

 **HB 27** **Mehaffie, Thomas(R)** (PN 471) The Public Health Emergency Leave Act requires each employer in the commonwealth to provide public health emergency leave to employees whose residence or employment is affected by a public health emergency. Requires the employer to provide the public health emergency leave in addition to any other leave benefits available to an employee by contract or policy. Further provides for notice of eligibility; use of leave; eligibility for leave; and overtime requirements. Also provides for enforcement and for the duties of the Department of Labor and Industry. Establishes the Public Health Emergency Tax Credit Program in the department to provide tax credit certificates to employers that provide public health emergency leave to employees. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed
02-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 **HB 41** **Grove, Seth(R)** (PN 20) The Medical Service Agreement Act provides for direct primary care, medical service agreements and insurance, for medical service agreement requirements, for use of health savings accounts or flexible spending accounts, and for use of other health care practitioners. The bill establishes that in order to be considered a medical service agreement under this act, the medical service agreement shall be in writing, be signed by the patient or patient's legal representative or guardian, be signed by the physician, allow either party to terminate the medical service agreement upon written notice to the other party, describe the specific health care services that are included in the medical service agreement, specify the fee for the medical service agreement, specify the period of time under the medical service agreement, and include the following statement: This agreement does not provide comprehensive health insurance coverage. The agreement only provides for the health care services specifically described. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-06-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 **HB 42** **Grove, Seth(R)** (PN 21) The Commonwealth Fraud Prevention and COVID-19 Related Liability Act provides for liability for false claims; adoption of the Federal False Claims Act; damages; costs; civil penalties; power of the Attorney General; civil investigative demands; and for COVID-19-

related liability. The provisions relating to COVID-19-related liability shall take effect immediately and the remainder of the act shall take effect in 120 days.

Bill History: 01-06-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 63 Lawrence, John(R)

(PN 1025) The COVID-19 Vaccine Administration and Distribution Act establishes that a person authorized to administer a COVID-19 vaccine by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall be permitted to administer vaccines. Enumerates professionals and requirements for those qualified to administer the vaccines in Pennsylvania. Requires proof of an observational period for those qualified to administer vaccines. Provides provisions regarding recordkeeping. Establishes no later than 14 days after the effective date and not less than each 14 days thereafter, the Department of Health shall publish vaccine data. Provides the Department of Health shall deliver COVID-19 vaccines intended for a mass vaccination site in an affected county to the health department of the affected county. The governing body of each affected county shall have sole authority to designate a location or locations for a mass vaccination site or sites within the county and shall coordinate with the appropriate agencies for the delivery and administration of COVID-19 vaccines at each mass vaccination site. This act shall expire 60 days after the termination of the governor's COVID-19 emergency declaration or December 31, 2022, whichever is earlier. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 937)

Bill History: 04-13-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Health and Human Services
05-24-21 S Meeting set for 11:00 a.m., Senate Chamber, Senate Health and Human Services -- Senate Health and Human Services
05-24-21 S Removed from Agenda for 5/24/21, Senate Health and Human Services -- Senate Health and Human Services

 HB 106 Mehaffie, Thomas(R)

(PN 547) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act providing for hospital patient protection. This legislation sets appropriate ratios for Pennsylvania hospitals dependent upon the acuity of the unit's patient needs. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History: 02-19-21 H Filed
02-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB 161 Mullery, Gerald(D)

(PN 129) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing that the results of surveys or inspections as defined by the Health Care Facilities Act and conducted by the Department of Health may be utilized in civil actions involving the care of patients or residents to show history or course of conduct. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed
01-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB 171 DeLuca, Anthony(D)

(PN 138) The Health Care Practitioner Employment Agreement Act limits restrictive covenants in health care practitioner employment agreements. This legislation provides for an exception and shall not be construed to render void or unenforceable the remaining provisions of a contract or agreement, including a buyout clause that requires a health care practitioner to reimburse the employer for reasonable expenses incurred in recruiting the health care practitioner and establishing the health care practitioner's patient base. Establishes that the buyout clause may include an amount for liquidated damages provided that the amount is reasonable. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed
01-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB 173 DeLuca, Anthony(D)

