

Priority Bills for Discussion

SB1495/HB1489 Use of tanning devices by minors prohibited.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy
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.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Faison, Jeremy
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.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Gilmore, Brenda
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**

SB1670/HB1695 Honoring prescription for person displaced by natural disaster.

Sponsors: Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Pitts, Joe
Summary: Permits a pharmacist to honor a valid prescription written by a physician in another state or territory for a person from another state or territory that has been displaced by a disaster.
Senate Status: 02/01/18 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 02/20/18.
House Status: 01/24/18 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.
Position: **Support – amended to change language from physician to prescribers.**

SB1926/HB2122 New Healthcare Practitioner Act

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Williams, Ryan
Summary: STATE SUMMARY - As introduced, establishes a license for a new practitioner.

Senate Status: 02/01/18 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.
House Status: 01/31/18 - Filed for Introduction
Position: **Opposes -- new amendment has been filed to change name.**

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.

Senate Status: 02/05/18 – Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status: 02/05/18 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.
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

Senate Status: 02/05/18 – Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/01/18 - Filed for Introduction
Position: **Support**

SB2154/HB2288 Changes in veterinary licensing classifications.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike, Rep. Ramsey, Bob
Senate Status: 02/05/18 – Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources.
House Status: 02/05/18 – Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources subcommittee.
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
Senate Status: 02/02/18 – Referred to Senate Health & General Welfare Committee
House Status: 02/05/18 – Referred to House Health subcommittee.
Position: **Monitoring -- caption bill, waiting for amendment**

SB2257/HB1831 Opioid prescribing

Sponsors: Sen. Norris, Mark, Rep. Hawk, David
Senate Status: 02/02/18 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 02/05/18 – Referred to House Health subcommittee.
Position: **Monitoring -- Working with others on amendments**