

## Section 5

# Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Family physicians find themselves on the front lines in the battles against mental illness and substance abuse. In many areas of the country where there exists a dearth of services to treat either, family medicine is the only line of help for patients. States play a key role in the delivery and regulation of these services, coordinating and funding everything from treatment centers to medications to public awareness campaigns.

2006 saw many of the same legislative battles play out over these issues, most notably the fight for parity: insurance coverage for mental health and substance abuse that is on the exact same terms, copayments, premiums and usage limits as physical conditions. Additionally, states addressed a state of suicide prevention bills, in part inspired by recent frank discussions a US senator had on the subject following his own son's suicide.

On the substance abuse side, legislatures continued to attack the methamphetamine epidemic. Notably, the majority of legislation addressed the supply side of the problem. Additionally, following last year's Congressional hearings into steroid use in professional sports, several states debated legislation addressing steroid use in sports at all levels of competition.

AAFP policies on mental health and substance abuse are available online.

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#### *Mental Health*

DC R 294

SPONSOR: Cropp [D]  
TITLE: Medicaid Acute Involuntary Admissions Payment  
DISPOSITION: Adopted  
SUMMARY:

Approves an amendment in the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance to authorize the Medicaid Program to establish a new reimbursement methodology for acute, involuntary psychiatric admissions to private hospitals in the District of Columbia.



DE H 295	PRIMARY SPONSOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	Smith [R]  Attention Disorder Prescription Drugs Monitoring Pending - Carryover
Creates a prescription drug monitoring program to monitor prescriptions for amphetamines and methylphenidates which are largely used to medicate children diagnosed with ADD/ADHD, which can be easily adapted for the monitoring of any prescription drugs or group of drugs; provides for the initial project of the Prescription Monitoring Program to be implemented and administered by the Office of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs to track school-aged children being treated with prescription drugs for ADD or ADHD.		
DE H 317	PRIMARY SPONSOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	Spence [R]  Medical Access Pending
Ensures that agents used to treat mental illnesses, HIV/AIDS and cancer are available for physicians to freely select the most appropriate product for their patient; relates to the uniqueness of each patient and the complexity of treating mental illness, HIV/AIDS and cancer, it is imperative that patients have access to the widest range of pharmaceutical treatments.		
DE HR 42 a	PRIMARY SPONSOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	Spence [R]  School Children Adopted
Creates a task force to study the use of ritalin by school age children.		
FL H 527	COMPARE: AUTHOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	FL S 1008 Gibson H [R] Suicide Prevention Failed
Relates to suicide prevention; creates a Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention in the Drug Control Office; authorizes a Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention to seek and accept grants or funds from any source to support its operation; creates the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council within the Drug Control Office; creates interagency workgroup for state agencies within council in order to coordinate state agency plans for suicide prevention.		
FL S 228	COMPARE: AUTHOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	FL H 517, FL H 595, FL S 86, FL S 280, FL S 1966 Fasano [R] Community Behavioral Health Agencies Failed - Adjourned
Relates to community behavioral health agencies; authorizes certain nonprofit community mental health or substance abuse providers to form a self-insurance fund for certain purposes; requires certain funds to initially be organized and operated as a commercial self-insurance fund for a specified time; limits net		



economic damages per claim in certain tort actions brought against certain programs or facilities.

- FL S 1008      COMPARE:            FL H 527  
AUTHOR:            Appropriations - Health & Human Cmt  
TITLE:                Suicide Prevention  
DISPOSITION:        Failed  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to suicide prevention; creates Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention in Executive Office of Governor; authorizes said office to seek and accept grants or funds from any source to support its operation; creates Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council within said office; creates interagency workgroup for state agencies within coordinating council in order to coordinate state agency plans for suicide prevention.
- FL S 1876      SIMILAR:            FL H 999  
AUTHOR:            Education Cmt  
TITLE:                Signs of Suicide Prevention Program  
DISPOSITION:        Failed  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to signs of suicide prevention program; provides legislative intent; provides for pilot program to be conducted by Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for secondary schools in specified counties; requires submission of proposals to the Department of Education; provides for student participation in pilot program and for provision of certain information to parents; requires report to Legislature.
- HI H 103        AUTHOR:            Hiraki [D]  
TITLE:                Mental Health Prescription Drugs  
DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Add language that prohibits the Department of Human Services from restricting a physician's ability to treat patients with mental illnesses through the use of a restrictive formulary, therapeutic substitution, or preferred drug classification.
- MA S 126        FILED AS:            MA SD 1688  
AUTHOR:            Shannon [D]  
TITLE:                Psychotropic Drugs  
DISPOSITION:        Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Ensures parents of children prescribed psychotropic drugs receive adequate information.
- MA S 437        FILED AS:            MA SD 906  
AUTHOR:            Walsh [D]  
TITLE:                Medicaid Prior Authorization  
DISPOSITION:        Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to medicaid prior authorization.
- ME H 336        LD:                    458  
AUTHOR:            Hutton [D]  
TITLE:                Mental Health Services  
DISPOSITION:        Failed



SUMMARY:

(Resolve)Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a procedure for the timely assessment of an older individual's need for mental health services.