(PN 140) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in special provisions relating to particular classes of insurers, adding a chapter providing for nondiscrimination by payers in health care benefit plans. A health care payer shall be required to contract with and to accept as a health care benefit plan participant any willing provider of health care services. A health care payer may not discriminate against a provider of health care services which: (1) agrees to accept the health care payer's standard payment levels, and (2) meets and agrees to adhere to quality standards established by the health care payer. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed
01-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 HB 192 Topper, Jesse(R)

(PN 161) Amends the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act providing for criminal background checks for expedited licensure applicants. Requires an applicant for an expedited license under the compact to submit to a criminal history background check conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-23-21 Third consideration 3:31pm
03-23-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:201/N: 0)
03-23-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 HB 222 Brown, Rosemary(R)

(PN 189) Amends the Tax Reform Code providing that the Department of Revenue (DOR) may issue a tax credit, not to exceed \$5,000, for an automated external defibrillator to any single taxpayer for a single taxable year. Establishes that DOR may not allocate more than \$10 million in tax credits for a single taxable year with not more than \$5 million exclusively for small businesses. Provides for Pennsylvania S Corporation shareholder pass-through if the S corporation does not have an eligible tax liability against which the tax credit may be applied. Provides for reporting requirements by DOR to the General Assembly, for the administration and promulgation of

regulations by DOR, and that the act shall only apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-22-21 H Filed
01-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

 **HB 225** [Mentzer, Steven\(R\)](#)

(PN 1099) Amends the Insurance Company Law, in quality health care accountability and protection, establishing standards related to preauthorization of health care services and step therapy; and making an editorial change. The legislation establishes the responsibility of managed care plans to make updates to enrollment eligibility information within 30 days of receiving updated enrollment information, provides that prior authorization requests shall be accessible to health care providers and accepted by insurers and utilization review organizations electronically, and provides standards for preauthorization costs and for restrictions on preauthorization of health care services. The legislation provides provisions related to continuity of care, step therapy protocols, operational standards, access requirements in service areas, uniform preauthorization form and preauthorization exemptions, and data collection and reporting. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-01-21 H Filed
04-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
05-24-21 H Press conference held

 **HB 241** [Warren, Perry\(D\)](#)






(PN 201) The Disaster Emergency Health Insurance Preauthorization Act provides a preauthorization for a health care service both approved prior to and in effect on the date of the governor's declaration of disaster emergency shall remain approved during the disaster emergency and for not less than 90 days from the date the disaster emergency terminates or expires subject to the terms and conditions of a health insurance policy. Further provides the Insurance Department shall enforce the provisions of the act. Also provides the act shall apply only to a health insurance policy in effect during the governor's March 6, 2020, proclamation of disaster emergency and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency and any other declaration of disaster emergency issued by the governor due to virus, bacterium or other microorganism after the effective date of the act. Effective immediately.


Bill History: 01-22-21 H Filed
01-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 **HB 245** [Kaufner, Aaron\(R\)](#)


(PN 2141) Amends the Medical Practice Act reducing the amount of years of approved graduate medical training from three to two for graduates of unaccredited medical colleges. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 213)

Bill History: 09-22-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
09-22-21 S Second consideration 11:51am
09-22-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations


 <input type="checkbox"/>	HB 265 James, Lee(R)	<p>(PN 236) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, requiring hands-only CPR instruction. Effective in 60 days.</p>
<i>Bill History:</i>		<p>01-25-21 H Filed 01-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education</p>
 <input type="checkbox"/>	HB 281 Ortitay, Jason(R)	<p>(PN 252) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing for report of inventory by health care facility. Requires a health care facility licensed under this chapter to annually report to the department an inventory of the health care equipment that is maintained in the health care facility. Further requires the health care facility to report this inventory to the department within 24 hours of the declaration of an emergency, regardless of whether the declaration is due to a natural disaster or public health emergency. Effective immediately.</p>
<i>Bill History:</i>		<p>01-26-21 H Filed 01-27-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health</p>
 <input type="checkbox"/>	HB 322 Rothman, Greg(R)	<p>(PN 296) The Health Care Cost Transparency Act requires a health care provider operating in the commonwealth to publish the cost of health care procedures. Effective in 60 days.</p>
<i>Bill History:</i>		<p>01-27-21 H Filed 01-28-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health</p>
 <input type="checkbox"/>	HB 325 Greiner, Keith(R)	<p>(PN 299) Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)), in powers and duties, providing that licensed professionals may receive advice from licensing boards concerning the meaning or interpretation of an act or regulation pertaining to the license. Effective in 60 days.</p>
<i>Bill History:</i>		<p>03-24-21 Third consideration 3:37pm 03-24-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:201/N: 0) 03-25-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure</p>
 <input type="checkbox"/>	HB 326 O'Neal, Tim(R)	<p>(PN 388) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in the governor as commander-in-chief, removing the public health duties from the power of the governor and providing that the Pennsylvania National Guard, in conjunction with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), may develop plans for the establishment and operation of community distribution and administration of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies, and vaccinees for a virus. Provides reporting requirements on the integration of the Pennsylvania National Guard into the commonwealth's vaccine distribution and administration plan. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer's Number: 301)</p>
<i>Bill History:</i>		<p>02-26-21 G In the hands of the Governor 03-03-21 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 4) 03-03-21 G Earliest effective date</p>

 **HB 350** Benham, Jessica (F)(D) (PN 324) Amends the Insurance Company Law, in casualty insurance, providing a health insurance policy or government program covered under this law shall include coverage for and waive cost-sharing requirements related to medically necessary COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Effective immediately.


Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 **HB 368** Davis, Austin(D) (PN 340) The COVID-19 Pandemic Front Line Employee Health and Safety Protection Act provides requirements for health care or emergency responder employers on protecting workers from COVID-19 exposure. Provides requirements and limitations for an employer in another sector to protect employees from COVID-19 exposure. Establishes the right to bring own personal protective equipment, duties of the Department of Health and employers regarding notification of illness in the workplace, and whistleblower protections. Permits the Department of Labor and Industry to impose civil penalties for violations. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 **HB 599** Oberlander, Donna(R) (PN 568) Amends the Unfair Insurance Practices Act adding that unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices includes altering the coverage provided by a health insurance policy, including, but not limited to, raising the premium, copayment, coinsurance or deductible or denying or otherwise failing to provide continued coverage for a health care benefit that was included in the insured's health insurance policy and when the insured has already received the health care benefit. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-04-21 H Voted from committee with request to re-refer to House, House Insurance Consumer Affairs -- House Insurance
10-04-21 H Reported with request to re-refer to House Consumer Affairs, House Insurance -- House Insurance
10-04-21 H Rereferred to House Consumer Affairs

 **HB 642** Sappey, Christina(D) (PN 598) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) providing for telemedicine, authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards and providing that a health care provider who engages in telemedicine in a manner that does not comply with the standards of care or rules of practice shall be subject to discipline by the appropriate licensure board. Establishes that a health care provider providing telemedicine services shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Provides that a health care provider shall verify the location and identity of the person receiving care and disclose the health care provider's identity, geographic location and medical specialty. Establishes that health insurance policies issued in the commonwealth shall provide coverage for medically necessary telemedicine delivered by a participating network provider who provides a

covered service via telemedicine consistent with the insurer's medical policies. Provides for reimbursement of telemedicine services during the COVID-19 pandemic and for conditions of reimbursement for telemedicine services provided under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Sections related to insurance coverage of telemedicine shall take effect upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Provisions related to Medicaid and CHIP reimbursement shall take effect in 90 days. The remainder of the act shall take effect immediately.

