

Mass Health Council
Bill Tracking Report
September 1, 2009

Bill #: HB109 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act prohibiting the use of health data for marketing purposes

Summary: Prohibits the license, sale or use of prescription health data in the context of marketing.

Sponsor: Representative Stephen Kulik (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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History: 03/10/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 03/26/2009 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: HB110 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to prevent the sharing of prescription data

Summary: Prohibits pharmacists, non-profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider arrangements or the division of medical assistance from discussing or revealing any part of any prescription with any person other than the patient or his or her authorized representative, the prescriber, other licensed practitioner caring for said patient, or another pharmacist servicing said patient, without express authority by said patient; exempts legitimate peer review processes from said prohibition.

Sponsor: Representative Ronald Mariano (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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History: 03/10/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 03/26/2009 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: HB115 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing an Office of Family and Children's Ombudsman

Summary: Establishes and regulates the operation of the office of the family and children's ombudsman; charges said office with providing an independent voice for families and children placed under the supervision of the department of social services; articulates the powers of said office, including, but not limited

to monitoring said department's compliance with existing laws and providing families with a resource to seek redress of grievances with said department.

Sponsor: Representative Demetrius J. Atsalis (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)
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History: 04/02/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 04/14/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB123 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act bettering the lives of youth who age out of the care of the Commonwealth

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

Progress:

History: 04/02/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 04/14/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB179 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing an independent office of quality assurance for mentally retarded persons

Summary: Establishes and regulates the operation of the Office of Quality Assurance for mentally retarded persons in the department of mental retardation; charges said office with protecting the rights of mentally retarded persons and assuring the accountability of all service providers; authorizes said office to conduct investigations relative to same.

Sponsor: Representative Angelo M. Scaccia (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

Progress:

History: 04/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 06/10/2009 11:00 AM (Disabilities), 2:00 PM (Interstate Compact) A-1

Bill #: HB188 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to assure continuity of health coverage for children

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Ellen Story (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 06/04/2009 - S Concurred in committee referral

Bill #: HB335 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act expanding the use of cord blood and placental tissue donations

Summary: Authorizes the use of umbilical cord blood and placental tissue, as collected by the Department of Public Health, for medical purposes, not limited to stem cell transplants.

Sponsor: Representative Paul K. Frost (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)

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History: 05/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JEC - 05/27/2009 1:00 PM Rm. 222

Bill #: HB340 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to research and development in the biotechnology industry

Summary: Directs the Commonwealth to initiate programs and incentives to promote research and development in the biotechnology industry.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)

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History: 05/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JEC - 05/27/2009 1:00 PM Rm. 222

Bill #: HB366 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing local school health advisory councils

Summary: Directs school committees to establish local school health education advisory councils to ensure local community values are reflected in health education instruction and wellness programs. Articulates duties and membership of said councils. Directs the Department of Education to conduct a cost analysis study to identify the annual costs for meeting plans, goals and objectives and to notify school districts of the availability of professional development opportunities and resources in school health education issues.

Sponsor: Representative Jennifer M. Callahan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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History: 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB402 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing a health education program in the public schools
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Mary E. Grant (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB403 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to local control of health education curriculums
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Mary E. Grant (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB446 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to student nutrition and wellness
Summary: Directs the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health to require school districts to convene a School Wellness Advisory Committee to develop and recommend a policy addressing school nutrition, nutrition education and physical activity, to be reviewed every three years; articulates desired committee members.
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB448 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act to promote healthy school meals
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB450 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to the public health impact of commercialism in schools
Summary: Directs the Commissioner of Public Health to assess the impact

of advertising and marketing on behavioral risk factors utilizing data collected through the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); prohibits manufacturers and distributors from advertising consumer products or services and the placement of manufacturer marks on public school grounds, buildings, or property owned or leased by schools.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB451 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act creating a commission to regulate commercialism in the public schools

Summary: Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a special, unpaid commission within the board of education pertaining to commercialism in the public schools; directs said commission to develop guidelines and standards for the use of commercial ventures in public schools, including, but not limited to advertising and marketing.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB455 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act protecting students against bullying cyberbullying and teen dating violence

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB457 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to promote physical activity in schools

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB462 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to improving the treatment of Asthma in children

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Michael J. Moran (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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History: 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB528 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to asthma screening

Summary: >Amends various provisions relative to the physical examination of pupils in public and private schools of the commonwealth; mandates the inclusion of asthma screening in said examinations.

