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Mass Health Council

Bill #: HB51

Title: An Act relative to Health Disparities Council

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative James J. Dwyer (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

Progress:

History: 02/14/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Children and Families

Bill #: HB63

Title: An Act ensuring access to basic health care for children and young adults

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

Progress:

History: 02/14/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Children and Families

Bill #: HB83

Title: An Act regarding continuity of care for children and their eligible parents

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Ellen Story (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

Progress:

History: 02/14/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Children and Families

Bill #: HB279

Title: An Act to enable the formation of accountable care organizations

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Michael A. Costello (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

Progress:

History: 10/05/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 10/25/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: HB467

Title: An Act relative to medical malpractice liability of health professionals in emergency response

Summary: Prohibits imposing liability on physicians or nurses administering immunizations or other medical protections under public health programs, in any civil suit for damages resulting from any act or omission; prohibits imposing liability on physicians or nurses for any act or omission related to voluntary participation in any disaster preparedness or response activities.

Sponsor: Representative Ronald Mariano (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

Progress:

History: 02/14/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

Bill #: HB587

Title: An Act reducing children's exposure to second hand smoke

Summary: Prohibits smoking in vehicles in which a child secured by child passenger restraints is a passenger; articulates penalties for violation of said provisions.

Sponsor: Representative Michael A. Costello (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB591

Title: An Act restricting the sale of tobacco products at locations where health professionals are employed

Summary: Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in all health care institutions.

Sponsor: Representative Sean Garballey (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM
A-1

Bill #: HB598

Title: An Act to improve health care access

Summary: Establishes Healthcare Outreach and Education Unit within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; authorizes said unit to distribute grants statewide to community and consumer-focused public and private nonprofit groups for outreach, enrollment assistance and retention of coverage assistance to provide outreach, enrollment and re-enrollment assistance, education on effective and appropriate use of health care coverage, and coverage retention activities directly to consumers; further authorizes said unit to distribute grants to non-profit, community and consumer-focused groups that are able to provide technical assistance that includes informational updates, trainings, and the sharing of best practices for grantee organizations conducting outreach, enrollment assistance, education; establishes an advisory committee within said unit to work on grant design and scope.

Sponsor: Representative Stephen Kulik (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB615

Title: An Act prohibiting advertising by pharmaceutical companies

Summary: Prohibits advertising by pharmaceutical companies by any means in the Commonwealth.

Sponsor: Representative Kathi-Anne Reinstein (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB627

Title: An Act relative to smoking near public buildings and workplaces

Summary: Prohibits smoking within 25 feet of public buildings; requires that signs be posted at entrances and other areas displaying the non-smoking rules and penalties; authorizes local authorities to enforce this law; regulates \$100 civic fine for those ignoring the smoking rules including owners of public

buildings; authorizes owners of buildings to appeal the 25 feet distance rule under special circumstances.

Sponsor: Representative Theodore C. Speliotis (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB630

Title: An Act relative to the labeling of food
Summary: Submits the genetically engineered food right to know act; defines genetically engineered food; requires labeling of packages or receptacles containing said genetically engineered food; imposes a fine of between five and one hundred dollars for manufacture, sale or offer for sale of goods in violation; authorizes the director of standards to promulgate related regulations.

Sponsor: Representative Ellen Story (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/25/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB631

Title: An Act amending the children's medical security plan
Summary: Requires unlimited mental health visits for uninsured dependent and adopted youths from birth through age eighteen provided through the program of managed care administered by the Division of Mental Health Assistance subject to appropriation from the Children's and Seniors' Health Care Assistance Fund.

Sponsor: Representative Cleon H. Turner (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB632

Title: An Act relative to the exposure of public safety officials to the AIDS virus and infectious hepatitis
Summary: Authorizes public safety officials, including police, fire fighters, and medical personnel, who are exposed to the blood or other bodily fluids of a defendant in the course of their duties, to petition the court to order HIV or HLTV-III testing of the

defendant; regulates the granting of said order.
Sponsor: Representative Martin J. Walsh (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/28/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 04/05/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB634
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: 03/28/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 04/05/2011 10:00 AM
A-1

Bill #: HB1056
Title: Promote healthy school meals
Summary: Establishes the Pilot Rewards for Healthy School Meals Program; regulates eligibility for said program; authorizes the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to spend in each fiscal year an amount equal to the money required pursuant to the matching requirements of federal laws and shall disburse the same in accordance with said laws with an additional ten cents per lunch served in the prior school year as the rewards for awardees selected for said program; directs said department to promulgate standards for school certification as Healthy School Meals schools.
Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
Progress:
History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM
A-2

Bill #: HB1157
Title: An Act to promote healthy people and a healthy economy in Massachusetts
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 05/23/2011 - S Concurred in committee referral

Bill #: HB1174

Title: An Act requiring mental health parity for disability policies

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Ruth B. Balser (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

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History: 02/16/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Financial Services

Bill #: HB1176

Title: An Act relative to mental health benefits

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Ruth B. Balser (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

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History: 02/16/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Financial Services

Bill #: HB1187

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: 09/02/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 09/20/2011 1:00 PM Gardner Auditorium


Bill #: HB1216

Title: An Act relative to manufacturers' coupons and rebates

Summary: Prohibits any manufacturer, distributor, or supplier, in connection with any consumer, of prescription pharmaceutical products from offering and participating in any direct to consumer rebate programs, even if a portion of the prescription is paid for by a health insurer.