Bill History: 02-23-21 H Filed
02-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 **HB 681** Ecker, Torren(R)

(PN 1187) The Health Care Practitioner Noncompete Agreement Act prohibits the enforcement of covenants not to compete in health care practitioner employment agreements. The bill provides for the duty of the employer and activities outside the scope of practice. Nothing in the act shall be construed to limit the period of time a party may agree to maintain information, limit the geographic area within which the information must be kept confidential, allow a health care practitioner to solicit individuals who are patients of the former employer but not prior patients of the health care practitioner, or create a separate right to the patient list of the employer. Provides for an exception. Effective in 30 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 640)

Bill History: 09-21-21 H Laid on the table
09-21-21 H Removed from the table
11-08-21 H Set on the House Calendar

 **HB 831** Boback, Karen(R)

(PN 813) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) establishing health care provider civil immunity, unless harm or gross negligence was intentionally designed, if all the following apply: a disaster emergency has been declared by the governor or local elected officials, and the health care provider was unable to provide care as a result of the health care provider's voluntary or mandatory response to the disaster. The bill provides a health care provider is not liable for civil damages due to an injury or wrongful death arising from the delivery or withholding of health care if the following apply: a disaster emergency has been declared by the governor or local elected officials, and the disaster caused a lack of resources rendering the health care provider unable to provide the required health care. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Filed
03-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 **HB 834** Brown, Rosemary(R)

(PN 816) Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, further providing for automatic external defibrillators and providing for a sudden cardiac event emergency action plan for athletic activities. The bill establishes that each school entity and nonpublic school shall have an automatic external defibrillator (AED) present at all interscholastic athletic events, including


practices, sponsored by the school entity or nonpublic school. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Filed
03-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HB 854 Ecker, Torren(R)


(PN 1752) Amends the Administrative Code providing that an executive agency shall preserve all records in possession of the agency relating to the order in accordance with the executive agency's existing record retention policy. provides that nothing contained in the legislation may be construed to reduce the retention period of any commonwealth record. Provides that the suspension of a regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of commonwealth business, or an order, rule or regulation of a commonwealth agency is extended until September 30, 2021, unless sooner terminated by the authority which initially authorized the suspension. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer's Number(s): 838, 1155)

Bill History: 06-10-21 G In the hands of the Governor
06-11-21 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 21)
06-11-21 G Earliest effective date

 HB 1011 Quinn, Chris(R)

(PN 1042) The Retaining Health Care Innovations Act provides legal authority for administrative flexibilities to continue despite the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster declaration and requires the development of recommendations to retain innovations adopted during the pandemic. Administrative flexibilities provided to a health care facility, practitioner or proved and adopted under the authority of the disaster declaration shall be extended through the extension period or until the Joint State Government Commission issues a report in accordance with this act, whichever is later. Allows a health care facility to take advantage of administrative flexibilities during the extension period even if the emergency operations plan of the facility is closed. Requires the Joint State Government Commission to perform an analysis of the administrative flexibilities and issue a report to the General Assembly. Provides for the contents of report. Also requires the commission to establish an advisory committee and provides for its composition. Further provides nothing in the act shall require the commonwealth to maintain administrative flexibilities that would violate federal law or disqualify the commonwealth from receiving federal matching funds for Medicaid services. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-23-21 H Filed
03-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health
04-27-21 H Discussed during public hearing, House Republican Policy Committee -- House Republican Policy Committee

 HB 1022 Schemel, Paul(R)

(PN 1057) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, establishing requirements to obtain informed consent. The legislation provides that a physician or

qualified practitioner performing a surgery; administering radiation, blood transfusion or an experimental medication; or inserting a surgical device may rely on information provided by another qualified practitioner to obtain the informed consent of the patient or the patient's authorized representative. The legislation also provides a human research exception to the liability of obtaining informed consent. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-25-21 H Filed
03-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB
1112

Neilson, Ed(D)

(PN 1150) Amends the Public School Code, in high schools, providing for CPR education in the health education curriculum. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-05-21 H Filed
04-06-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HB
1128

Neilson, Ed(D)

