Priority Bills for Discussion

SB1495/HB1489 Use of tanning devices by minors prohibited.
Summary: Prohibits any person under the age 18 years from using a tanning device in a tanning facilities in this state.
Senate Status: 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/01/18 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 02/07/18.
Position: Support

SB1515/HB2239 Redefines physicians and physician assistants professional relationship.
Summary: Changes references to the professional relationship between physicians and physician assistants from "supervisory" to "collaborative." Makes similar changes to references to the professional relationship between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses.
Senate Status: 02/01/18 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/06/18.
House Status: 01/31/18 - Filed for Introduction
Position: Monitor

SB1634/HB1555 Suspension or revocation of professional licensure for defaulting on a student loan.
Summary: Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans. Requires reinstatement of licenses for otherwise qualified applicants whose licenses were suspended, denied, or revoked based solely on defaulting on student loan repayment.
Senate Status: 02/01/18 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/06/18.
House Status: 01/19/18 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.
Position: Support

SB1926/HB2122 New Healthcare Practitioner Act
Summary: STATE SUMMARY - As introduced, establishes a license for a new practitioner.
SB2087/HB2283 *Report concerning workforce needs for nurses in healthcare institutions and facilities.*

**Sponsors:** Sen. Kyle, Sara, Rep. Deberry Jr., John

**Summary:** Requires the executive director of the board of nursing to report concerning workforce needs for nurses in healthcare institutions and facilities in this state and the need for any beneficial changes to the educational training of nurses in order to meet those needs to the health committee of the house and the health and welfare committee of the senate on or before January 15, 2019. Broadly captioned.

**Position:** Monitor -- Caption bill for Registered Nurse First Assist.

SB2095/HB2510 *Prescribing of buprenorphine by certain nurse practitioners.*

**Sponsors:** Sen. Dickerson, Steven, Rep. Favors, JoAnne

Permits a licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner or physician assistant in state for at least here year and has no limitations or conditions imposed on the practitioner’s licensure within the prior three years by the board of nursing or the committee on physician assistants to prescribe buprenorphine.

**Position:** Support

SB2154/HB2288 *Changes in veterinary licensing classifications.*

**Sponsors:** Sen. Bell, Mike, Rep. Ramsey, Bob

**Position:** OPPOSE! Establishes role of Registered Veterinary Registered Nurse. TN would be first state to approve such a bill. Grassroots advocacy will be need should this bill advance.

SB2642/HB2267 *Increased penalties for healthcare providers.*

**Sponsors:** Sen. Watson, Bo, Rep. Hicks, Gary

**Position:** Monitoring -- caption bill, waiting for amendment

SB2257/HB1831 *Opioid prescribing*

**Sponsors:** Sen. Norris, Mark, Rep. Hawk, David

**Position:** Monitoring -- Working with others on amendments