

Tennessee Pharmacists Association

SB1683 **CRIMINAL LAW: Possession and distribution of testing equipment for identifying strength of controlled substances.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard ,
Summary: Permits a person who intends to introduce a controlled substance into the person's body to use or possess with the intent to use testing equipment for identifying or analyzing the strength, components, or purity of a controlled substance. Permits a governmental or nongovernmental entity that promotes scientifically proven ways of mitigating health risks associated with drug use to possess or distribute this equipment to a person who intends to introduce a controlled substance into the person's body.
Senate Status: 01/12/22 - Introduced in the Senate

SB1769/HB1752 **INSURANCE HEALTH: Coverage of emergency services.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Smith, Robin
Summary: Prohibits a health benefit plan from denying coverage for emergency services obtained in certain medical facilities, including a hospital, satellite emergency department facility, freestanding emergency room, urgent care center, or physician's office. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/19/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/19/22 - Introduced in the House

SB1780/HB1853 **LABOR LAW: Work authorization status of new hires verified through E-Verify.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary: Lowers the threshold for employers having to verify work authorization status of new hires through E-Verify from those with 50 or more employees to those with 25 or more employees. Requires the office of employment verification assistance to offer, at no charge, E-Verify sign ups and work authorization status checks for employers with less than 50 employees. Specifies that an employer is not in violation of the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act if the employer acts upon false results generated by the E-Verify program concerning an employee's work authorization status. Prohibits certain wrongful or retaliatory discharge or discrimination actions by employees who are not authorized to work in the US under federal immigration laws when the employer is unaware that the employee is not authorized to work in the US. Prohibits certain rehires.
Senate Status: 01/20/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/20/22 - Introduced in the House

SB1802/HB1763 **CRIMINAL LAW: Definition of drug paraphernalia.**

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Expands the definition of drug paraphernalia to include pill press devices unless the pill press device is used by a person or entity that lawfully possesses drug products in the course of legitimate business activities, including a pharmacy or pharmacist licensed by the board of pharmacy; a wholesale drug distributor, or its agents, licensed by the board of pharmacy; and a manufacturer of drug products, or its agents, licensed by the board of pharmacy. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/20/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/19/22 - Introduced in the House

SB1804/HB1751 **INSURANCE HEALTH: Uniform claim forms - reporting by healthcare providers.**

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to make the prescribed claim forms for reporting by healthcare providers available to healthcare providers on the department's website. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/20/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/19/22 - Introduced in the House

SB1843/HB1897 **HEALTH CARE: Reporting prescribers that acquire controlled substances by fraud or forgery.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Hulsey, Bud
Summary: Requires employers of healthcare prescribers to report to the TBI and local law enforcement authorities, as well as the department of health, prescribers that acquire or attempt to acquire controlled substances by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, or subterfuge.
Senate Status: 01/20/22 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/20/22 - Filed for Introduction

SB1858/HB1873 **COMMERCIAL LAW: Payments by customers - legal tender required to be accepted.**

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Hulsey, Bud
Summary: Prohibits a person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail from requiring a buyer to pay using credit, or prohibit cash as payment, in order to purchase the goods or services. Requires a person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail to accept legal tender when offered by the buyer as payment. Specifies that a violation is a prohibited practice under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977.
Senate Status: 01/20/22 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/20/22 - Filed for Introduction

SB1859 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Accessible Prescription Labels Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky ,
Summary: Requires pharmacies offer accessible prescription labels to patients identifying as blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled. Declares options of audible label readers, large print, or Braille be offered to patients depending on their needs and at no extra cost.
Senate Status: 01/20/22 - Filed for Introduction

HB1749 **GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Contested case hearings - interpretation of state statutes.**

Sponsors: Rep. Ragan, John
Summary: Prohibits a court, administrative judge, or hearing officer presiding over a contested case hearing or appeal from deferring to a state agency's interpretation of a state statute or rule and instead requires the court, administrative judge, or hearing officer to interpret the meaning of the statute or rule de novo. Requires, in an action brought by or against a state agency, that the court, administrative judge, or hearing officer, after applying all customary tools of interpretation, exercise any remaining doubt in favor of a reasonable interpretation that limits agency power and maximizes individual liberty.
House Status: 01/19/22 - Introduced in the House

HB1758 **HEALTH CARE: Medical treatment to minors without parental consent prohibited.**

Sponsors: Rep. Ragan, John
Summary: Prohibits a healthcare provider from providing medical treatment to a minors without receiving prior consent to that treatment from a parent or legal guardian. Provides exceptions for minors seeking treatment from healthcare providers, including instances when the minor's need for medical treatment is due to abuse or neglect.
House Status: 01/19/22 - Introduced in the House