(PN 1176) Amends the Public School Code requiring the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) instruction for school district employees and volunteers. Provides that each school entity shall assure that each AED location has at least five persons trained and certified in the use of an AED. Provides that each school entity, private school and nonpublic school shall develop safety procedures for responding to a medical emergency involving cardiac arrest. Provides that the Department of Education may receive donations for use of CPR and AED and shall distribute donations. Provides that every school entity, nonpublic school and private school shall have at least one AED in each occupied building on the school premises at all times. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-06-21 H Filed
04-07-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HB
1173

Cephas, Morgan(D)

(PN 1229) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing that the Department of Human Services shall apply to the federal government for a waiver to permit a woman receiving medical assistance to be eligible for pregnancy-related and postpartum medical assistance for up to an additional 10 months following the birth of the child. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-13-21 H Filed
04-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB
1174

Cephas, Morgan(D)

(PN 1230) Amends the Maternal Mortality Review Act providing maternal deaths and severe maternal morbidity complications as reportable events by the Department of Health. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History: 04-13-21 H Filed
04-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB
1176

Cephas, Morgan(D)

(PN 1232) Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)), providing for administration. Establishes that the department will require each person applying for a license or certification issued by a health-related state board to complete training regarding implicit bias and cultural competence in accordance with the continuing education requirements of the health-related state board. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-13-21 H Filed
04-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

 HB
1241

Quinn, Chris(R)

(PN 1305) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, requiring automated external defibrillators to be located in each state building. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-19-21 H Filed
04-20-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

 HB
1280

Jozwiak, Barry(R)

(PN 1364) Amends the Patient Test Result Information Act providing a definition for chronic condition, repealing the definition of significant abnormality and provisions related to test results, providing for written notice by the diagnostic imaging entity to the patients regarding results of tests ordered as well as exceptions, and establishes the duty of the Department of Health to coordinate with state licensing boards on complaints received relating to entities performing diagnostic imaging services not under the jurisdiction of the department. Excludes specific cardiac testing from patient notification requirements. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 09-15-21 H Reported as committed from House Rules
09-15-21 H Laid on the table
11-08-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

 HB
1359

Rothman, Greg(R)

(PN 1471) The Health Care Heroes and Public Health Preparedness Act establishes the Health Care Heroes and Public Health Preparedness Program and the Health Care Heroes and Public Health Preparedness Account to award grants to hospitals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and makes an appropriation of \$650 million. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 05-05-21 H Filed
05-07-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

 HB
1440

Millard, David(R)

(PN 1555) Amends the Medical Practice Act providing definitions and establishing membership of medical imaging professionals, radiation therapists or radiologist assistants on the State Board of Medicine; establishing regulations and licensure of medical imaging professionals; repealing provisions relating to radiologic procedures and education and training required; and providing related and inconsistent repeals. Establishes regulation and licensure of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 05-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure
10-06-21 H Informational meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Of, House Professional Licensure -- House Professional Licensure
10-06-21 H Informational meeting held House Professional Licensure

 HB
1540

Oberlander, Donna(R)

(PN 1671) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in bases of jurisdiction and interstate and international procedure, providing that in addition to the requirements relating to persons, the tribunals of the commonwealth may exercise general personal jurisdiction over a health care provider in a medical professional liability action for a medical professional liability claim only in the county in which the cause of action arose. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-02-21 H Filed
06-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB
1700

Sonney, Curt(R)

(PN 1920) Amends the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act adding a new section providing a physician shall not be required to disclose a complaint filed against the physician with the board to any person or entity if the board determines that no disciplinary or corrective action against the physician is necessary and the complaint file is closed without any disciplinary or corrective action against the physician. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-24-21 H Filed
06-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

 HB
1701

Sonney, Curt(R)

(PN 1921) Amends the Medical Practice Act adding a new section providing a physician shall not be required to disclose a complaint filed against the physician with the board to any person or entity if the board determines that no disciplinary or corrective action against the physician is necessary and the complaint file is closed without any disciplinary or corrective action against the physician. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-24-21 H Filed
06-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

 HB
1723

Frankel, Dan(D)