- ME S 411 LD: 1183  
AUTHOR: Brennan [D]  
TITLE: Psychological Service Benefits  
DISPOSITION: Enacted  
SUMMARY:  
Increases the maximum visits per year for psychological services benefits for individual and group counseling for which a member is eligible under MaineCare Basic, as long as any cost associated with this increase is offset by savings from managing the use of the services, including methods that may include prior authorization.
- MI H 4059 SPONSOR: Cheeks [D]  
TITLE: Education Curricula  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Includes instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression in education curricula.
- MI H 4375 SPONSOR: Ward [R]  
TITLE: Suicide Risk Curriculum  
DISPOSITION: Enacted  
SUMMARY:  
Encourages schools to provide age-appropriate instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide; provides professional development for school personnel; provides that failure to comply with parent communication guidelines does not create a cause of action or constitute a breach of duty in any civil action; relates to the Chase Edwards Law; provides for parental notification.
- MI H 4793 SPONSOR: Amos [R]  
TITLE: Mental Health Insurance Coverage  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides that insurance coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.
- MI H 4794 SPONSOR: Kolb [D]  
TITLE: Mental Health Insurance Coverage  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides that insurance coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.
- MI S 94 SPONSOR: Garcia [R]  
TITLE: Instruction Programs  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Includes instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide



and depression.



MI S 103      SPONSOR:            Hammerstrom [R]  
 TITLE:                Mental Health  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Clarifies entities to hold a mental health medicaid specialty services contract.

MI S 229      SPONSOR:            Hammerstrom [R]  
 TITLE:                Mental Health Coverage  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires that coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.

MI S 230      SPONSOR:            Hammerstrom [R]  
 TITLE:                Mental Health Coverage  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires that coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.

MI S 489      SPONSOR:            Hardiman [R]  
 TITLE:                Marriage And Family Therapists  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Clarifies the scope of practice for marriage and family therapists.

MS H 109      AUTHOR:              Fleming [D]  
 TITLE:                Attention Deficit Disorder  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to Attention Deficit Disorder; requires a physician or psychiatrist to report number of children diagnosed with to school districts.

NH LSR 2142    AUTHOR:              Buzzell [D]  
 TITLE:                Mental Health Care Workers  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides limited immunity to mental health care workers caring for voluntarily admitted patients.

NY A 2912      SAME AS:            NY S 6735  
 SPONSOR:            Tonko [D]  
 TITLE:                Fair Insurance Treatment  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Enacts Timothy's Law; provides for fair insurance treatment; provides that every insurance policy delivered or issued in this state which provides coverage for medical or hospital care shall provide coverage for the treatment and diagnosis of mental, nervous or emotional disorders or ailments and those disorders or ailments associated with alcoholism, alcohol abuse, substance abuse, and substance or chemical dependence.



NY A 5885      SPONSOR:            Boyland [D]  
                     TITLE:                School Age Children with Attention Deficit Disorder  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Authorizes and directs the Department of Health to conduct a study on drugs prescribed for school-age children with attention deficit disorder.

OH S 63        SPONSOR:            Carey [R]  
                     TITLE:                Voluntary Placement Agreements  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Provides for voluntary placement agreements for children with mental illness; prohibits a public children services agency from requiring that a parent or custodian relinquish legal custody in order to access services under a voluntary placement agreement; revises the law governing county families and children first councils.

PA H 49        PN:                    2108  
                     AUTHOR:             Petrone [D]  
                     TITLE:                Mental Health Staff Members  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Provides for Commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Mental Retardation Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program for Commonwealth residents who graduate from institutions of higher education and who apply their degrees to careers as mental health and mental retardation staff members in this Commonwealth.

PA H 292       PN:                    315  
                     AUTHOR:             Bebko-Jones [D]  
                     TITLE:                Tobacco Litigation Master Settlement  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Provides for a designated percentage of tobacco litigation Master Settlement Agreement funds to be utilized for breast cancer research, for diagnosis and treatment of depression and for an educational campaign to prevent and treat heart disease.

