

Tennessee Pharmacist 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: 01/13/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

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: 01/20/22 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 01/26/22 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 02/01/22.

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: 01/24/22 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 01/25/22 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

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: 01/24/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/26/22 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/02/22.

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: 01/24/22 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 01/20/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

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: 01/24/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/26/22 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

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: 01/24/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/26/22 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB1859/HB1999 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Accessible Prescription Labels Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
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: 01/24/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/27/22 - Introduced in the House

SB1902 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Issuance of short-term visitor clinical training license.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard ,
Summary: Allows the board of medical examiners to issue to an eligible physician or medical graduate from a foreign country or foreign territory a short-term visitor clinical training license as a limited and temporary license to practice medicine in this state for a period of time not to exceed 90 days. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/26/22 - Introduced in the Senate

SB1905/HB1980 **HEALTH CARE: Timeframe for healthcare facility to report abuse to department of health.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca
Summary: Reduces from seven business days to five calendar days the period of time that begins upon a healthcare facility discovering that an incident of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation has occurred at a facility, within which the facility must report the incident to the department of health. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/26/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/26/22 - Introduced in the House

SB1997/HB2043 **CRIMINAL LAW: Schedule II controlled substance - tianeptine.**

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Cochran, Mark
Summary: Makes tianeptine and any salt, sulfate, free acid, or other preparation of tianeptine, and any salt, sulfate, free acid, compound, derivative, or precursor that is substantially chemically equivalent or identical with tianeptine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

Senate Status: 01/27/22 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/27/22 - Introduced in the House

SB2009/HB2073 HEALTH CARE: Entertainment venues - proof of vaccination for COVID-19.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Cochran, Mark
Summary: Prohibits a place of entertainment receiving state funds or a political subdivision from requesting patrons to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and denying entry without proof.
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House Status: 01/27/22 - Filed for Introduction

SB2025 CRIMINAL LAW: Creates an offense of requiring another to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey ,
Summary: Creates an offense for when a person or entity intentionally requires another person to receive a COVID-19 vaccination or provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment or to enter any building, facility, or property that is generally open to the public. Permits this requirement as a condition for entry into a hospital or facility used for healthcare treatment of a person who has been designated as being at high risk of death from exposure to a communicable disease. Lists the first violation as a Class C misdemeanor, the second violation as a Class B misdemeanor and a fine of no less than one thousand dollars, and the third violation as a Class A misdemeanor and a fine of no less than two thousand five hundred dollars.
Senate Status: 01/27/22 - Filed for Introduction

SB2037 HEALTH CARE: Prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,
Summary: Requires any practitioner authorized to issue a prescription for a Schedule II control substance or other prescription opioid pain reliever to discuss with the patient the risks associated with the drug, including the risk of overdose or addiction, the dangers of mixing medication with other drugs and alcohol, the medical reason for the prescription and any alternative medications available. The requirement does not apply to patients who are currently treating for cancer, are receiving hospice, palliative or long-term care or who are being prescribed a medication as treatment for substance abuse or opioid dependence. Requires the practitioner to document the patient's medical record that the patient or their parent or guardian has been counseled on the risks associated with controlled substances.
Senate Status: 01/27/22 - Filed for Introduction

SB2072 HEALTH CARE: Legislation proposals provided by medical cannabis commission.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo ,
Summary: Requires the medical cannabis commission to provide updated recommendations and proposed legislation by January 1st 2023 in order to establish a medical cannabis program. Details required information to be included in recommendations and proposals.
Senate Status: 01/27/22 - 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: 01/24/22 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

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: 01/24/22 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

HB2068 LABOR LAW: Private businesses prohibited from requiring COVID-19 vaccination for only a specific group.

Sponsors: Rep. Hulsey, Bud
Summary: Requires private businesses who require COVID-19 vaccinations for a specific group of people to require COVID-19 vaccinations to all employees, irrespective of vaccination or booster status. Defines "private business" as a person, sole proprietorship, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, association, nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax, or other non-government entities engaged in business or commerce.
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