Sponsor: Representative Martin J. Walsh (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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History: 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB835 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to genetically modified pharmaceutical crops

Summary: Prohibits the planting or growing of genetically modified crops, as defined in the Commonwealth until the department of agriculture promulgates regulations pertaining to same; regulates implementation of said regulations; requires said regulations to protect non-genetically modified crops from contamination by genetically altered pharmaceutical crops.

Sponsor: Representative Frank I. Smizik (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

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History: 05/27/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JEN - 06/03/2009 1:00 PM A-2

Bill #: HB837 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to ambient air quality standards

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Joyce A. Spiliotis (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB850 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act regulating the disposal of prescription medication
Summary: Directs the Massachusetts Collection Centers for Hazardous Household Products to accept disposed prescription medications from any Massachusetts resident; prohibits denial of acceptance of such medications.
Sponsor: Representative Steven Myles Walsh (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB865 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to mental health insurance
Summary: Repeals provisions establishing health insurance mandatory minimum coverage levels for mental disorders.
Sponsor: Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB890 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation under commonwealth care
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Lori Ehrlich (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB898 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to diagnostic screening for prostate cancer
Summary: Requires all medical insurance provide coverage for diagnostic testing and examination for prostatic cancer, including, but not limited to, digital rectal examination, transrectal ultrasonography and prostate-specific antigen tests for all persons with a history of prostate cancer and all men aged forty and over.
Sponsor: Representative Robert F. Fennell (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB910 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to provide coverage for hearing aids for children
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Sean Garballey (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB936 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act providing for certain standards in health care insurance coverage
Summary: Makes comprehensive amendments to laws on health care insurance coverage, with the primary intent of making mental health disorders eligible for coverage to the same extent as physical disorders. Also adds notification requirements around coverage refusal and requirements about utilization reviews, as well as many other technical amendments.
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB937 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to insurance coverage for mental health
Summary: Authorizes mental health professionals to provide treatment to insureds not limited to said professionals' participation as network credentialed providers.
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB938 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to health care consumer protection
Summary: Directs the Bureau of Managed Care to adopt the Integrated Massachusetts Application for Credentialing/Appointment and similar application for re-credentialing/re-appointment;

establishes criteria and procedure for said application.
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB977 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act providing for insurance coverage for vision screening for children
Summary: Requires health insurance providers, non-profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, health maintenance organizations, and the division of medical assistance to provide coverage for vision screening for children within twelve months prior to entering kindergarten; entitles students who fail said examinations to the articulated follow up care, performed by licensed optometrists or ophthalmologists.
Sponsor: Representative Ronald Mariano (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB988 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to providing equity in the provision of prescription drug coverage
Summary: Requires health plans and health insurance policies which provide for mail order prescription drug coverage to provide equal benefits for non-mail order prescription drugs, including, but not limited to providing equal dollar amounts of coverage.
Sponsor: Representative Allen J. McCarthy (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB1028 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to improve asthma management
Summary: Requires the Group Insurance Commission, the Division of Medical Assistance, accident & sickness insurance policies, group hospital service plans and individual or group health maintenance contracts provide coverage for asthma, including all medically necessary equipment and services, as well as asthma education and chronic disease management.
Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 05/11/2009 - S Concurred in committee referral

Bill #: HB1032 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to include fluoride varnish service in all health insurance coverage in the commonwealth

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative John W. Scibak (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

Progress:

History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB1075 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing the state pharmacy council

Summary: Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the state pharmacy council; charges said council with coordinating the agencies within the executive office of health and human services and the division of insurance in their effort to lower prescription drug costs for the state; directs said council to review legislation and regulations relating to programs and operations relative to pharmaceuticals and shall make recommendations concerning the effect of such legislation or regulation, and recommend policies relative to same.

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB1076 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to strategic investment in the Commonwealth's chronically distressed hospitals program

Summary: Establishes and regulates a Strategic Investment in Chronically Distressed Hospital Program (SICDSH); articulates purpose of said program, including the provision of additional funding to disproportionate share hospitals.