(PN 1952) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, providing that health care providers may not charge fees related to a COVID-19 fee or a facility fee for services provided in an off-campus health care facility, outpatient evaluation, and management services, or any outpatient, diagnostic, or imaging services identified by the department. Provides for health care provider reporting requirements to the council, regulatory authorization of the council, and enforcement provisions. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 07-12-21 H Filed
07-13-21 H Press conference held on 7/13/21 by Frankel
07-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB
1816

Fiedler, Elizabeth(D)

(PN 2060) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for patient consent for all procedures performed under anesthesia by medical students for training purposes. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-26-21 H Filed
08-31-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 SB 25

Bartolotta, Camera(R)

(PN 219) Amends the Professional Nursing Law further providing for definitions; and providing for licensure as a certified nurse practitioner. The bill outlines the scope of practice for certified nurse practitioners. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-16-21 S First consideration
09-29-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
09-29-21 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

 SB 169

Yaw, Gene(R)

(PN 210) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in prescribing opioids to individuals, providing for prescribing opioids to individuals and further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure; and making editorial changes. The bill defines minor as an individual less than 18 years of age and excludes a minor who is married or has been married, pregnant or has been pregnant, a member of the armed forces of the United States, or legally emancipated. The bill changes the name of the chapter from prescribing opioids to minors to prescribing opioids to individuals. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History:

02-18-21 S Filed
02-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 225

Phillips-Hill, Kristin
(F)(R)

(PN 948) Amends the Insurance Company Law further providing for definitions and for responsibilities of managed care plans. Requires a managed plan care to establish an electronic platform for the submission and receipt of prior authorization requests by network providers; publish available health care services subject to prior authorization on its publicly accessible Internet website and provide the information upon request of a participating network provider; provide a 60-day notice to participating network providers of any changes to existing prior authorization criteria or implementation of new prior authorization requirements; establish a protocol to obtain an exception from any step therapy requirements and publish that process in an easily accessible manner on its publicly accessible Internet website; and provide the rules and regulations related to the step therapy protocol upon request of all prescribing network providers. Further provides for preauthorization review standards and preauthorization costs. Adds language to section 2117 relating to continuity of care. Adds a new section providing for step therapy. Adds language amending section 2136 relating to required disclosure and amending section 2152 relating to operational standards. Provides a new section providing for initial review of preauthorization requests and adverse determinations and a new section providing

for access requirements in service areas. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 453)

Bill History: 10-25-21 S Laid on the table
10-25-21 S Removed from the table
11-08-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 SB 231 Aument, Ryan(R)

(PN 201) Amends Title 35 (Health & Safety), in Commonwealth services, further providing for general authority of governor, providing for notification of suspensions, modifications and waivers and establishing the Disaster and Recovery Task Force. Provides that no state of disaster emergency may continue for longer than 30 days unless renewed by the governor with majority approval by each chamber of the General Assembly by concurrent resolution. Further provides that the Office of the Governor shall notify the individuals under subsection (c) no later than provided under subsection (b) when a specific statute or regulation is suspended, modified or waived under the authority of the order. Requires the Disaster and Recovery Task Force to be established within five days of the effective date of a disaster emergency declaration. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-16-21 S Filed
02-16-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

 SB 273 Baker, Lisa(R)

(PN 255) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in particular rights and immunities, providing for COVID-19-related liability. Provides that a school entity, child care facility, manufacturer, distributor, labeler and donor, or business or government service shall not be civilly liable for damages or personal injury relating to an actual or alleged exposure to COVID-19, absent a showing, by clear and convincing evidence, of gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or intention infliction of harm. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-24-21 S Filed
02-24-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 SB 285 Boscola, Lisa(D)

(PN 271) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) providing for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Provides that for the purposes of providing COVID-19 approved vaccines during the COVID-19 disaster emergency, eligible health care providers who receive training in COVID-19 approved vaccines shall be authorized to administer the vaccines. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-26-21 S Filed
02-26-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 330 Brooks, Michele(R)