Sponsor: Representative David B. Sullivan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

Progress: 
History: 10/05/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 10/25/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: HB1223

Title: An Act relative to mandated health benefits

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Linda Dorcena Forry (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress: 

History: 09/13/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 10/03/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: HB1228

Title: An Act to establish a Public Health Insurance Option

Summary: Directs Commonwealth Connector Authority to provide for the offering a public health benefits plan - the public health insurance option - to eligible individuals and large groups, to ensure choice, competition, and stability of affordable, high quality coverage throughout Massachusetts; requires that the public option shall: (a) be made available exclusively through the Commonwealth Connector, alongside health benefit plans receiving the Connector seal of approval, (b) meet all the requirements established for health benefit plans to receive the Commonwealth Connector seal of approval, (c) meet the Connector's standards for minimum creditable coverage; regulates definitions related to the public health option; authorizes the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Connector to contract with managed care organizations or other such health benefits administrators to administer aspects of plans offered under the public health insurance option; requires only Medicaid managed care organizations, so contracted with the Commonwealth as of January 1, 2011, to administer aspects of the public option; regulates that applications from non-Medicaid managed care organizations may be accepted for the provision of such services after January 1, 2013; requires the Commonwealth Connector's annual report to include a report on the activities, receipts, expenditures, and enrollments of the public option; further requires said report be subject to the prescription and oversight of the Commonwealth Connector Board and State Auditor; authorizes the Commonwealth Connector Board to establish (1) the premium rates for the public health insurance option and (2) the payment rates for the Public Health Insurance Option for services and providers based on parts A and B of Medicare; articulates an opt-out process for health care providers; regulates risk adjustment activities carried out

by the Commissioner of Insurance; establishes the Public Health Insurance Option Trust Fund; requires amounts credited to said trust fund be expended without further appropriation for operation of the Public Health Insurance Option.

Sponsor: Representative Jason M. Lewis (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 02/16/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: HB1279

Title: An Act to preserve access to inpatient mental health services for individuals with mental illness

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Ruth B. Balser (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

Progress:

History: 02/16/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

Bill #: HB1300

Title: An Act to improve quality, encourage peer review and reduce costs in health care

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative William C. Galvin (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

Progress:

History: 02/16/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

Bill #: HB1463

Title: An Act relative to transparent evidence-based mental health care

Summary: Requires the Bureau of Managed Care shall annually file a report to the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse detailing the number, nature and resolutions of internal grievances pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 176O and grievance reviews pursuant to Section 14 of same chapter arising from mental health and or substance abuse diagnoses; regulates utilization review criteria shall come from participating providers instead of participating physicians, removes a provision which required all criteria shall be applied consistently by a carrier or a utilization review organization, and requires review criteria shall be available to providers and insureds; regulates review guidelines may be challenged for

further review by the Office of Patient Protection; requires said office must review any challenge brought and may alter or invalidate a guideline in the interests of patient protection.

Sponsor: Representative Ruth B. Balser (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/21/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1466

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 William N. Brownsberger (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1478

Title: An Act relative to the promotion of breastfeeding in hospitals
Summary: Requires qualifying hospitals shall develop and submit to the Department of Public Health a comprehensive breastfeeding promotion policy, post and provide to all mothers the hospitals breastfeeding mothers bill of rights, and train all hospital staff for newborn care in breastfeeding education and support; requires that DPH publish a model hospital breastfeeding policy and a breastfeeding mothers bill of rights for use in hospitals.

Sponsor: Representative Linda Dorcena Forry (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 08/08/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: HB1479

Title: Act to establish Folic Acid Awareness programs for young girls and women

Summary: No summary necessary.

Sponsor: Representative Gloria L. Fox (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1483

Title: An Act relative to pupil dental health

Summary: Requires the parent or guardian of each child shall present to school health personnel, upon entering kindergarten or within 30 days of the start of the school year, certification that the child within the previous 12 months has received an oral health examination by a licensed dentist; articulates three reasons how a parent or legal guardian of a pupil may be excused from complying with said requirement; requires a public school shall notify the parent or legal guardian of a pupil concerning the examination required; articulates the required contents of said notification shall be in letter form, and shall also include but not be limited to, public health department contact information; directs and authorizes the DPH shall develop and make available on their website a standardized notification form that shall be used by each school district; articulates required contents of said form; requires all school districts shall, by December 31 of each year, submit a report to the DPH with dental health assessments and other related assessments related to dental health access for all pupils.