PA H 591       PN:                    664  
                     AUTHOR:             Barrar [R]  
                     TITLE:                Public School Code of 1949  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Amends the Public School Code of 1949. Prohibits school officials or employees from recommending that a child use psychotropic or sympathomimetic drugs.

PA H 1422     PN:                    1717  
                     AUTHOR:             Washington [D]  
                     TITLE:                Public School Code of 1949  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Amends the Public School Code of 1949. Requires school boards to adopt and implement policy regarding recommendation of the use of psychotropic drugs for



school children. Provides for a limited defense to child neglect or abuse for refusing to consent to the administration of certain drugs.

- PA H 1488      PN:                    1831  
AUTHOR:            Kenney [R]  
TITLE:                Parenting and Prenatal Depression  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Requires information relating to parenting and prenatal depression, postpartum depression, postpartum psychosis and other emotional trauma counseling to be provided to a pregnant woman. Provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Health.
- PA S 213        PN:                    205  
AUTHOR:            Greenleaf [R]  
TITLE:                Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976. Adds provisions relating to assisted outpatient treatment programs.
- PA S 373        PN:                    374  
AUTHOR:            Orié [R]  
TITLE:                Minimum Annual Wage  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Establishes a minimum annual wage for certain full-time direct care employees of publicly funded mental health and mental retardation programs. Makes an appropriation.
- PA S 413        PN:                    438  
AUTHOR:            Rhoades [R]  
TITLE:                Education Loan Forgiveness  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for Commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Mental Retardation Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program for Commonwealth residents who graduate from institutions of higher education and who apply their degrees to careers as mental health and mental retardation staff members in this Commonwealth.
- PA SR 153      PN:                    1042  
AUTHOR:            Thompson [R]  
TITLE:                Suicide Prevention Week  
DISPOSITION:      Adopted  
SUMMARY:  
Designates the week of September 4 through 10, 2005, as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.
- PA SR 166      PN:                    1139  
AUTHOR:            Orié [R]  
TITLE:                Youth Mental Illness and Suicide  
DISPOSITION:      Adopted



SUMMARY:

Recognizes youth mental illness and suicide as a public health crisis and encouraging evidence-based initiatives to screen children and adolescents for mental disorders in order to identify illness and prevent suicide among youths.

- PA SR 167      PN:                    1551  
AUTHOR:            Orié [R]  
TITLE:                At Risk Suicide Task Force  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Directs the Joint State Government Commission to establish a task force to enlist the help of knowledgeable persons to develop educational materials to identify elderly persons at risk for suicide and to identify barriers and ways to surmount barriers encountered by professionals and nonprofessionals in connecting at-risk persons with appropriate resources.
- RI S 473        AUTHOR:              Revens [D]  
TITLE:                Medical Assistance  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Would provide that there would be no restrictions, including prior authorization required, on medications used to treat mental illnesses, and there would be no preference for one medication over another or 1 class of medications over another.
- RI S 2908      AUTHOR:              Revens [D]  
TITLE:                Medical Assistance  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to medical assistance; would provide that there would be no restrictions including prior authorization required on medications used to treat mental illnesses; and there would be no preference for one medication over another or one class of medications over another.
- TN H 1312     AUTHOR:              DeBerry J [D]  
TITLE:                TennCare  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns TennCare; prohibits restricted access to prescription medicine for treatment of mental illness, diabetes, cancer, or HIV/AIDS and certain other disorders for Medicaid recipients.
- TN S 1668     AUTHOR:              Cohen [D]  
TITLE:                TennCare  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns TennCare; prohibits restricted access to prescription medicine for treatment of mental illness, diabetes, cancer, or HIV/AIDS and certain other disorders for Medicaid recipients.
- WI A 252        AUTHOR:              Lehman [D]  
TITLE:                Medical Insurance Coverage  
DISPOSITION:      Failed  
SUMMARY:



Relates to increasing the limits for insurance coverage of the nervous or mental health disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems.



WI S 128      AUTHOR:            Hansen [D]  
                  TITLE:            Health Insurance Limits  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Increases the limits for insurance coverage of nervous or mental health disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems.

