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Bills of the Week

Early in the session very few bills have been heard in committee or on the floor of the House and Senate. Two bills which are likely to be heard soon and may interest WMS members include:

HB062 - Immunity for Drug Overdose Reporting

An Act relating to controlled substances; providing immunity from prosecution of specified offenses under the Wyoming Controlled Substance Act of 1971 to persons who report or experience an emergency drug overdose event as specified.

HB072 - Volunteer Health Care

An Act relating to public health and safety; authorizing the department of health to contract for volunteer health care services; providing immunity to medical professionals and health care providers who provide volunteer health care under contract as agents of the state; authorizing licensing boards to provide continuing education credit as specified.



Off to the races...

The 64th Wyoming Legislature has convened this week in Cheyenne at the Jonah Building with the first of the expected 600 bills being discussed. This year sees 23 new members to the Wyoming Legislature, including a House Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee which has six new members. This weekend the Wyoming Medical Society Board of Trustees met in Cheyenne to discuss which bills the WMS will actively support, oppose, or monitor during the 2017 session.

Bills The WMS Will Support

- House Bill 62 - Immunity for drug overdose reporting: AN ACT relating to controlled substances; providing immunity from prosecution of specified offenses under the Wyoming Controlled Substance Act of 1971 to persons who report or experience an emergency drug overdose event.
- House Bill 72 - Volunteer Health Care: AN ACT authorizing the department of health to contract for volunteer health care services; providing immunity to medical professionals and health care providers who provide volunteer health care under contract as agents of the state.
- House Bill 73 - Interference with a person giving emergency medical service: AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; establishing the crime of



WMS Doc of the Day

Thank you to our volunteers who serve the Wyoming Legislature and staff during the session. WMS is proud of our physicians who care for our Senators and Representatives.

- Casey Berry, MD
- Larry Kirven, MD
- John Healey, MD

Deadlines

Expect the number of bills being presented to the Legislature to grow as the session goes on until the deadline for bills to be submitted to the Legislative Services Office. Jan. 25 is the final day for Senate Files to be submitted to LSO, while the House has until Jan. 30 to submit bills to LSO for introduction.

WMS Bill Tracker

To keep an eye on the latest bills the WMS is following, check out: <https://www.wyomed.org/2017-legislative-session>

interference with a person providing emergency services

- House Bill 112 - EMS Licensure Interstate Compact: AN ACT relating to emergency medical service licensure; allowing EMS personnel in one compact state to exercise practice privileges in other member states.
- Senate File 21 - Death Certificates: AN ACT relating to vital records; providing that an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant may complete the medical certification of a death certificate
- Senate File 42 - Opiate overdose emergency management: AN ACT creating the Emergency Administration of Opiate Antagonist Act; providing for prescription and administration of an opiate antagonist drug as specified; granting immunity from criminal or civil liability.
- Senate File 88 - Palliative Care Task Force - An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the advisory council on palliative care.

Bills The WMS Will Oppose

- House Bill 107 - Title of Chiropractic Physician: AN ACT relating to chiropractic practice; providing for use of the title chiropractic physician.
- House Bill 81 - Hemp Extracts Amendment: AN ACT providing for administration of hemp extract by a parent to an adult dependent; authorizing hemp extract for treatment of an adult as determined by a physician.
- A to-be numbered Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act: AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; establishing the board of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

WMS Will Monitor

- Senate File 67 - CHIP program amendments: AN ACT relating to the child health insurance program; amending program benefits to include authorization for managed care.
- House Bill 116 - Abortion Amendments: AN ACT relating to abortions; amending the definition of "viability" to include the ability to feel pain; prohibiting the sale or transfer of any aborted child or cells or tissue from an aborted child for experimentation.
- House Bill 132 - Abortion Reporting: AN ACT relating to abortions; establishing additional requirements for abortion reporting; providing for a public report of abortion statistics; providing penalties for failure to report as required; specifying acts not meeting reporting requirements are acts of unprofessional conduct.
- House Bill 122 - Death with Dignity: AN ACT relating to public health and safety; allowing a health care provider to prescribe medication that will end a terminally ill patient's life
- Senate File 31 - Genetic information privacy: AN ACT relating to genetic information privacy; prohibiting the collection, retention and disclosure of genetic information without informed consent.