Sponsor: Representative Michael F. Kane (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 04/01/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 04/15/2009 1:00 P.M. A-2

Bill #: HB1080 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to manufacturers coupons and rebates

Summary: Exempts prescription drug mail-in rebates, discounts and limited free supplies from the statutes on pharmaceutical bribes and solicitations.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB1083 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act improving the insurance partnership program

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 05/13/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/27/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB1087 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for all children

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Elizabeth A. Malia (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 06/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 07/15/2009 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: HB1092 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to extend patient protections to recipients of MassHealth

Summary: Articulates patient protections for recipients of MassHealth benefits; subjects the primary care clinician program or other similar managed care arrangements of the division of medical assistance to existing health insurance consumer protection provisions; directs the division of medical assistance to reimburse physicians for services rendered within forty-five days of receipt of a claim for said services; reduces said timeframe to fifteen days for claims received electronically; requires said division to provide reasons for non-payment within fifteen days of receipt of said claim, or within forty-eight

hours of receipt of electronic claims; directs said division to provide written guidelines to providers regulating the content of claims for reimbursement; modifies billing and recoupment procedures of said department.

Sponsor: Representative Vincent A. Pedone (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 05/26/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 06/03/2009 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: HB1096 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act Relative to Primary Stroke Designation Hospitals
Summary: Appropriates no less than \$100,000 for the operation and administration of the Massachusetts Primary Stroke Service Designation Hospital program, provided all funds are used for the collection and analysis of data and for a full-time surveyor of compliance with designation criteria.

Sponsor: Representative Michael F. Rush (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 04/01/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 04/15/2009 1:00 P.M. A-2

Bill #: HB1097 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to establish a community hospital fund for computerized physician order entry

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Rosemary Sandlin (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:

History: 06/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 07/15/2009 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: HB1098 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act Relative to prescription drugs
Summary: Directs the Governor to request a waiver for the office of pharmaceutical information from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, allowing said office to act as an agent for residents of the commonwealth in providing information regarding the purchase of prescription drugs from the commonwealth and Canadian sources; establishes and regulates the operation of said office in the department of public health; directs said office to establish relationships with licensed Canadian pharmaceutical suppliers;

limits said office to providing information to individuals purchasing prescriptions for individual use only; directs said office to serve as a central agent for any safety concerns or adverse affects resulting from the use of Canadian pharmaceuticals; directs the department of public health to promulgate regulations relative to said provisions.

Sponsor: Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB1107 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to promote health insurance transparency
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Steven Myles Walsh (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 05/13/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/27/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB1490 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to pregnant and postpartum inmates in state prisons
Summary: Directs the department of correction to provide a full time prenatal care manager; requires said manager to have credentials in childbirth education and knowledge of high risk pregnancy and prenatal addiction issues; requires the screening of female inmates for pregnancy and postpartum status; entitles pregnant inmates to access to prenatal and postpartum care, as defined; prohibits housing pregnant inmates with others suspected of carrying contagious diseases; regulates the development of custody plans for children born to incarcerated mothers; directs said department to provide access to counseling for postpartum depression and psychosis; prohibits the use of waist chains on inmates more than three months pregnant; prohibits cuffing said inmates to exam tables or labor beds during examinations.
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)
Progress:
History: 07/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JJU - 07/27/2009 1:00 PM Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: HB1716 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: Resolve establishing a commission to evaluate health services and environmental conditions at MCI Framingham

Summary: Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a special commission charged with investigating and reporting on the health services and environmental conditions at MCI-Framingham.

Sponsor: Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

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History: 05/08/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JJU - 06/02/2009 1:00 P.M. A-2

Bill #: HB1818 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to improve training opportunities for health care workers

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (JLW)

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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB1925 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the youth alcohol education program to reduce underage drinking and promote healthy choices

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative William N. Brownsberger (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)

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History: 06/01/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMH - 06/10/2009 1:00 PM A-2

Bill #: HB1934 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to inpatient admissions to psychiatric hospitals and facilities licensed by the department of mental health

Summary: Requires the presentation of release of confidentiality forms to patients admitted to psychiatric hospitals, for the purpose of allowing the involvement of family members and outpatient providers in determining treatment.

Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)

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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB1956 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to reimbursement for drugs to treat mental illness

Summary: Prohibits requiring prior authorizations or imposing other restrictions on medications used to treat mental illness such as schizophrenia, depression or bipolar disorder for Medicaid recipients; articulates medications available to said Medicaid recipients without restriction, including, but not limited to antipsychotic medications.