WI S 226      AUTHOR:            Roessler [R]  
                  TITLE:            Informed Consent for Minors  
                  DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to informed consent for minors for inpatient and outpatient treatment for mental illness and developmental disability; requires informed consent for the administration to minors of psychotropic medication; relates to access to records; relates to informed consent for treatment for mental illness, developmental disability, alcoholism and drug abuse by a minor's parent or guardian; provides for notice if a minor rejects voluntary admission; provides for a minor's right to an independent evaluation.

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FL H 1003     COMPARE:          FL S 2082  
                  LINKED:          FL H 1005  
                  SIMILAR:         FL S 1928  
                  AUTHOR:          Llorente [R]  
                  TITLE:            High School Athletics  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to high school athletics; requires the High School Athletic Association to facilitate 3-year drug testing program to randomly test for anabolic steroids in students in grades 9 through 12 who participate in interscholastic athletics in its member schools; provides that finding of drug test shall be separate from student's educational records; provides penalties for students selected for testing who fail to provide a specimen.

FL S 228      COMPARE:          FL H 595, FL H 517, FL S 1966, FL S 86, FL S 280  
                  AUTHOR:          Fasano [R]  
                  TITLE:            Community Behavioral Health Agencies  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to community behavioral health agencies; authorizes certain nonprofit community mental health or substance abuse providers to form a self-insurance fund for certain purposes; requires certain funds to initially be organized and operated as a commercial self-insurance fund for a specified time; limits net economic damages per claim in certain tort actions brought against certain programs or facilities.



FL S 1120      AUTHOR:            Hill [D]  
 TITLE:             Access Program for Sterile Syringes  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to access program for sterile syringes; requires Department of Health to authorize municipality to establish access program for sterile syringes; authorizes municipality to contract with certain entities to operate access program; provides that possession of hypodermic syringe or needle by participant in access program does not constitute criminal offense.

KY BR 299      SPONSOR:           Office of Mongiardo  
 TITLE:             Parental Rights  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to termination of parental rights; allows a parent's illegal use of a controlled substance while a child is in utero which causes a child to suffer physical injury after birth to qualify as a basis for termination of parental rights.

MI H 4322      SPONSOR:           Jones [R]  
 TITLE:             Sale of Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides that a person who possesses products that contain any compound, mixture or preparation containing any detectable quantity of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, a salt or optical isomer of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, or salt of an optical isomer or such substance for retail sale shall not sell any product to an individual under 18 years of age, sell in a single over the counter sale specified amounts of such products; requires the placement of a sign to this effect in the place of business.

MI H 4594      SPONSOR:           Mortimer [R]  
 TITLE:             School Steroid Free Zones  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends school drug free zone law to ban possession of anabolic steroids and other controlled substances within 1,000 feet of school property.

MI H 4723      SPONSOR:           Sak [D]  
 TITLE:             Harmful Drugs Regulation  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Prohibits the purchase of harmful drugs via the internet without a good faith prior examination.

MI H 4793      SPONSOR:           Amos [R]  
 TITLE:             Mental Health Insurance Coverage  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides that insurance coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.



MI H 4794	SPONSOR: Kolb [D] TITLE: Mental Health Insurance Coverage DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Provides that insurance coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.
MI S 133	SPONSOR: Sanborn [R] TITLE: Defrauding Drug Test DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Prohibits use or sale of product used for defrauding a drug test.
MI S 189	SPONSOR: Birkholz [R] TITLE: Ephedrine Sales DISPOSITION: Enacted SUMMARY: Requires retail sellers of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine shall maintain all products behind a counter where the public is prohibited, within a locked case so a customer must ask assistance for the product, keep the product within 20 feet of the counter, the use of an antitheft device on the products and video surveillance; requires the retailer to display a sign indicating the use of video surveillance; requires the purchaser to produce valid photo identification and to maintain a log or record of the sales.
MI S 229	SPONSOR: Hammerstrom [R] TITLE: Mental Health Coverage DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Requires that coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.
MI S 230	SPONSOR: Hammerstrom [R] TITLE: Mental Health Coverage DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Requires that coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment.
MI S 288	SPONSOR: Olshove [D] TITLE: Student Drug Related Expulsion DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Allows suspension or expulsion of pupil for selling a controlled substance on or off campus.
MI S 440	SPONSOR: Schauer [D] TITLE: Ephedrine Sale Crime DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Enacts sentencing guidelines for certain crimes relating to the sale or purchase of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.





