

2011 Spring Meeting Legislative Update

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Learning Objectives

- **Upon completion of the program, participants should be able to:**
 - Describe newly introduced pharmacy or health care related legislation.
 - Discuss the potential impact on patient care and pharmacy practice if this legislation is passed into law.
 - Explain the value to pharmacy practice of a good relationship with your State legislators.
 - List ways in which a pharmacist, pharmacy student or pharmacy technician can clearly articulate their important messages to their legislators and State agency personnel.



97th General Assembly Spring Session

- ▶ 97th General Assembly began January 12th, 2011
 - ▶ Spring Session runs through May 31st, 2011
- ▶ Deadline for introduction of bills
 - Senate – February 10th
 - House – February 24th
- ▶ March 16, 2011 – Illinois Pharmacy Legislative Day!
- ▶ Deadline for Committee Passage
 - Senate – March 17th
 - House – March 17th
- ▶ Deadline for passage from originating Chamber
 - Senate – April 15th
 - House – April 15th
- ▶ Adjournment – both Chambers - May 31st!



Active Legislation

- ▶ SB2255 Amends Nurse Practice Act
- ▶ HB0030 Medical Marijuana
- ▶ HB0254 Amends Pharmacy Practice Act
- ▶ HB2028 Amends Pharmacy Practice Act
- ▶ HB2056 Appropriations from Disciplinary Funds
- ▶ HB3090 Amends Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act



SB2255 Amends Nurse Practice Act

- Sponsor - Haine
- Provides that a collaborative physician may delegate prescriptive authority to an advance practice nurse
- Changes prescriptive authority to Schedule II through V controlled substances from III through V as part of a written collaborative agreement
- Removes the 5 CII limit previously included in Nurse Practice Act
- Currently in committee – Licensed Activities
- ICHP - Proponent



HB0030 Medical Marijuana

- ▶ Sponsor – Lang
- ▶ Creates the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.
- ▶ Once an individual is diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, they are issued a registry identification card by IDPH.
 - Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for HIV, AIDS, Hep C, ALS, Crohn's, agitation from Alzheimer's, nails patella, cachexia, wasting syndrome, seizures, severe or persistent muscle spasms (including those of MS), intractable pain, debilitating nausea.
- ▶ Allows patient or primary caregiver to possess no more than 6 dried cannabis plants and 2 oz. of dried usable cannabis.
- ▶ Act is repealed after three years.
- ▶ Currently in chamber for 2nd reading and debate
- ▶ ICHP - Opponent



HB0254 Amends Pharmacy Practice Act

- ▶ Sponsor – Mulligan
- ▶ Includes a provision concerning dispensing prescriptions
- ▶ When a physician or other authorized prescriber prescribes a drug and a generic is dispensed by a manufacturer other than the previous fill of that prescription the pharmacist must notify the patient or customer
- ▶ Policy to require pharmacist
- ▶ Currently assigned to committee – Consumer Protection
- ▶ ICHP - Neutral



HB2028 Amends Pharmacy Practice Act

- ▶ Sponsor – Reitz
- ▶ Defines "pharmacist clinician", "prescriptive authority", "appropriately trained"
- ▶ Provides that a pharmacist clinician shall have on file at his or her place of practice written guidelines and protocols authorizing prescriptive authority.
 - Must ID practitioner and pharmacist clinician
 - Decisions for which pharmacist clinician is authorized
 - Mechanisms for reporting and monitoring activities and results
- ▶ Includes provision for fitting of diabetic shoes and inserts
- ▶ Also prohibits use of coupons for transferring Rx
- ▶ ICHP - Proponent



HB2056 – Appropriations from Disciplinary Funds

- ▶ Sponsor – Osmond
- ▶ Creates the Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Fund inside the State Finance Act.
- ▶ Addresses collecting and disposing pharmaceutical waste to prevent entry into eco-system
- ▶ Managed by Illinois State Police
 - Allows law enforcement to work with healthcare providers in disposal of medications including controlled substances
- ▶ Grants provided to local law enforcement to undertake programs for pharmaceutical returns
- ▶ Receives additional funding from drug-related violations by assessment of fine to each charge convicted
- ▶ Currently in committee – Environmental Health
- ▶ ICHP - Proponent