Sponsor: Representative Thomas M. Stanley (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)

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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2020 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act prioritizing e-health institute funding for computerized physician order entry in community hospitals

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Daniel E. Bosley (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/09/2009 10:00 A.M. Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: HB2021 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to food allergens

Summary: Directs the department of public health to issue a report on whether it is feasible to require restaurants to use different utensils, working stations and storage for foods that contain peanut oils or any other allergens that affect individuals who are allergic to peanuts.

Sponsor: Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB2043 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to HLTV 111 Tests

Summary: Mandates the HLTV or HIV testing of blood of persons when

their blood comes in contact with another person and the disclosure of the results of said tests to the contacted person, regardless of lack of consent.

Sponsor: Representative Stephen L. DiNatale (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-1

Bill #: HB2045 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to annual immunization against influenza for children

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr. (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-1

Bill #: HB2049 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to establish a reporting system for drug overdoses

Summary: Requires physicians, hospitals, community health centers or clinics examining or treating injuries resulting from opiate, illegal or illicit drug overdoses to report said information as instructed by the department of public health.

Sponsor: Representative Robert F. Fennell (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB2063 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to student health and education

Summary: Submits regulations relative to nutritional beverages in public elementary, middle and high schools; requires elementary and middle schools sell only milk products and 100% juice; authorizes the sale of other beverages in high schools, with a 66 calorie-per-8-ounce limit; establishes beverage serving sizes as 8 ounces in elementary schools, 10 ounces in middle schools and 12 ounces in high schools.

Sponsor: Representative Lida E. Harkins (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M.

Bill #: HB2065 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to childhood immunizations
Summary: Prohibits the department of health or any health care provider from producing, distributing, or administering vaccines, antitoxins, serums or similar products with additives or preservatives that contain mercury, including but not limited to thimerosal; authorizes exemptions during emergencies in which shortages of mercury-free products exist; authorizes the filing of civil actions for violation of said provisions.
Sponsor: Representative Bradford R. Hill (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: HB2075 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to nutrition and wellness in the public schools
Summary: Requires public school districts to include descriptions of nutrition and wellness programs in annual reports submitted to the Department of Education.
Sponsor: Representative Louis L. Kafka (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB2084 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act to reduce medication errors in the Commonwealth
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/23/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB2091 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relating to internet prescription consumer protection
Summary: Submits the Massachusetts internet prescription consumer protection act, so-called; regulates the disclosure of the

articulated information by internet pharmacies on their web sites; regulates the operation of said internet pharmacies; prohibits the sale or dispensing of prescription medication by said internet pharmacies unless they comply with all facets of state and federal law; requires said internet pharmacies to display the articulated information, including, but not limited to the address and telephone number of its principal place of business; voids any disclaimer, limitation or waiver of liability claimed by said internet pharmacies resulting from the online purchase of pharmaceuticals; defines violation of said provisions as unfair business practices; establishes and regulates the use of the board of registry in pharmacy internet pharmacy trust fund; directs said board to promulgate regulations relative to the investigation of internet pharmacies.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB2092 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to school nutrition

Summary: Establishes and regulates the Governor's Commission on Childhood Obesity for the purpose of developing and coordinating a statewide plan for the reduction of childhood obesity through evidence-based nutrition and exercise programs; directs the Department of Public Health to establish guidelines for the training of public school nurses on recognition and treatment of eating disorders and type 2 diabetes; requires statewide standards for schools established by the Board of Education include instruction on nutrition and exercise; directs the Department of Public Health to establish guidelines for the implementation of nutrition standards for competitive foods and beverages sold or provided in schools; establishes criteria for consideration in said guidelines; requires said departments review and analyze the trend in reported cases of obesity and eating disorders in students.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M.
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Bill #: HB2093 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities

Summary: Directs the executive office of health and human services to

evaluate the impact of social determinants of health, including, but not limited to, employment, education, health care, housing, recreation, financial lending, racism and discrimination, and promulgate regulations to reduce the impact of said determinants.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/09/2009 10:00 A.M. Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: HB2094 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to air quality in schools and public buildings
Summary: Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the division of indoor environments within the center for environmental health in the department of public health; charges said division with enforcing articulated provisions relative to indoor air quality; requires all owners of public buildings, as defined, to establish written indoor environmental compliance programs; articulates mandatory components of said programs; requires owners of said buildings to establish procedures for receiving complaints and reports of building related illnesses; regulates inspection of said buildings; directs the department of public health to issue regulations pertaining to environmental standards for buildings; regulates the use of hazardous chemicals in said buildings; regulates enforcement of said provisions.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/05/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB2103 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act requiring automatic external defibrillators in health and wellness facilities
Summary: Requires charitable organizations to possess at least one semi-automatic or automatic external defibrillator and at least one employee or volunteer AED provider.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - **Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/15/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1**

Bill #: HB2104 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to mutual aid for local public health

Summary: Authorizes cities and towns, upon request, to provide emergency public health services, health care supplies or other public health assistance to other cities and towns.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/17/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: HB2106 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the marketing and distribution of tobacco products

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/16/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB2111 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act regulating pharmacy audits

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/10/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: HB2113 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act protecting the public health

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2115 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to prevent prescription fraud

Summary: Requires the commissioner of the department of public health

develop a tamper-proof prescription pad or electronic system to prevent prescription fraud; directs said commissioner to make a report of its plans within six months of passage.

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB2119 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the notification of mammographic examinations

Summary: Requires physicians, health care facilities or hospitals ordering mammographic examinations to notify said patients of the results no later than 96 hours of receiving the results.

Sponsor: Representative William Lantigua (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2123 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to a patient's report card of nursing

Summary: Requires the division of health care finance and policy in the executive office of health and human services to require health care providers and institutions to report the articulated data, including, but not limited to indicators of the nature and amount of nursing care provided by licensed nurses and documentation pertaining to patient safety; regulates the collection of said data.

Sponsor: Representative Michael J. Moran (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/23/2009 10:00 A.M.
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Bill #: HB2127 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to establish the Massachusetts Health Care Trust

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Matthew C. Patrick (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/20/2009 10:00 A.M.
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Bill #: HB2129 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to prohibiting the distribution possession and use of all tobacco products

Summary: Prohibits the distribution, possession or use of any cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff, or tobacco in any form; articulates progressive penalties for violation of said provisions; repeals provisions regulating the sale and use of said products.

Sponsor: Representative George N. Peterson, Jr. (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/16/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB2130 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to retracting hypodermic needles

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative William Smitty Pignatelli (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: HB2132 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Elizabeth A. Poirier (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2140 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to reporting on health effects of particulate matter

Summary: Directs the bureau for environmental health within the department of public health to conduct a study on the health effects of particulate air pollution from surface transportation; articulates contents of said study.

Sponsor: Representative Denise Provost (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/05/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB2151 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to prescription assistance programs
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Michael J. Rodrigues (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/10/2009 10:00 A.M.
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Bill #: HB2153 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to require health care entities to participate in the 340B prescription drug discount program
Summary: Directs the executive office of health and human services to require that all eligible health-related centers, including hospitals, offer prescription drug discounts through the federal prescription drug price discount program; requires said discounted drugs to be separated from other drugs in said pharmacies.
Sponsor: Representative John W. Scibak (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/10/2009 10:00 A.M.
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Bill #: HB2172 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: Resolve establishing a special commission to study and recommend improvements in the delivery of prescription drug benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth
Summary: Establishes and regulates the membership of a special commission to study the delivery of prescription drug benefits in the commonwealth; articulates reporting requirements of said commission; directs the division of healthcare policy and finance and the group insurance commission to provide research to said commission.
Sponsor: Representative Walter F. Timilty (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/10/2009 10:00 A.M.
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Bill #: HB2174 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to promote healthy behaviors

Summary: Requires the department of public health to establish a program of community based health and sexuality education services provided by comprehensive family planning agencies; directs said program to promote health behaviors within the community by providing specialized education and outreach to targeted high-risk populations, parents and guardians, and staff of community-based agencies providing services to young people; articulates components of said outreach program, including, but not limited to the promotion of abstinence and efforts to reduce unintended pregnancy.