MI S 441	SPONSOR: Schauer [D] TITLE: Ephedrine Sale Guidelines DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Requires the sale of certain over-the-counter products containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine to be maintained behind the counter and require photo identification.
MI S 500	SPONSOR: Switalski [D] TITLE: High School Steroid Testing DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Requires random steroid testing for high school athletes in state tournaments.
MO H 1049	SPONSOR: Kuessner [D] TITLE: Scheduling of Nubaine DISPOSITION: Failed SUMMARY: Makes nubaine a schedule IV controlled substance.
MO H 1083	SPONSOR: Pollock [R] TITLE: Crime Of Endangering The Welfare Of A Child DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned SUMMARY: Revises the crime of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree by including using methamphetamine in front of a child and taking methamphetamine knowing you are pregnant.
MO S 607	SPONSOR: Ridgeway [R] TITLE: Emergency Services Peer Review Committees DISPOSITION: Failed SUMMARY: Provides for emergency medical services peer review committees.
MO S 797	SPONSOR: Crowell [R] TITLE: Prescription Monitoring Program DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned SUMMARY: Provides for a prescription monitoring program in the Department of Health and Human Services to monitor prescribing and dispensing of all Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances by all licensed professionals in the state; provides that the department may contract with other state agencies or private vendors to implement the provisions; authorizes the release of non-personal, general information for statistical, educational and research purposes.



NC H 248 SAME AS: NC S 158, NC S 156  
AUTHOR: Cole [D]  
TITLE: Methamphetamine Lab Prevention Act  
DISPOSITION: Enacted  
SUMMARY:  
Excludes certain products that contain pseudoephedrine from self-services sales; requires retailers to require identification and maintain information from each transaction; sets purchase limits on products that contain pseudoephedrine; provides criminal and civil penalties for retailers, employees and purchasers; creates the Commission on Methamphetamine abuse; makes the manufacture of methamphetamine in a multiple family dwelling an aggravating factor;.

NH LSR 2449 AUTHOR: Hogancamp [R]  
TITLE: Methamphetamine Precursor Drugs  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to restrictions on methamphetamine precursor drugs.

NH LSR 2450 AUTHOR: Hogancamp [R]  
TITLE: Manufacturing Certain Drugs  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Establishes penalties for intent to manufacture certain drugs.

NH LSR 2493 AUTHOR: Pilliod [R]  
TITLE: Controlled Substance Prescription Program  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to an electronic controlled substance prescription monitoring program.

NH LSR 2984 AUTHOR: Butynski [D]  
TITLE: Pseudoephedrine Products  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Makes pseudoephedrine products only available by prescription.

NY A 8265 SPONSOR: Gottfried [D]  
TITLE: Legal Use of Marihuana for Medical Use  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Legalizes the possession, manufacture, sale, administration, delivery, dispensing, transportation and distribution of marihuana in connection with medical use thereof for a certified ultimate use; prescribes procedures for such possession, manufacture, safe, etc including certification of patients by their practitioner, and that, in the practitioner's medical judgment, the condition can and should be treated with the medical use of marihuana.



- PA H 49            PN:                    2108  
AUTHOR:            Petrone [D]  
TITLE:                Mental Health Staff Members  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for Commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Mental Retardation Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program for Commonwealth residents who graduate from institutions of higher education and who apply their degrees to careers as mental health and mental retardation staff members in this Commonwealth.
- PA H 99            PN:                    94  
AUTHOR:            Lederer [D]  
TITLE:                Prescription Drug Commission  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Establishes the Prescription Drug Commission in the Department of Health and providing for its powers and duties. Imposes penalties. Relates to the Prescription Drug Diversion Prevention Plan Act. Amends provisions regarding confidentiality of reports. Provides a program for impaired medical professional to ensure intervention, treatment and ongoing monitoring. Develops a program to enable individual patients who have become addicted to prescription medication to receive addiction treatment.
- PA H 442          PN:                    481  
AUTHOR:            Cappelli [R]  
TITLE:                Public School Code of 1949  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Public School Code of 1949. Provides for illegal drug and substance testing and prevention and awareness program.
- PA H 1210        PN:                    1423  
AUTHOR:            Bishop [D]  
TITLE:                Drug and Alcohol Counselors  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Authorizes employment of certain persons as drug and alcohol counselors based solely on their previous work or life experience. Abrogates a regulation. Makes repeals.
- PA H 1649        PN:                    2077  
AUTHOR:            True [R]  
TITLE:                Drug and Alcohol Treatment Prevention  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Establishes the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention Fund. Provides for the deposit of a portion of the liquor tax into the fund and for use of fund.