HB2917 – Controlled Substances Act

- ▶ Sponsor – Currie
- ▶ Defines and prohibits “medication shopping” and “pharmacy shopping”
- ▶ Defines “mid-level practitioners” and “oral dosage”
- ▶ Changes buprenorphine, butalbital, butobarbital, and apobarbital to schedule C-III
- ▶ Changes carisoprodol, dischloralphenazone, fospropofol, tramadol, and zopiclone to C-IV
- ▶ Allows for electronic prescriptions for CII-V
- ▶ Currently on calendar for 2nd reading and short debate
- ▶ ICHP - Proponent



HB3090 – Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act

- ▶ Sponsor – Arroyo
- ▶ Prescription drug return – bad alternative to HB2056!
- ▶ Attempts to address pharmaceutical waste and disposal
- ▶ Municipalities may display container suitable for accepting used, expired, or unwanted pharmaceuticals
 - City Hall or Police Department
- ▶ Requires dispenser to accept returned prescriptions from patient or caregiver and provide a full refund if Rx causes an adverse reaction



HB3090 – Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act

- John Doe is issued a prescription drug from your pharmacy – he develops a rash. So long as he or his caregiver returns the remainder of that prescription then he shall receive a refund of the full cost of the prescription drug.
- **Oh boy, could pharmacists possibly be dealing with some shenanigans here?**
- Currently in committee – Rules
- ICHP - Opponent



Interacting with Your Legislators



How can you articulate your message to State lawmakers?

- Keep abreast of legislation impacting you and your profession
 - KeePosted GAS from Springfield articles
 - Bill list review provides synopsis of important bills
 - Illinois General Assembly Website
 - www.ilga.gov



How can you articulate your message to State lawmakers?

- Learn about your state lawmakers
 - www.ilga.gov
 - ILGA website
 - Look up your lawmakers – visit their website
 - What bills are they sponsoring or co-sponsoring
 - Understand their schedule



How can you articulate your message to State lawmakers?

- Send a message to your State lawmakers
 - Identify a bill impacting/concerning you
 - Be informed and understand the legislation
 - Be polite, courtesy goes a long way
 - Make your position clear in your message
 - Identify yourself as a constituent, location
 - Get to know your local officials
 - Ask for their help in advocacy efforts



How can you articulate your message to State lawmakers?

- When writing
 - Be concise (less is more), avoid form letters
 - Individual response is best
 - Original and from your point of view
 - Email, written letter, phone call to office
 - Speak with support staff
 - They often have more time to devote to your concerns



How can you articulate your message to State lawmakers?

- Participate in town-hall meetings or phone calls
 - Many times you will learn more detail about their position on legislation
 - May give you an opportunity to share your voice



How can you articulate your message to State lawmakers?

- ATTEND LEGISLATIVE DAY!
 - Descending upon the capitol in unison
 - Many lawmakers make themselves more available to one-on-one discussion during dedicated legislative days



Questions?

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Illinois Law: ICHP Legislative Initiative 2011: Lobbying at the Local Level

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Post Test Questions:

- 1) Which currently proposed legislation in the 97th Illinois General Assembly may impact the practice of Pharmacy?
 - a. HB 2917
 - b. HB 3090
 - c. HB 2255
 - d. HB 2056
 - e. All of the above

- 2) HB0030 Medical Marijuana bill will require all patients to watch what movie while smoking their therapeutic marijuana?
 - a. Pineapple Express
 - b. Pink Floyds The Wall
 - c. Alice in Wonderland
 - d. Willy Wonka
 - e. Silly, they will be able to watch what they want

- 3) What is more likely to influence your state legislator to be more likely to listen to your viewpoint on legislation impacting the practice of pharmacy practice?
 - a. Establishing a good relationship and being polite
 - b. Telling them you pay their salary
 - c. Threatening to demonstrate on their front lawn
 - d. Starting your conversation with, "listen knucklehead"

- 4) How many bills are presented to the chambers during a typical general assembly each year?
 - a. 0-50
 - b. 51-100
 - c. 101-1000
 - d. Thousands

- 5) Where can you learn about your state legislators and legislation impacting pharmacy practice?
 - a. Wal-Mart
 - b. TMZ
 - c. www.snopes.com
 - d. www.ilga.gov