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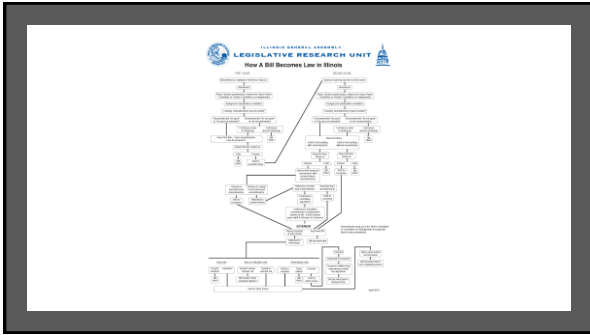
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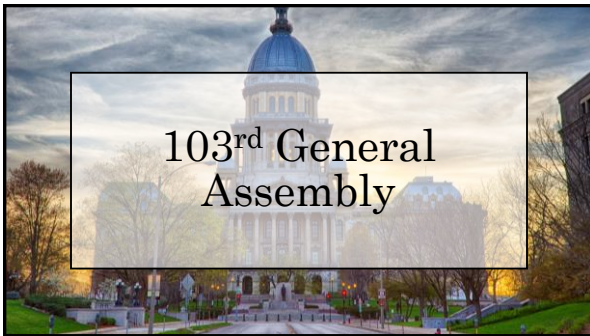
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**103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly**

- Senate: 41 Democrats | 19 Republicans (-1 Dem / +1 Rep)
- House: 78 Democrats | 40 Republicans (+5 Dem / -5 Rep)
- Democrats have Super Majority in both chambers
- Bills filed, so far
  - Senate 3,814 → 9,571
  - House 5,757
- Usually monitoring over 300 bills/resolutions
- January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

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## General Assembly Committees

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| <p>House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriations – Health &amp; Human Services</li> <li>• Health Care Availability &amp; Access</li> <li>• Health Care Licenses</li> <li>• Human Services</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Labor and Commerce</li> <li>• Prescription Drug Affordability</li> <li>• Public Health</li> <li>• Revenue &amp; Finance</li> </ul> | <p>Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriations – Health and Human Services</li> <li>• Health and Human Services</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Licensed Activities</li> <li>• Public Health</li> <li>• Revenue</li> </ul> |
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## If the General Assembly makes the laws, who makes the rules?



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## The formal rules process comes next!

- All Rules must be published in the Illinois Register in draft format and provide a 45-day public comment period.
- The Department reviews all the comments and incorporates changes as it believes is appropriate.
- Final Rules are sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).
  - 6 Senators (3 Dems & 3 Reps)
  - 6 Representatives (3 Dems & 3 Reps)

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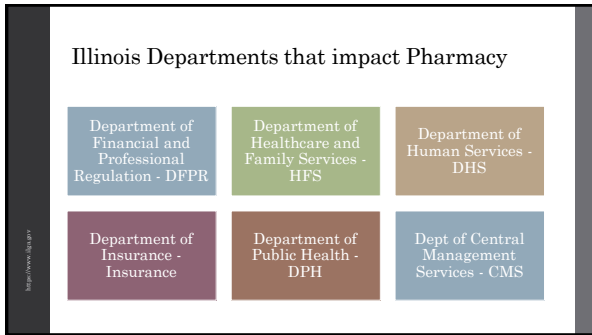
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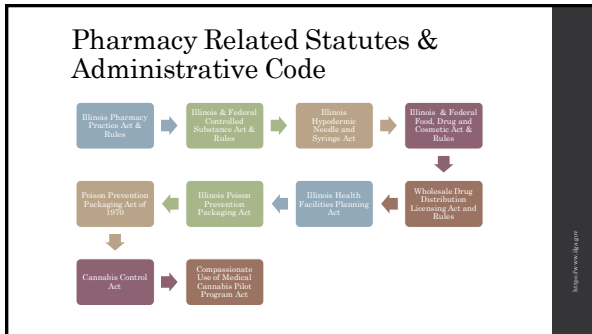
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# Other Bills

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**HB 4411 | Pharmacy – Opioid Warning**

- Representative Dave Vella
- Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act
- Provides that a pharmacist must ensure that a sign warning of the dangers associated with opioids is conspicuously displayed in the pharmacy.
- STATUS: Assigned to Public Health Committee (H)

<https://legis.wa.gov/bills/2019/Details.aspx?bill=4411&code=1>

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**HB 4472 | Health Care Availability**