Sponsor: Representative Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2177 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act amending the children's medical security plan

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Cleon H. Turner (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/20/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: HB2187 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the sale of hypodermic needles

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Daniel K. Webster (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: HB2688 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the taxation of cigarettes and other tobacco products

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative John J. Binienda (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Progress:
History: 05/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JRV - 05/13/2009 10:00 AM
B-2

Bill #: HB2701 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act to establish a wellness trust
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative William N. Brownsberger (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2717 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act Establishing an Organ Donation Registration Fund
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Katherine Clark (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB2807 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act establishing a health care electronic prescribing tax credit
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Progress:
History: 07/02/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JRV - 07/08/2009 10:00 A.M.
B-2

Bill #: HB3429 of 2009-2010 Session
Title: An Act relative to trans fat in school served products
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
Progress:
History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB3434 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to providing health education in schools

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Alice K. Wolf (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

Progress:

History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB3535 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to clarify privacy protections for electronic medical records

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Byron Rushing (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

Progress:

History: 06/15/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JJU - 07/14/2009 12:00 P.M. Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: HB3548 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to student use of tobacco products

Summary: Imposes a fine of not more than \$50 for the first violation, \$150 for the second violation and \$300 for subsequent violations for students caught smoking on school grounds.

Sponsor: Representative Robert A. DeLeo (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

Progress:

History: 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: HB3585 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act pertaining to people with mental illness in hospital emergency rooms

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Ruth B. Balser (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)

Progress:

History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB3586 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act for coordination of children's mental health care services

Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Ruth B. Balser (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)
Progress:
History: 05/18/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMH - 05/27/2009 1:00 P.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB3593 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act prohibiting the possession of tobacco by minors
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/16/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB3595 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to foods containing artificial trans fat
Summary: Prohibits the distribution, preparation, storage, or service of foods containing artificial trans fat by common victuallers, except for food stored in manufacturer's original packaging and served directly to patrons; directs the department of public health and local boards of health to promulgate and enforce regulations relative to the ban on artificial trans fat; imposes a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars for violations of said regulations; articulates separate effective dates for oils, shortening and spreads used in the frying of yeast dough and cake batter, and those used in all other food production.
Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB3599 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act Establishing a Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Christopher N. Speranzo (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M.
A-2

Bill #: HB3722 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act requiring legible pharmaceutical orders and prescriptions

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Todd M. Smola (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: HB3827 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

Bill #: HB3839 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to Stroke Awareness Month

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Michael F. Rush (D)

Status: Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight (JSA)

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History: 05/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JSA - 05/14/2009

Bill #: HB3912 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to patient safety

Summary: Submits provisions relative to the advance of patient safety via the regulation and promotion of nurses; establishes and regulates a nursing advisory board within the executive office of health and human services; requires the board of registration in nursing establish an expert nursing corps for the mentoring of incoming or novice nurses; directs community and state colleges, as well as the University of Massachusetts, to enter into employment contracts for a minimum period of five years with faculty members who teach nursing, unless a shorter contract is agreed upon by both parties; requires the

board of higher education establish a student loan repayment program and a faculty position payment program for encouraging nursing students; directs the board of higher education to provide grants for the formation of relationships between institutions of higher education and health care service providers for recruitment purposes, and to establish a scholarship program for encouragement of nursing students; requires the board of higher education provide grants to hospitals committing resources or personnel to nursing training programs and develop a program to increase diversity of the nursing workforce; establishes and regulates the Clara Barton nursing excellence trust fund and directs the board of higher education appropriate a portion of said fund for refresher courses and retraining of licensed registered nurses; directs the department of public health to develop nurse's patient assignment standards and a patient acuity system; articulates contents of said standards and system; requires health care facility submit prospective staffing plans annually as a condition of licensing by the department of public health; prohibits said facilities from directly assigning unlicensed personnel to perform licensed nurse functions; authorizes said department to include parameters for the denial of registration and operation of temporary nursing service agencies only if said agencies attempt to increase costs to facilities by at least ten percent; directs the executive office of economic development to develop a statewide program for the promotion of the nursing profession.