PA H 1988 PN: 2729  
AUTHOR: LaGrotta [D]  
TITLE: Banned Substances Testing Program  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to steroid use in professional sports. Establishes the Banned Substances Testing Program. Provides for random drug testing of all professional or amateur athletes who participate in any athletic facilities that are publicly financed in full or in part. Provides for penalties.

PA H 1990 PN: 2731  
AUTHOR: LaGrotta [D]  
TITLE: Noncontrolled Substances Reporting  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Noncontrolled Substances Reporting and Registration Act of 1990. Provides for sale of pseudoephedrine. Imposes penalties.

PA S 196 PN: 1040  
AUTHOR: Rafferty [R]  
TITLE: Physician Reporting Immunity  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides immunity for physician reporting of suspected use of controlled substance for illicit purposes.

PA S 315 PN: 327  
AUTHOR: Stack [D]  
TITLE: Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for Commonwealth support for an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program for Commonwealth residents who graduate from institutions of higher education and apply their education to careers as alcohol and other drug addiction counselors in this Commonwealth.

PA S 638 PN: 736  
AUTHOR: Kasunic [D]  
TITLE: Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine Sales  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Noncontrolled Substances Reporting and Registration Act of 1990. Provides for sales of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.



PA S 742      PN:                    902  
AUTHOR:            Stack [D]  
TITLE:                Controlled Substances Electronic Monitor  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for an electronic system for monitoring controlled substances dispensed by a pharmacist. Requires every pharmacist within this Commonwealth to report to the Office of Attorney General data concerning drug prescriptions. Provides that any person who intentionally fails to transmit data to the office as required commits a misdemeanor of the third degree. Prohibits data disclosure to unauthorized persons. Prohibits any person from obtaining information from the system through fraudulent means.

PA S 743      PN:                    903  
AUTHOR:            Stack [D]  
TITLE:                Crimes and Offenses Code  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Crimes and Offenses Code. Provides for the offense of theft of prescriptions or prescription order forms.

PA S 745      PN:                    905  
AUTHOR:            Stack [D]  
TITLE:                Crimes and Offenses Code  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Crimes and Offenses Code. Provides for fraudulent practices relating to prescriptions and prescription drugs.

PA S 879      PN:                    1184  
AUTHOR:            Wonderling [R]  
TITLE:                Controlled Substance Act of 1972  
DISPOSITION:      Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act of 1972. Prohibits the sale of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or any of their salts, optical isomers or salts of optical isomers as the sole active ingredient, or in combination with other active ingredients. Provides penalties.

RI H 6052     AUTHOR:            Slater [D]  
TITLE:                Medical Conditions  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
SUMMARY:  
Protects patients with debilitating medical conditions, and their physicians and primary caregivers, from arrest and prosecution, criminal and other penalties, and property forfeiture if such patients engage in the medical use of marijuana.

RI S 710      AUTHOR:            Perry [D]  
TITLE:                Medical Marijuana  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
SUMMARY:  
Protects patients with debilitating medical conditions, and their physicians and



primary caregivers, from arrest and prosecution, criminal and other penalties, and property forfeiture if such patients engage in the medical use of marijuana.

- WI A 183      AUTHOR:            Rhoades [R]  
                  TITLE:            Methamphetamine  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to pseudoephedrine hydrochloride and materials used to produce methamphetamine, distribution of meth. to minors, and provides penalties.
- WI A 252      AUTHOR:            Lehman [D]  
                  TITLE:            Medical Insurance Coverage  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to increasing the limits for insurance coverage of the nervous or mental health disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems.
- WI A 451      AUTHOR:            Hines [R]  
                  TITLE:            Tobacco Tax Rates  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Increases the tax rates on the sale of cigarettes and chewing tobacco. Uses revenue from the increased tax rates for tobacco use control grants and the Medical Assistance trust fund.
- WI S 78        AUTHOR:            Harsdorf [R]  
                  TITLE:            Methamphetamine Production and Distribution  
                  DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to pseudoephedrine hydrochloride and other materials used to produce methamphetamine, distribution of meth. to minors and theft of anhydrous ammonia and anhydrous ammonia equipment; requires identification for purchases; provides penalties; provides that only a physician, dentist, veterinarian or pharmacist may possess more than such substance.
- WI S 128      AUTHOR:            Hansen [D]  
                  TITLE:            Health Insurance Limits  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Increases the limits for insurance coverage of nervous or mental health disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems.
- WI S 280      AUTHOR:            Lassa [D]  
                  TITLE:            Interscholastic Athletics  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Prohibits pupils who take prohibited substances or engage in certain practices from participating in interscholastic athletics.