- Representative Nabeela Syed
- Creates the Health Care Availability and Access Board Act
- Establishes the Health Care Availability and Access Board to protect State residents, State and local governments, commercial health plans, health care providers, pharmacies licensed in the State, and other stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products.
- STATUS: Assigned to Rules Committee (H)

<https://legis.wa.gov/bills/2019/Details.aspx?bill=4472&code=1>

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### HB 4480 | Pharmacy Patient Records

- Representative Dan Caulkins
- Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act
- Provides that a pharmacy shall inform a patient if the pharmacy releases the patient's records to any person or entity without the patient's written consent.
- Provides that a pharmacy shall create and publish an annual report containing the number of patient information requests, including subpoenas and warrants, that the pharmacy received and how many of those requests the pharmacy fulfilled during the preceding calendar year.
- Also, accompanying House Resolution HR 535
- STATUS: Assigned to Health Care Licenses Committee (H)

https://leg.sba.gov/legislation/track.asp?DocNum=4480&DocID=1736&+103&DocTypeID=0&LegID=10308&SessionID=112

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### HB 4525 | Prescription Drug Import Act

- Representative Maurice West
- Creates the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program Act.
- Requires IDPH to establish the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program.
- Provides that the Department shall implement the program by: contracting with one or more prescription drug wholesalers and Canadian suppliers to import prescription drugs and provide prescription drug cost savings to consumers in this State.
- STATUS: Assigned to Appropriations Health & Human Services Committee (H)

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### SB 2672 | INS CD-Generic Drug Shortage

- Senator Laura Murphy
- Amends the Illinois Insurance Code.
- Provides that if a generic drug is unavailable due to a supply issue and dosage cannot be adjusted.... shall provide coverage for a brand name eligible prescription drug until supply of the generic drug is available.
- STATUS: Assigned to Insurance (S)

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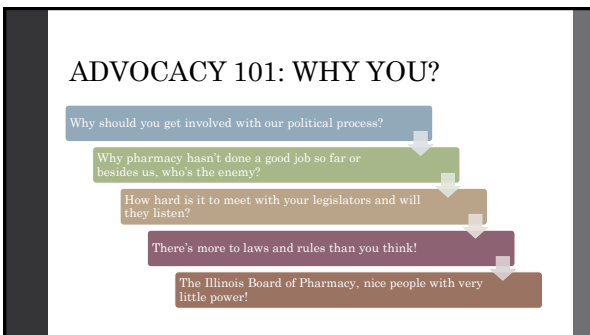
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### Why should You get involved with our political process?

Pharmacy graduates are highly educated.

Just over 9% of the U.S. population have a masters degree or higher.

Who is going to do it, if you don't?

- Your employer
- Other health care organizations
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Subject	1	2	3	4
Math	A			
Biology	A			
Chemistry	A			
English	A			
Government	F			
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### Why pharmacy hasn't done a good job so far or besides us, who works against us at times?

- Illinois State Medical Society
- Illinois Nurses Association
- Illinois Retail Merchants Association
- Illinois Pharmacists Association
- Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
- Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association
- Insurance Companies
- Pharmacy Benefit Managers

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## Question for Legislators

How may I be of assistance to you?

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Ways to Activate your voice

- Attend Legislative Day
- Supporting a Pro-Pharmacy candidate
- Working for a campaign
- Hosting a store visit
- Writing a legislator

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### How hard is it to meet with your legislators and will they listen?

- When you meet them:
  - Dress appropriately.
  - Be polite.
  - Tell them your address.
  - Tell them a little about you.
  - Talk about your issue.
  - Stay at a high level (minimal details) until **THEY** dig deeper.
  - Have a simple fact sheet ready to hand them.
  - Stories can be valuable tools in getting your message across.
  - Provide your business card or something with your contact information.
  - Thank them for their time!

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### Meeting with a Legislator

- Do not be rude or threaten.
- Do not pretend to have greater political influence than you really have.
- Do not promise something you can't deliver.
- Do not be self-righteous or all-knowing.
- Do not be vague about the issue (research your member's position and present facts to support or refute it).
- Do not forget to thank the member for past favors.
- Do not bring up past campaign contributions or present a check during your meeting. (This should be done at events specifically for fundraising.)

<http://www.legis.mn.gov>

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### It's Easier Than You Think!



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### What Can You Expect When You Attend Legislative Day?

-  ICHP and IPHA made appointments for you!
-  We do place you in large groups with an experienced leader.
-  We provide you with lunch and an opportunity for dinner.
-  We provide nametags and handouts in folders with talking point sheets to leave behind with your legislators.
-  We send you our talking points a few days in advance so you can become familiar.
-  We present an orientation before you head to the Capitol.

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### So where can You make a difference?



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