Sponsor: Representative Christine E. Canavan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/03/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #:	SB18 of 2009-2010 Session
Title:	An act relative to pandemic and disaster preparation and response in the Commonwealth
Summary:	Amends provisions relative to declarations of public health emergencies. Upon declaring a public health emergency, the Governor may activate the state comprehensive emergency management plan and its associated processes; during such public health emergency, any person who renders assistance or advice during the emergency will be protected from liability to the extent provided by the tort claims act.
Sponsor:	Senator Richard T. Moore (D)
Status:	Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
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History:	04/06/2009 - S Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, carrying HB108

Bill #: SB193 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act clarifying chapter 111L biotechnology

Summary: Authorizes human stem cell research and amends provisions relative to the handling of genetic information and cells donated for scientific research; establishes an Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight committee for the purpose of overseeing costs and reimbursement rates for the donation, processing, storage and disposal of gametes or embryos and the registration of related research institutions; imposes penalties for violations of aforementioned regulations by institutions.

Sponsor: Senator Cynthia S. Creem (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)

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History: 05/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JEC - 05/27/2009 1:00 PM Rm. 222

Bill #: SB241 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act to establish school nutrition education classes

Summary: Requires all public school students in grades 1 through 9 to attend a weekly class on nutrition education and physical fitness for not less than 45 minutes per week.

Sponsor: Senator Brian A. Joyce (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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History: 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

Bill #: SB501 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to benefits for autism

Summary: Requires the contributory group blanket or general health insurance policy for public employees, health insurance policies and policies issued by non-profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of the following articulated developmental disorders, including but not limited to autistic disorder, asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental disorder - not otherwise specified, rett's disorder, and childhood disintegrative disorder; regulates the benefits issued under said provisions.

Sponsor: Senator Michael W. Morrissey (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

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History: 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

Bill #: SB547 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act Making Technical Corrections to health care practitioner and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer conduct

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: SB561 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An act to establish an adverse event disclosure and compensation grant program for hospitals

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 04/01/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 04/15/2009 1:00 P.M. A-2

Bill #: SB563 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An act to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation under Commonwealth Care

Summary: Requires all policies delivered through the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program cover tobacco use cessation treatment.

Sponsor: Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 05/26/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 06/03/2009 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: SB799 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing a special commission to study physician recruitment and workforce development in Massachusetts

Summary: Establishes and regulates the membership of a commission to: study the recruitment and retention of physicians, address, among other things, understaffed medical specialties, health professional shortage areas and the establishment of financial incentives, and identify sources of disincentives to physician

recruitment and retention; directs said commission to report to the Legislature with any recommendations.

Sponsor: Senator Stephen Buoniconti (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/09/2009 10:00 A.M. Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: SB861 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An act promoting healthy alternatives in public school food programs

Summary: Directs the dept. of public health in consultation with the department of education to annually establish regulations for training all school nurses in behavioral health and treatment for eating disorders; directs said departments to establish standards for certification of all food service directors and managers in articulated schools; mandates including instruction in nutrition and exercise in the board of education's standards; establishes low to non-fat snacks and drink options, as defined, to be required for sale at all schools; establishes sugar, calorie, sodium and fat limits on foods, both packaged and unpackaged, to be sold on school grounds or at school activities, with articulated exceptions; requires the display of nutritional guidelines; directs the department of public health, in collaboration with the department of education to review and analyze obesity and eating disorders in students; directs the department of public health to establish an annual public service campaign to raise awareness of pediatric overweight and of the state's initiative to reduce the epidemic; establishes a commission to conduct an analysis of childhood obesity, nutrition, physical activity, and education in wellness in the commonwealth; establishes guidelines for membership and participation in said commission.

Sponsor: Senator Richard T. Moore (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

Bill #: SB950 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act establishing a primary seat belt law

Summary: Amends various provisions relative to the enforcement of seatbelt laws in the commonwealth; repeals provisions limiting enforcement of said seatbelt law to circumstances where motor vehicles are stopped for violation of other motor vehicle laws; authorizes the enforcement of said provisions at any time the driver or eligible passengers are in violation of same;

prohibits inspection of motor vehicles for violation of said provisions.

Sponsor: Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

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History: 04/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPSF - 04/16/2009 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. A-1

Bill #: SB1180 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act improving the health of GIC population and reducing the cost of health care

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Anthony W. Petrucci (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Service (JPSR)

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History: 04/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPSR - 06/22/2009 11:00 A.M. A-1

Bill #: SB2028 of 2009-2010 Session

Title: An Act relative to pandemic preparation and response in the Commonwealth

Summary: None

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

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