Sponsor: Representative Sean Garballey (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 07/19/2011 10:00 AM B-1

Bill #: HB1487

Title: An Act to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth

Summary: Establishes a study commission on the health effects of wind turbines.

Sponsor: Representative Susan Williams Gifford (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/18/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1494

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 Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/25/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1495

Title: An Act promoting patient engagement in health care decisions
Summary: Articulates definitions of shared-decision making and patient decision aid; directs the Department of Public Health shall develop a plan for the optimal use of shared decision-making tools and patient decision aids in Massachusetts in order to ensure patients make fully informed decisions about medical care; regulates contents of said plan; requires all insurers, including the MassHealth program established under chapter 118E and the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program established under chapter 118H, shall reimburse providers for the use of shared decision-making tools and patient decision aids.

Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/14/2011 10:00 AM A-1

General remarks: Health care for All testified in support at public hearing 6/14/11.

Bill #: HB1498

Title: An Act to promote prevention and wellness through a Public Health Trust

Summary: Establishes Prevention and Cost Control Trust Fund; regulates said fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, by the Department of Public Health; creates advisory board for said fund; directs said board to publish annual report; qualifies commissioner of the department of public health to administer the fund; further directs commissioner to annually award no less than 80 percent of the fund through a competitive grant process to municipalities and community-based organizations in order to reduce health costs and address health disparities; directs the division of health care, finance, and policy to annually determine a surcharge percentage for said fund to be applied additionally to all payments subject to surcharge; authorizes all payments of said surcharge be deposited into said fund.

Sponsor: Representative Jason M. Lewis (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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History: 07/21/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: HB1499

Title: An Act relative to protecting public health

Summary: Directs the Division of Occupational Safety shall hold a public hearing in the event that the Environmental Protection Agency recognizes a lead test kit that is capable of both a positive and negative screen under 40 CFR 745.88; articulates purpose of said hearing; directs said division shall promulgate regulations within 90 days revising the definition of Recognized Test Kits as defined at 454 CMR 22.02 to include the use of all such test kit if said division finds that continued recognition of all such test kits is protective of public health, cost-effective and consistent the divisions objectives under 454 CMR 22.02.

Sponsor: Representative David Paul Linsky (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1501

Title: An Act improving the children's medical security program and simplifying the administration process

Summary: Extends the maximum age for primary and preventive health care services for uninsured, dependent, adopted youths from 12 to 18; increases the variety and scope of services available

to said youths; requires Office of Medicaid to assess cost per member for this health care program, before it is fully implemented, and submit report to House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means.

Sponsor: Representative Elizabeth A. Malia (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1512

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 (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1517

Title: An Act to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth

Summary: Establishes the Office of Health Equity in order to to eliminate racial and ethnic health and health care disparities; directs the Health Disparities Council to serve as an advisory board to said office; requires said office to evaluate the regional progress toward eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities using an annual report card; requires said office to evaluate health initiatives as put annually put forth by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)
Status: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee
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History: 07/12/2011 - H Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB1091

Bill #: HB1518

Title: An Act to establish community based grant programs to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth

Summary: Establishes a program to award grants to community-based agencies in order to reduce disparities; regulates the application and approval process for said agencies.

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 07/21/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: HB1519

Title: An act reducing medical errors and improving patient safety

Summary: Regulates the definition of medical peer review committee; articulates functions and practices of said committee; further articulates the definition of healthcare-associated infection, requires the Department of Health to encourage the development and implementation of (1) pre-screening programs designed to prevent or combat multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO) and (2) checklists of care that prevent adverse events and reduce healthcare-associated infection rates; regulates claims brought by or on behalf of a patient allegedly experiencing an unanticipated outcome of medical care; directs the Board of Registration of Medicine to promulgate regulations that require education and training of health care providers in the early disclosure of adverse events; establishes an independent task force to study medication errors and adverse drug events; further establishes a second independent task force to study and reduce the practice of defensive medicine and medical overutilization in the Commonwealth, including but not limited to the overuse of imaging and screening technologies.

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 08/18/2011 - H Accompanied bill - see SB1116, SB1150, SB1162, HB597, HB608, HB613, HB614, HB2340, HB2374, HB2380 and HB2381

General remarks: MA Bar Association and MA Hospital Association both support apologies not being introduced into evidence for malpractice case. MA Medical Society noted this is already the state of the law relative to apologies and this bill would prohibit admission of error from being admissible in evidence too.

Bill #: HB1521

Title: An Act to ensure transparency in prescription drug practices in the Commonwealth

Summary: Regulates the pharmacy benefits management system which covers the procurement of prescription drugs at a negotiated

rate for dispensation within the Commonwealth to covered individuals and other duties; regulates the responsibilities of the pharmacy benefits manager including fiduciary and transparency aspects; requires said managers to register within the Commonwealth and pay an registration fee of \$3,000; authorizes covered entities to audit their pharmacy benefits manager; requires individuals to comply with the enforcement of regulations or face fines; articulates privacy protections for any individual's information used by aforementioned manager.