(PN 337) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in particular rights and immunities, establishing immunity from a medical professional liability claim, medical liability action or other civil claim of negligence for any act or omission during the course of rendering health care during a state of disaster emergency for health care practitioners, health care providers and volunteer practitioners upon qualifications, including providing health care services outside or

exceeding the normal scope of practice or specialty. Provides immunity for practitioners and providers that cancel, discontinue or otherwise alter health care services or are unable to provide the required level or manner of care due to a lack of resources attributable to the state of disaster emergency. Establishes immunity from a products liability claim for any person or entity that manufactures, distributes or uses health care equipment, including atypical or novel utilization of health care equipment in response to the state of disaster emergency. No vicarious liability shall attach to the employer of an individual who is immune under these provisions. Provides provisions shall not apply to a claim or cause of action that merely coincides in the time of the disaster emergency when the action or claim is not associated with the state of disaster emergency. Provisions are not applicable to any criminal action, intentional tort or incident of gross negligence. Provides for definitions. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-10-21 S Filed
03-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 SB 359 Schwank, Judy(D)

Amends the Human Services Code, in medical assistance, providing for pregnancy-related and postpartum medical assistance.

Bill History: 03-12-21 S Filed
03-12-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 397 Pittman, Joe(R)

(PN 1083) Amends the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act by increasing the membership of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine by two members, including one doctor and one physician assistant. Provides a permanent seat on the board for a physician assistant. Allows a physician assistant to provide medical services in accordance with the written agreement. Also allows the board to develop audit procedures to ensure supervision and scope of practice protections are maintained in a written agreement in accordance with the act. Requires countersignature for the first 12 months of a physician assistant's practice in a new specialty. Provides a 10 percent review by the board of all written agreements and to publish this review process in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Prohibits an entity from requiring the supervision of more physician assistants if a physician believes it will compromise patient care. Changes the ratio requirement from six to one in all practice settings. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer's Number: 385, 870)

Bill History: 09-29-21 G In the hands of the Governor
10-07-21 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 78)
10-07-21 G Earliest effective date

 SB 398 Pittman, Joe(R)

(PN 1084) Amends the Medical Practice Act by increasing the membership of the State Board of Medicine by two members, including one doctor and one physician assistant. Provides a permanent seat on the board for a physician assistant. Requires the primary supervising physician to be responsible for the medical services a physician assistant renders. Allows a physician assistant to

perform a medical service without the onsite presence or personal direction of the primary supervising physician in accordance with the written agreement. Allows the primary supervising physician to determine countersignature requirements for the review of a physician assistant's patient records in a written agreement, except in the case of a new physician assistant, where the primary supervising physician shall countersign 100 percent of patient records within 10 days for the first 12 months of a physician assistant's practice post-graduation and after licensure criteria has been met. Also allows the board to develop audit procedures to ensure supervision and scope of practice protections are maintained in a written agreement in accordance with the act. A waiver, subject to board approval, may be utilized in a health care facility to employ or supervise more physician assistants for good cause. Requires the board to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out this act within 180 days and requires the abrogation of specific inconsistent board regulations. Requires countersignature for the first 12 months of a physician assistant's practice in a new specialty. Provides a 10 percent review by the board of all written agreements and to publish this review process in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Adds language prohibiting an entity from requiring the supervision of more physician assistants if a physician believes it will compromise patient care and changes the ratio requirement from six to one in all practice settings. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer's Number: 386, 871)

Bill History: 09-29-21 G In the hands of the Governor
10-07-21 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 79)
10-07-21 G Earliest effective date

 SB 425 Gordner, John(R)

(PN 616) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, establishing requirements to obtain informed consent. The legislation provides that a physician may delegate the task of obtaining informed consent to a qualified practitioner or rely on information provided by another qualified practitioner to obtain the informed consent of the patient or the patient's authorized representative. Allows a patient to speak to a physician rather than a delegated qualified practitioner to answer a question concerning the procedure, risks, or alternatives to the procedure or to obtain informed consent. The legislation also provides a human research exception to the liability of obtaining informed consent. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 429)

Bill History: 06-28-21 G In the hands of the Governor
06-30-21 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 61)
06-30-21 G Earliest effective date

 SB 444 Boscola, Lisa(D)

