

Legislative Update March 7, 2015
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Big news for those interested in **SB 121 Vaccine Purchasing Act (Sen. O'Neill)**. This bill completed two huge hurdles this week. First was the Do Pass it received in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday night March 2nd. The bill was initially referred to Senate Finance Committee, but then withdrawn and referred to the Senate Floor for a vote. On Thursday afternoon March 5th the Senate unanimously passed the bill. It was introduced in the House on Friday March 6th and has been referred to House Health Committee.

SB 325 Health Agreement No-Compete Provisions (Sen. Ingle)

This bill passed a Senate Floor vote 37-3 on Tuesday February 17th. It is scheduled for its first House hearing in House Health Committee on Thursday morning March 12th.

HB 122 Scope of Practice Act (Rep. McMillan)

This bill passed a House Floor vote unanimously on February 27th. The bill has been introduced in the Senate and assigned to Senate Rules Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee. It is awaiting to be scheduled in Senate Rules.

HB 259 Certain Physician Services Gross Receipts (Rep. McMillan)

The bill is was Tabled in the House Ways & Means Committee of Friday March 6th.

SB 376 Chiropractic Medicine & Advanced Practice (Sen. McSorley)

This amended bill received a Do Pass in Senate Public Affairs Committee on Thursday February 26th and has been referred to Senate Judiciary. The amendment would require more supervision from doctors or nurse practitioners. The bill is awaiting to be scheduled in Senate Judiciary.

SB 571 Physical Therapy Treatment & Board (Sen. Shendo)

This amended bill received a Do Pass in Senate Public Affairs Committee on Thursday March 5th (**Committee Report with amendments attached**) and has been referred to Senate Corporations Committee.

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Mr. President:

Your **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 13, strike the semicolon and insert in lieu thereof a period.

2. On page 1, strike lines 14 through 16 in their entirety.

3. On page 6, line 8, through page 7, line 10, strike Subsection 0 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following new subsection:

"0. A physical therapist shall refer a patient to the patient's licensed health care provider if:

(1) after thirty days of initiating physical therapy intervention, the patient has not made measurable or functional improvement with respect to the primary complaints of the patient; provided that the thirty-day limit shall not apply to:

(a) treatment provided for a condition related to a chronic, neuromuscular or developmental condition for a patient previously diagnosed by a licensed health care provider as having a chronic, neuromuscular or developmental condition;

(b) services provided for health promotion, wellness, fitness or maintenance purposes; or

(c) services provided to a patient who is participating in a program pursuant to an individual education plan under federal law; or

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(2) at any time, the physical therapist has reason to believe the patient has symptoms or conditions requiring treatment that is beyond the scope of practice of the physical therapist."".

4. On page 7, lines 11 and 12, strike Section 2 in its entirety.,

and thence referred to the **CORPORATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Candelaria, Kernan, Stewart

Absent: None