

01/13/2024 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
01/13/2024 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

HB 1543 Prescription Drug Coverage by Gonzalez Pittman

Prescription Drug Coverage: Requires individual & group health insurers & HMOs to provide notice of prescription drug formulary changes within certain timeframe to current & prospective insureds & subscribers & treating physicians; specifies requirements for notice of medical necessity submitted by treating physician; specifies coverage requirement & restrictions on coverage modification by insurers & HMOs receiving notice of medical necessity; requires insurers & HMOs to maintain record of formulary changes; requires insurers & HMOs to annually submit specified report to OIR by specified date; requires office to annually compile certain data & prepare report, make report publicly accessible on its website, & submit report to Governor & Legislature by specified date; requires small employer carriers to comply with certain requirements for prescription drug formulary changes. Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation (Current Reference)
House Appropriations Committee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

01/13/2024 HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Health Innovation; Appropriations Committee; Health & Human Services Committee
01/13/2024 HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Health Innovation
03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Select Committee on Health Innovation

HB 1549 Health Care by Grant

Health Care: Revises provisions relating to medical education, public health, health care practitioners, & health care facilities to allow more access to health care services; creates the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, the Practice of Audiology & Speech-language Pathology Compact, & the Physical Therapy Interstate Compact. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/15/2024 HOUSE Bill referred to House Calendar
02/15/2024 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/21/24
02/21/2024 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 7016; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 7016

HB 1561 Office Surgeries by Busatta Cabrera

Office Surgeries: Requiring medical offices performing specified office surgeries to demonstrate to the department that they have established financial responsibility in a specified manner; revising standards of practice for office 12 surgeries; etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

03/05/2024 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
03/05/2024 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
03/06/2024 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1574 Health Care Services by Jones

Health Care Services; Revising the definitions of the terms “health insurer” as “utilization review entity”; requiring utilization review entities to establish and offer a prior authorization process for accepting electronic prior authorization requests by a specified date; prohibiting payment adjudicators from downcoding health care services under certain circumstances; requiring payment adjudicators to provide certain information prior to making their initial payment or notice of denial of payment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Banking and Insurance (Current Reference)
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Rules

Actions

01/05/2024 SENATE Filed
01/10/2024 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Rules
03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Banking and Insurance

SB 1582

Department of Health by Rodriguez

Department of Health; Exempting environmental health technicians from certain certification requirements under certain circumstances; creating the Andrew John Anderson Pediatric Rare Disease Grant Program within the department for a specified purpose; providing that any health care practitioner present at a birth or responsible for primary care during the neonatal period has the primary responsibility of administering certain screenings; revising hearing loss screening requirements to include infants and toddlers; requiring the department to grant certain applicants 90 days to cure deficiencies with their medical marijuana treatment center license applications pursuant to a specified errors and omissions process, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/07/2024 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
03/08/2024 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed
03/08/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1592

Liens to Recover Charges for Health Care Services by Berman

Liens to Recover Charges for Health Care Services; Creating the "Health Care Services Lien Act"; providing that physicians and chiropractors who provide services to an individual injured as a result of the negligent act of another have a lien for the amount due for such services against any amount recovered by the injured individual in a civil action filed against the individual who caused the injury; providing that such liens are inferior to certain liens or claims; providing such a statement is admissible at trial or in negotiating a settlement, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Judiciary (Current Reference)
Senate Banking and Insurance
Senate Rules

Actions

01/05/2024 SENATE Filed

01/10/2024 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; Rules

03/08/2024 SENATE Died in Judiciary

HB 1593 **Loan Program Performance and Funding** by Skidmore

Loan Program Performance and Funding: Requires DOH to develop methods to collect performance data for loan programs seeking state funding; provides requirements for such methods; requires DOH to create performance measurements based on data collected to determine eligibility of such programs for state funding. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Current Reference)

House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

01/13/2024 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

01/13/2024 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

03/08/2024 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee

SB 1600 **Interstate Mobility** by Collins

Interstate Mobility; Providing requirements for the applicable board, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation if there is no board, relating to licensure by reciprocity and by endorsement; requiring the respective boards of occupations, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation if there is no board, to allow licensure by endorsement if applicant meets certain criteria; requiring the department, and authorizing the board, as applicable, to review the results of the criminal history checks according to specified criteria to determine if the applicants meet the requirements for licensure; designating the "Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement Act" or the "MOBILE Act", etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy

Senate Regulated Industries

Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/06/2024 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)

03/06/2024 SENATE Ordered enrolled

03/06/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1640 **Payments for Health Care Services** by Collins

Payments for Health Care Services; Establishing a 3-year statute of limitations for an action to collect medical debt for services rendered by certain health care facilities; providing additional personal property exemptions from legal process for medical debts resulting from services provided in certain licensed facilities; requiring certain licensed facilities to post on their respective websites a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for a minimum number of shoppable health care services, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Banking and Insurance

Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

03/06/2024 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading

03/06/2024 SENATE Retained on Special Order Calendar

03/07/2024 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7089; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7089

SB 2502 **Implementing the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act** by Appropriations

Implementing the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act; Incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities, to establish a specified code by a specified date; exempting certain rules pertaining to medical marijuana adopted to replace emergency rules from specified rulemaking requirements; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment seeking additional spending authority to implement the Low-Income Pool component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance Demonstration, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Appropriations

Actions

02/01/2024 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/24

02/07/2024 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/08/24

02/08/2024 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (645232); Substituted for HB 5003; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 5003

HB 5001 **General Appropriations Act** by Appropriations Committee

General Appropriations Act: Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2024, & ending June 30, 2025, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2024, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay—buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024, or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later; however, if this act becomes law after July 1, 2024, then it shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2024.

Committees of Reference

No committees referenced

Actions

03/08/2024 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

03/11/2024 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

03/12/2024 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 7016 **Health Care** by Health Policy

Health Care; Revising the purpose of the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program; requiring the Department of Health to implement the Dr. and Mrs. Alfonse and Kathleen Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program for a specified purpose; providing requirements for birth centers designated as advanced birth centers with respect to operating procedures, staffing, and equipment; requiring advanced birth centers to enter into a written agreement with a blood bank for emergency blood bank services; authorizing certain psychiatric nurses to order emergency treatment of certain patients; creating the Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program for a specified purpose; enacting the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in this state, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$717,105,294 Effective Date: except as otherwise provided

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy

Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

- 02/22/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
- 03/12/2024 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/27/24)
- 03/21/2024 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2024-15

SB 7018

Health Care Innovation by Health Policy

Health Care Innovation; Creating the Health Care Innovation Council within the Department of Health for a specified purpose; requiring the council to submit annual reports to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the department to administer a revolving loan program for applicants seeking to implement certain health care innovations in this state; authorizing the department to contract with a third party to administer the program, including loan servicing, and manage the revolving loan fund, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 3/21/2024

Committees of Reference

Senate Health Policy
Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

- 02/22/2024 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
- 03/12/2024 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/27/24)
- 03/21/2024 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2024-16

HB 7063

Anti-human Trafficking by Judiciary Committee

Anti-human Trafficking: Extends future repeal date of direct-support organization for Statewide Council on Human Trafficking; revises hotline number to be included in human trafficking awareness signs; requiring adult entertainment establishments to check identification of entertainers. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

No committees referenced

Actions

- 03/08/2024 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
- 03/11/2024 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
- 03/12/2024 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 7089

Health Care Expenses by Health & Human Services Committee

Health Care Expenses: Establishes 3-year statute of limitations for action to collect medical debt for services; provides personal property exemptions from legal process for medical debts; requires licensed facility to post on its website consumer-friendly list of standard charges; requires licensed facility to provide estimate to patient & patient's insurer; requires licensed facility to establish internal grievance process for patients to dispute charges; prohibits collection activities by licensed facility; requires health insurer to provide insured with advanced explanation of benefits for scheduled services; provides shared savings incentive offered by health insurer or HMO constitutes medical expense for rate development & rate filing purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Committees of Reference

No committees referenced

Actions

- 03/08/2024 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
- 03/11/2024 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

SHI1 Public Records and Meetings Exemptions by Select Committee on Health Innovation

PCB SHI 24-01 – Public Records and Meetings Exemptions

Committees of Reference

House Select Committee on Health Innovation (Current Reference)

Actions

- 01/10/2024 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Select Committee on Health Innovation, 01/12/24, 9:00 am, 17 H
- 01/12/2024 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Select Committee on Health Innovation; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 01/12/2024 HOUSE Committee Bill Text Filed as HB 7041