(PN 446) Amends the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act providing for criminal background checks for expedited licensure applicants. Requires an applicant for an expedited license under the compact to submit to a criminal history background check conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-18-21 S Filed
03-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on
Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 671 Hutchinson, Scott(R)

(PN 740) The Retaining Health Care Innovations Act provides legal authority for administrative flexibilities to continue despite the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster declaration and requires the development of recommendations to retain innovations adopted during the pandemic. Administrative flexibilities provided to a health care facility, practitioner or provider and adopted under the authority of the disaster declaration shall be extended through the extension period or until the Joint State Government Commission issues a report in accordance with this act, whichever is later. Allows a health care facility to take advantage of administrative flexibilities during the extension period even if the emergency operations plan of the facility is closed. Requires the Joint State Government Commission to perform an analysis of the administrative flexibilities and issue a report to the General Assembly. Provides for the contents of report. Also requires the commission to establish an advisory committee and provides for its composition. Further provides nothing in the act shall require the commonwealth to maintain administrative flexibilities that would violate federal law or disqualify the commonwealth from receiving federal matching funds for Medicaid services. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 06-09-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-09-21 Second consideration 5:07pm
06-09-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

 SB 705 Vogel, Jr., Elder(R)

(PN 949) The Telemedicine Act authorizes the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards and provides insurance coverage for telemedicine. Each licensure board shall promulgate regulations that are consistent with this act to provide for and regulate telemedicine within the scope of practice and standard of care regulated by the board. Requires compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations and further provides for telemedicine evaluation and treatment. Provides for insurance coverage and reimbursement. Provides that a health insurer is required to reimburse a participating network provider if the provision of the service using telemedicine would be inconsistent with the standard of care. Further provides for Medicaid program reimbursement. Some provisions of this act are effective immediately while others are effective in 90 days (Prior Printer's Number: 790).

Bill History: 10-26-21 Third consideration 3:58pm
10-26-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 46/N: 4)
10-27-21 H Received in the House and referred to House Insurance

 SB 818 Ward, Judy (F)(R)

(PN 1004) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing that ambulatory surgical facilities may seek an exception or waiver from the department for surgical procedures not specified on a covered procedures list by the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This legislation aligns the procedures permitted in ambulatory surgery centers with that of CMS. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 09-28-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
09-28-21 Second consideration 3:32pm
09-28-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

 SB 828 Ward, Judy (F)(R)

(PN 1010) Amends the Unfair Insurance Practices Act adding that unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices includes altering the coverage provided by a health insurance policy, including, but not limited to, raising the premium, copayment, coinsurance or deductible or denying or otherwise failing to provide continued coverage for a health care benefit that was included in the insured's health insurance policy and when the insured has already received the health care benefit. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 07-26-21 S Filed
07-26-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 834 Argall, David(R)

(PN 1034) Amends the Patient Test Result Information Act removing the definition of "significant abnormality" and adding language requiring diagnostic imaging entities to provide patients with written notice at the time of any imaging service. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 08-27-21 S Filed
08-27-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 869 Tomlinson, Robert(R)

(PN 1074) Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations), in powers and duties, further providing for definitions and providing for virtual operation. This legislation provides that in addition to the requirements of a practice act to hold public meetings to conduct business, each licensing board and commission shall use a virtual platform to conduct business when a public meeting is held. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 09-29-21 Third consideration 12:07pm
09-29-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)
09-29-21 H Received in the House and referred to House Professional Licensure

 SR 61 Collett, Maria (F)(D)

(PN 545) Resolution designating February 7 through February 14, 2021, as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" and further designating February 14, 2021, as "Emersyn's Day" in Pennsylvania.

Bill History: 04-09-21 S Filed
04-09-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

 SR 145 Scavello, Mario(R)

Resolution recognizing the week of June 1 through 7, 2021, as "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Bill History: 06-21-21 S Filed
06-21-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

  SR 203 Regan, Mike(R)

Resolution designating the month of October 2021 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Bill History: 10-28-21 S Filed
10-28-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations