

HB 488: Controlled Substance – Schedule II Prescriptions

Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that any written prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance may be filled within 90 (rather than 7) days after issuance.

HB 546: Hospital – Medical Staff Privileges

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that in the event that a hospital or the medical staff imposes a summary suspension, the Medical Executive Committee, or other comparable governance committee of the medical staff as specified in the bylaws, must meet as soon as is reasonably possible to review the suspension and to recommend whether it should be affirmed, lifted, expunged, or modified if the suspended physician requests such review, and provides that a summary suspension may not be implemented unless there is actual documentation or other reliable information that an immediate danger exists. Adds provisions concerning peer review used for the purpose of credentialing, privileging, disciplinary action, or other recommendations affecting medical staff membership or exercise of clinical privileges. Effective June 1, 2009.

HB 1014: Nurse Practice Act – Prescriptive Authority

Amends the Nurse Practice Act, the Pharmacy Practice Act, and the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to allow for the delegation of prescriptive authority to an APN by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a licensed podiatrist for any Schedule III through V controlled substances (now, Schedule III, III-N, IV, or V controlled substances). In the Controlled Substances Act, sets forth guidelines for the prescriptive authority delegated to APN as it relates to certain controlled substances, including Schedule II controlled substances. In the Nurse Practice Act, provides for the licensure of a registered professional nurse as a certified RN nurse anesthetist who does not have the required graduate degree, provided that he or she meets certain other requirements. Provides for the licensure of an advanced practice nurse as a certified RN anesthetist who does not have the required graduate degree, provided that he or she applies for licensure before 7/01/18, and submits certain information to the Dept required for licensure.

HB 2247: Physician Assistant – Prescriptions

Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987, the Pharmacy Practice Act, and the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to allow for the delegation of prescriptive authority to a physician assistant by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches for any Schedule III through V controlled substances. Provides that a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches may delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants as it relates to certain controlled substances, including Schedule II controlled substances, provided that certain conditions and requirements are met. In the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987, provides that a written supervision agreement is required for all physician assistants to practice in the State. Provides that a physician assistant shall practice only in accordance with a written supervision agreement. Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act and the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to allow for the delegation of prescriptive authority to an advanced practice nurse by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a licensed podiatrist for any Schedule III through V controlled substances. In the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, sets forth guidelines for the prescriptive authority delegated to advanced practice nurses as it relates to certain controlled substances, including Schedule II controlled substances.

HB 2335: Limited Liability - Professions

Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. In a provision concerning certificates of registration and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, provides that the provision applies only to a limited liability company that intends to provide, or does provide, professional services that require the individuals engaged in the profession to be licensed by the Department. Provides that limited liability company covered by the provision shall not open, operate, or maintain an establishment for any of the purposes for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Act without obtaining a certificate of registration from the Department. Establishes procedures and fees for obtaining certificates of registration. Provides that a certificate of registration shall not be assignable. Effective immediately.

HB 2395: Nurse Practice Act - Delegation

In a provision prohibiting a registered professional nurse from delegating the nursing activity of medication administration to an unlicensed person, provides that "medication administration" does not include prepackaged medications administered to an individual detainee in a correctional facility by corrections personnel in accordance with Title 20 of the Illinois Administrative Code. Effective immediately.

SB 69: Medical Practice - Fee Splitting

Makes changes concerning the prohibition against fee splitting. In the fee splitting provisions of the Medical Practice Act of 1987, (i) allows 2 or more licensed health care workers to each receive adequate compensation for concurrently rendering services to a patient and to divide the fee for such service whether or not the worker is employed, (ii) makes changes in the provisions describing the entities that may pool, share, divide, or apportion the professional fees and other revenues, and (iii) makes technical changes. In provisions prohibiting fee splitting, removes language providing that the provisions do not prohibit the payment of rent or other remuneration paid by a licensee for the lease, rental, or use of space, staff, administrative services, or equipment and makes other changes. Effective immediately.

SB 318: Medical Practice Act – Delegation

Amends the Medical Practice Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to limit the delegation of patient care tasks or duties by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches to an LPN, an RN, or other licensed person practicing within the scope of his or her individual licensing Act. No physician may delegate any patient care task or duty that is statutorily or by rule mandated to be performed by a physician. Provides that a physician may, in an office or practice setting and within a physician-patient relationship, delegate patient care tasks or duties to an unlicensed person who possesses appropriate training and experience provided a health care professional, who is practicing w/in the scope of such licensed professional's individual licensing Act, is on site to provide assistance. Any such patient care task or duty delegated to a licensed or unlicensed person must be within the education, training, or experience of the delegating physician and w/in the context of a physician-patient relationship. The Dept of Financial and Professional Regulation shall have the authority to promulgate rules concerning a physician's delegation, including but not limited to, the use of light emitting devices for patient care or treatment. Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to limit the delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to an LPN, an RN, or

other persons in accordance with the Medical Practice Act. Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to limit the delegation of tasks or duties by the supervising physician to a nurse or other appropriately trained persons in accordance with the Medical Practice Act. Amends the Podiatric Medical Practice Act. In a provision concerning the delegation of authority to APNs, provides that nothing in the provision shall be construed to limit the delegation of tasks or duties by a podiatrist to a licensed practical nurse, a registered professional nurse, or other appropriately trained persons (instead of other persons). Effective January 1, 2010.

SB 2256: Do Not Resuscitate Life Sustain

Amends the Health Care Surrogate Act. Provides that notwithstanding the existence of a do-not-resuscitate order (DNR) (instead of a DNR order) appropriate organ donation treatment may be applied or continued temporarily in the event of a patient's death. Provides that a consent to a DNR advance directive shall be witnessed by one individual (instead of 2 individuals) 18 years of age or older. The witness to a consent to a DNR Advance Directive shall attest that the individual, other person, guardian, agent, or surrogate (1) has had an opportunity to read the form; and (2) has signed the form or acknowledged his or her signature or mark on the form in the witness's presence.

HR 56: Physician Workforce Institute

Recommends that an Illinois Physician Workforce Institute be organized and operated as an independent, unbiased, and not-for-profit research organization whose purpose is to collect, aggregate, analyze, and distribute Illinois-specific physician workforce data to provide objective information for assisting health care, professional, and education organizations, policy makers, and the public on issues related to the supply, demand, distribution, and use of physicians across the State.