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1524

Title: An Act relative to improving asthma in schools

Summary: Articulates the public purposes of the act as follows: to encourage the development of clean, renewable, electric generating plants and ancillary facilities powered by wind, to ensure that such facilities are sited in appropriate locations based on clear, predictable and protective environmental, cultural and historic resource standards and to streamline the permitting of such facilities at the state and local level and reduce delays associated with appeals of such permits; creates an entire new chapter entitled Wind Energy Permitting which does the following: regulates the creation of new wind energy facilities through the Department of Energy Resources via wind energy permitting boards created by local municipalities which are identified as containing a significant wind resource area; regulates permit approval and building decisions which shall be approved by the local wind energy permitting boards and non-specified regional planning agencies in consultation with other local boards; articulates additional powers and responsibilities of aforementioned boards; regulates responsibilities of any applicant including the payment of a community mitigation fee and also a required offer to the host municipality, or its designee, for the option of entering into a legally enforceable purchase and sale agreement for not more than 10% of the electricity generated on site for use by the host municipality or its designee; amends the duties of the energy facilities siting board within said department; promulgates rules and regulations under Chapter 164 related to standards created by the energy facilities siting board for expedited permitting for land-based siting, operation and decommissioning of wind energy facilities; directs said board shall create an advisory group, who shall share money and resources with said board, to develop recommended standards under the direction of the chair of said board; articulates application procedures and

processes for a person proposing to construct a wind energy facility with a capacity of at least 2 megawatts or related test towers who also qualifies for expedited permitting; further regulates duties of the energy facilities siting board as related to considerations for review and approval of any permit and building site or facility standards, fees for application of said permits and their allocation to various state agencies or retainment by said board, and the conducting of a public hearing within 60 days of the notice of a complete application being delivered.

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1525
Title: An Act relative to nutrition in government buildings
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/25/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1527
Title: An Act banning the sale of cigars in packages of less than five
Summary: Prohibits the sale of cigars in packages of less than five; regulates violations and exceptions.
Sponsor: Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1529
Title: An Act relative to adult dental restoration
Summary: Regulates the covered dental services provided to adult members of the MassHealth program, including comprehensive care as relates to the prevention and treatment of dental decay infection.
Sponsor: Representative John W. Scibak (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB1538

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)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB1540

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 (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB1541

Title: An Act relative to smoking bars

Summary: Regulates that any preexisting retail tobacco store or smoking bar, as defined, shall be exempt from any further limitation of smoking.

Sponsor: Representative David M. Torrissi (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM
A-1

Bill #: HB1543

Title: An Act ensuring access to life-saving colorectal cancer screenings

Summary: Requires any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the Commonwealth shall cover and reimburse for all colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests specified in current American Cancer Society (ACS) guidelines for colorectal cancer screening of asymptomatic individuals; regulates coverage or benefits shall be provided for all such colorectal screening examinations and tests that are administered at a frequency identified in the current ACS guidelines for colorectal cancer.

Sponsor: Representative Steven M. Walsh (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/21/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB1696

Title: An Act establishing the substance abuse health protection fund

Summary: Removes part of a provision that prevents taxation of sales of tangible personal property includable in the measure of the excises levied under the provisions under Chapter 138; establishes the Substance Abuse Health Protection Fund; credits to said fund all amounts collected under Sections 2 and 6(h) of Chapter 64H from the sale of alcoholic beverages that are not considered to be sales of meals, together with any penalties, forfeitures, interest, costs of suits and fines collected in connection therewith.

Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

Progress:

History: 06/10/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JRV - 06/16/2011 10:30 AM
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Bill #: HB1697

Title: An Act to reduce childhood obesity by removing the state subsidy for sugared sweetened beverages and candy

Summary: No summary necessary.

Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Progress:
History: 05/03/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JRV - 05/12/2011 10:30 AM A-1

Bill #: HB1849

Title: An Act relative to improving the quality of health care and controlling costs by reforming health systems and payments

Summary: Requires Commissioner of the Division of Insurance Authority to consider several new criteria when deciding whether or not to disapprove excessive health insurance premium increases; regulates the formation and use of integrated care organizations, comprised of groups of providers that work together to achieve improved health outcomes for patients at lower costs; imposes benchmarks and timelines for the transition to "alternatives to fee for service" and the predominant use of integrated care organizations by 2015; further regulates the use of alternate payment methods (such as global payments, bundled payments, etc.) that will decrease total per capita expenditures on health care, and the rate of growth in expenditures for health care in the Commonwealth; further regulates transparency and accuracy of payer and provider costs, provider payments, clinical outcomes, quality measures; authorizes relevant state entities to monitor and address disparities in the health care market that contribute to high health care costs; reduces defensive medicine practices and improves the quality of health care by requiring open communication between providers and patients during a "cooling off period" before litigation can commence; restricts the use of a doctor's apology during litigation; requires that this law be declared to be an emergency law and have immediate consideration.

Sponsor: Governor

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 06/27/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 07/08/2011 11:00 AM Riverview School, 551 Route 6A, Sandwich, MA 02537

Bill #: HB2031

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)

Progress:

History: 09/02/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 09/20/2011 1:00 PM Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: HB2048

Title: An Act relative to health care coverage for tobacco cessation treatments

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Lori Ehrlich (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

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History: 06/09/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 06/28/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: HB2193

Title: An Act relative to establishing a Commission to study Medical Malpractice Courts

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

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History: 07/01/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JJU - 07/06/2011 1:00 PM B-1

Bill #: HB2194

Title: An Act relative to medical malpractice claims

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)

Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

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History: 02/25/2011 - H Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

Bill #: HB2256

Title: An Act relating to controlled substances and medical treatment

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch (D)

Status: Ordered to a third reading in the House (ORD3R/H)

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History: 11/14/2011 - House Session HS - 11/15/2011 11:00 AM House Chamber

Bill #: HB2336

Title: An Act further regulating early 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, to children under the age of three; authorizes exemptions during emergencies in which shortages of mercury-free products exist; regulates the implementation of said provisions.
Sponsor: Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/28/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 04/05/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2343

Title: An Act relative to the public health effects of Hazardous Air Pollutants
Summary: Requires any person wishing to vote at a voting site shall present prior to voting valid identification: a current driver's license, a government employee card, a pilot's license, military identification, a Medicaid or Medicare card, and for students, a photo identification university card.
Sponsor: Representative Lori Ehrlich (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2344

Title: An Act relative to prescription drugs
Summary: Requires pharmacists to include the brand name of a prescription drug on the container-affixed prescription label.
Sponsor: Representative Robert F. Fennell (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/28/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2352

Title: An Act relative to prescription drug coupons
Summary: Articulates that the normal fine of \$10,000 and possible imprisonment for the offense of solicitation, improper inducement to use goods, facilities, services, or products

covered by insurance are not applicable to the usage of prescription drug coupons.

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2353

Title: An Act relative to Managed Care Organization
Summary: Directs Executive Office of Health and Human Services to discontinue membership in the MassHealth fee-for-service program and primary care clinician plan; further directs said office to enroll all eligible or qualifying members into a Medicaid-managed care organization contracted by the Commonwealth.

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2354

Title: An Act relative to suspending prescription drug coverage from minimum creditable coverage
Summary: Articulates minimum creditable coverage shall not require, in the case of individuals subject to Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006, coverage for prescription drugs.

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/21/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2356

Title: An Act relative to electronic prescriptions
Summary: Requires all pharmacies in the Commonwealth shall implement and utilize an electronic prescription system by January 1, 2012 which shall be approved by the Massachusetts e-Health Institute and must be compatible with the statewide interoperable electronic health records network; regulates said institute shall monitor the use of electronic prescription systems, inform physicians of the availability of systems in pharmacies and instruct physicians in the use of such systems,

and award grants for installations.
Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/28/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2358

Title: An Act prohibiting the possession of tobacco by minors
Summary: Prohibits minors from possessing or purchasing any tobacco products; articulates penalties for retailers who sell tobacco to minors including fines (1st offense \$100, 2nd offense \$200, 2rd \$300) and suspensions (7 or 30 days) of tobacco permits; regulates appeals and hearing process for said suspensions; requires that any person who is under 18 years of age who violates any provision of the law shall perform 20 hours of community service and enroll in a tobacco education program; authorizes police officers, school officials and their agents to confiscate any minor's tobacco products.

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2359

Title: An Act relative to prescription drug waste
Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2365

Title: An Act to improve the safety of prescriptions
Summary: Requires health insurers shall establish and maintain by January 1, 2013, drug formularies for Commonwealth subscribers in a standardized format for certified electronic health records and e-prescribing software to download for providers to access and at no cost to providers and electronic health record or e-prescribing vendors; authorizes the Commissioner of Public Health is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in order to carry out the provisions of

this section.

Sponsor: Representative Louis L. Kafka (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/28/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2376

Title: An Act relative to portable medical records

Summary: Requires health providers shall provide access to medical records to allow for Portable Health Records; articulates said records are an extension of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) which patients can have access to and take with them (physically or virtually) to a health care provider of their choosing or as so directed by their health care advisor; directs the Department of Public Health shall set all related regulations pursuant.

Sponsor: Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 07/12/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2377

Title: A bill to require health care providers to provide an Electronic Health Record

Summary: Requires health care providers shall provide an Electronic Health Record (EHR) for all Massachusetts standards that meet the minimum protocol according to the regulations which shall be seth by the Department of Public Health.

Sponsor: Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 07/12/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2383

Title: An Act relative to manufacturer rebates and discount programs

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative David B. Sullivan (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2386

Title: An Act requiring the Department of Public Health to implement a provider choice system for certain vaccines

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Steven M. Walsh (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/28/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 04/05/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2452

Title: An Act to curtail tobacco addiction and related health care costs

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Jonathan Hecht (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 04/04/2011 - S Concurred in committee referral

Bill #: HB2508

Title: An Act relative to the taxation of tobacco products

Summary: Strikes out under Section 3A of Chapter 64H the provision for the prepayment of tax on tobacco products and provisions related to the prepayment of tax on tobacco products.

Sponsor: Representative John V. Fernandes (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

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History: 06/10/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JRV - 06/16/2011 10:30 AM A-2


Bill #: HB2542

Title: An Act increasing the excise tax on alcoholic beverages

Summary: Increases the excise tax on alcohol by five cents for that which is sold in containers of more than one gallon, and three cents for alcohol sold in containers of one gallon or less; requires the revenue collected be used for recruit, specialty training and veteran in-service under the jurisdiction of the municipal police training committee.

Sponsor: Representative Kay Khan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

Progress: 
History: 06/10/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JRV - 06/16/2011 10:30 AM
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Bill #: HB2780

Title: An Act preventing unnecessary medical debt

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress: 

History: 09/13/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 09/26/2011 1:00 PM
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Bill #: HB2781

Title: An Act directing MassHealth to establish a chronic care improvement demonstration project

Summary: Directs the Office of Medicaid shall establish a chronic care improvement demonstration project and shall solicit the participation of physician group practices, hospitals, or integrated delivery systems which meet the terms and eligibility standards; further directs said office shall regulate procedures to identify and enroll eligible beneficiaries who may benefit from said project; regulates said office shall enter into a three-year contract with each selected physician group practice, hospital, or integrated delivery system, or participant, that provides for the payment of care to eligible beneficiaries utilizing a fee-at-risk payment methodology that includes a negotiated per-beneficiary-per-month management fee and pay-for-performance payments based on quality measures as determined by said office.

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress: 

History: 07/07/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 07/19/2011 11:00 AM
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Bill #: HB2895

Title: An Act to ensure quality, affordability and access to primary and preventive health care, to eliminate health disparities, and to enhance economic growth throughout the Commonwealth

Summary: Establishes a State Health Service Corps for the purpose of uniting community health centers with caring health professionals, and supporting community-based care at community health centers; establishes an Office of State

Health Policy which shall be responsible for health access and primary care development, planning, coordination and federal designations; establishes the Essential Community Health Center Trust Fund and the Commonwealth Community Health Center Innovation and Improvement Fund; regulates, in many instances, the classification and role of community health centers; establishes a Massachusetts community health center New Markets Tax Credit, lasting for 10 years, providing the total sum of 50 percent of the federal new markets tax credits provided to any taxpayer in exchange for making a qualified equity investment that benefits an eligible Massachusetts community health center; regulates provisions of said tax credit; articulates differently licensed community health centers including under hospital-licensure and independent licensure; authorizes said centers to receive eligible payments from the Uncompensated Care Pool Trust Fund or the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; regulates specific Medicaid and Medicare coverages and costs.

Sponsor: Representative Nicholas P. Collins (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2901

Title: An Act relative to a special commission to study electric and magnetic fields

Summary: Establishes and regulates a special commission for the study of public health effects and safety of electric and magnetic fields emanating from overhead wires.

Sponsor: Representative David Paul Linsky (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/18/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: HB2905

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: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM

Bill #: HB2906
Title: An Act to increase routine screening for HIV
Summary: Allows verbal consent shall be sufficient for a medical provider or medical facility to order an HIV test; articulates a definition of obtain informed consent shall require a health care provider to explain to the patient in person the purpose of an HIV test and the meaning of negative and positive test results, offer the patient the opportunity to ask questions, and determine that the patient voluntarily and knowingly consents to an HIV test; requires every health care provider who delivers primary medical care services or infectious disease services to an adolescent or adult patient shall offer an HIV test to the patient unless the health care provider determines that there is evidence of prior HIV testing or that the patient is being treated for a life threatening emergency; requires the DPH shall through regulation designate patients who are at high risk for HIV and establish the frequency with which health care providers shall offer HIV testing to such patients; requires any person who orders the performance of an HIV test, or such persons representative, shall provide any patient testing positive for HIV with a connection to HIV-related medical care and counseling; regulates no health care facility and no health care provider shall disclose HIV-related medical information to any person other than the subject thereof without first obtaining the subjects written informed consent; authorizes any physician, health care provider, health care institution or laboratory may report information, including the names of patients diagnosed with HIV infection or AIDS, to the Department of Public Health, without risk of violation; promulgates rules and regulations related to requiring insurance plans, contracts, or agreements to cover HIV tests.
Sponsor: Representative Byron Rushing (D)
Status: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
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History: 07/18/2011 - H Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Public Health

Bill #: HB2908
Title: An Act relative to the establishment of a commission to modernize HIV/AIDS Prevention and treatment
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Carl M. Sciortino (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/28/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 04/05/2011 10:00 AM

Bill #: HB3296

Title: An Act relative to safe disposal of prescription drugs
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative James R. Miceli (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB3367

Title: An Act to reduce health care costs by promoting provider education through academic detailing
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Jason M. Lewis (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB3384

Title: An Act relative to tobacco settlement funds
Summary: None
Sponsor: Representative Thomas P. Conroy (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Progress:
History: 08/01/2011 - S Concurred in committee referral

Bill #: HB3594

Title: An Act to increase routine screening for HIV
Summary: None
Sponsor: Joint Committee on Public Health
Status: Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)
Progress:
History: 08/02/2011 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing in part: Section 1 only - see SB1997

Bill #: HB3602

Title: An Act relative to safe disposal of medical sharps

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative Carolyn C. Dykema (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: HB3603

Title: An Act increasing transparency by pharmacy benefits managers

Summary: None

Sponsor: Representative John W. Scibak (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM
A-1

Bill #: SB167

Title: An Act to clarify and enhance privacy protections for electronic health record

Summary: Requires any organization funded by the E-Health Institute Fund to conduct security audits on their network of electronic health records including patient information; further requires that audits revealing any violations of security and privacy be reported to the Attorney General in a report; promulgates rules and regulations regarding civil actions against said organization related to security and privacy protections of said records.

Sponsor: Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)

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

Progress:

History: 10/06/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JEC - 10/11/2011 10:00 AM
Room 222

Bill #: SB184

Title: An Act providing health education in schools

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

Progress:

History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM

Bill #: SB185

Title: An Act preventing students from dropping out of school

Summary: Creates the Dropout Prevention Act; requires all individual public schools that instruct students in grades K-12 shall use the early warning indicator index system developed and piloted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; directs said department shall implement a pilot program that expands the early warning indicator index system to include data collection regarding students currently enrolled in grade 3 through grade 12; requires each school district shall conduct, in cooperation with the local parent advisory council, at least one workshop annually within the school district for parents and teachers on effective strategies for involving parents in the education of their child and a second workshop annually on parental involvement in the education of at-risk students; promulgates rules and regulations relative to better regulating the suspension and expulsion of students enrolled in a public school in the Commonwealth who are being punished by the school for a non-felonious acts by providing the students with access to alternative education options and the right to appeal a decision; articulates when a student drops out of school, the district from which a student dropped out shall transfer an amount equal to the districts per pupil spending for that student to any accredited educational program in which the student enrolls, as long as the district is receiving Chapter 70 aid for that students enrollment; creates the Massachusetts Graduation Coach Initiative which shall be administered by aforementioned department; articulates duties of said coaches as: match at-risk students with graduation coaches who will monitor the students attendance and provide advice and intervention services, or connection to intervention services, such as, but not limited to, peer tutoring, credit recovery session, and academic remediation; entitles an employee shall have in addition to any leave available under the federal act of 1993 a total of 24 hours of paid leave during any academic year to attend academic activities.

Sponsor: Senator Sonia R. Chang-Diaz (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

Progress: 

History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/27/2011 10:00 AM Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: SB211

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: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM A-2

Bill #: SB227

Title: An act requiring school districts to adopt a certain health program.

Summary: Directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education upon request shall assist a school district in the development of a program to identify and serve pupils with light-based reading difficulties, such as scotopic sensitivity.

Sponsor: Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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History: 04/22/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 06/28/2011 10:00 AM A-2

Bill #: SB250

Title: An Act establishing a skin cancer and sun safety education program in public schools

Summary: Directs the Department of Education shall establish a task force for the purpose of developing a model curriculum for grades kindergarten through twelve in skin cancer prevention.

Sponsor: Senator James E. Timilty (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM A-2

Bill #: SB254

Title: An Act establishing a drug prevention pilot program in schools

Summary: Establishes a pilot program for providing substance abuse and addiction training to a teacher or a guidance counselor in each middle school and high school in Suffolk County; requires said teacher or said guidance counselor shall conduct an initial screening, intervention and referral of those students who are identified as having substance abuse and/or addiction needs

for a subsequent comprehensive assessment and appropriate treatment.

Sponsor: Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM A-2

Bill #: SB255

Title: An Act to provide substance abuse awareness education in schools

Summary: Directs the Department of Education shall establish an education program for all middle school children in the Commonwealth whereby said children receive a minimum of five hours of substance abuse and addiction awareness education during each middle school year.

Sponsor: Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM A-2

Bill #: SB259

Title: An Act relative to comprehensive health education in schools.

Summary: Regulates standards for required public school health education; directs the Commissioner of the Department of Education shall submit a report on the provision of health education by school districts to the joint committees on education and public health, the clerk of the house and the clerk of the senate no later than January 1, 2012; articulates said report shall include the following information for each public school district in the Commonwealth; stipulates the Massachusetts comprehensive health curriculum framework shall be construed as a guide for local school districts in the development and selection of curriculum, textbooks and instructional materials; directs the Department of Education shall compile a list of evidence-based health education curricula, best practices, resources and science-based research and update said list bi-annually; directs said department shall issue a report detailing cost-effective ways for districts to provide training and professional development to support medically accurate, age appropriate and evidence-based health education.

Sponsor: Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Education (JED)
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History: 06/08/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/20/2011 10:00 AM

Bill #: SB289

Title: An Act to protect public health
Summary: Clarifies the use of the ombudsman program within the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to apply to residents of any facility licensed or certified by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; directs the secretary of Elder Affairs to develop a system to track all complaints filed with the ombudsman; directs the ombudsman to develop protocols for handling said complaints.
Sponsor: Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Elder Affairs (JEA)
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History: 10/24/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JEA - 11/03/2011 10:30 AM B-1

Bill #: SB410

Title: An Act to include fluoride varnish in all health insurance coverage in the Commonwealth.
Summary: Requires insurance policies and plans shall provide benefits to its subscribers and members within the Commonwealth for coverage for fluoride varnish for moderate to high caries risk patients; direct the DPH shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing criteria for eligibility for coverage hereunder.
Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 06/09/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 06/28/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: SB432

Title: An Act relative to patient care access.
Summary: None
Sponsor: Senator Thomas P. Kennedy (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
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History: 10/05/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JFS - 10/25/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: SB467

Title: An Act relative to women's health and cancer recovery.

Summary: None
Sponsor: Senator Karen E. Spilka (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)
Progress:
History: 03/01/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Financial Services

Bill #: SB488

Title: An Act to include dental benefits in all Commonwealth Care plans.

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 11/02/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 11/09/2011 1:00 PM A-2

Bill #: SB540

Title: An Act to provide for tobacco cessation benefits.

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: 09/13/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 10/03/2011 1:00 PM B-2

Bill #: SB548

Title: An Act relative to manufacturer rebates and discount programs.

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 11/02/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 11/09/2011 1:00 PM A-2

Bill #: SB671

Title: An Act relative to updating the public health laws.

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)
Progress:
History: 09/29/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JJU - 10/05/2011 1:00 PM A-1

Bill #: SB834

Title: An Act reforming the medical malpractice system.
Summary: Imposes several liability only in all medical malpractice actions; amends various provisions relative to said medical malpractice actions; limits the expert statements admitted during hearings before the medical malpractice tribunal and during trials for said malpractice actions, to those by experts with the articulated qualifications, including, but not limited to certification by a specialty board; requires said experts to testify at trial; directs all hospitals to establish written nurse staffing plans; defines said plans as a description of the methodology used to assign the appropriate number and mix of staff for each unit on each shift; regulates development of said plans; imposes limitations on performing high risk surgeries, so-called; disqualifies any statement of apology by a physician as a statement of liability; establishes and regulates the operation of the medical professional liability insurance program for medical professional liability insurance policies; mandates the use of said fund to reduce premiums paid for said policies; articulates premium reduction amounts; establishes and regulates the operation of the professional panel for analysis of medical professional liability; regulates the changing of premiums for said insurance policies.

Sponsor: Senator Richard T. Moore (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)
Progress:
History: 03/01/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

Bill #: SB888

Title: An Act to reduce teen smoking.
Summary: Regulates any person under the age of eighteen in possession of a cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any tobacco not given to that person by his parent or guardian shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 and no more than \$25; authorizes administrative and teaching personnel to confiscate the tobacco product if the offense is committed while on the property of a public school.

Sponsor: Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)
Progress:
History: 05/13/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JJU - 05/18/2011 1:00 PM

Gardner Auditorium

Bill #: SB952

Title: An Act relative to climate conditions in public schools.

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Anthony W. Petruccelli (D)

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

Progress:

History: 05/27/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JLW - 06/09/2011 10:30 AM A-1

Bill #: SB978

Title: An Act relative to juvenile mental health

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Gale D. Candaras (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 06/30/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: SB981

Title: An Act authorizing the Department of Mental Health to establish teen drop in centers

Summary: Establishes five pilot teen mental health drop-in centers for youths age 10 to 20; regulates centers shall provide free, confidential access to licensed mental health professionals as well as trained peer counselors for at least 10 hours per week and shall include a "safe room", so called, and an internet-connected computer station for youths who wish to research their condition and find communities online; requires centers shall be open for minimum of four hours after the close of the local middle and high school; articulates how the five centers shall be placed throughout the Commonwealth.

Sponsor: Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

Progress:

History: 06/30/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: SB988

Title: An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services.

Summary: Amends the definition of licensed mental health professional in multiple statutes by expanding it in order to increase access to such services for children and adolescents.
Sponsor: Senator Richard T. Moore (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
Progress:
History: 06/30/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: SB996

Title: An Act providing for the study of substance abuse among seniors.

Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)

Status: Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

Progress:

History: 11/17/2011 - S New draft substituted - see SB2072

Bill #: SB1066

Title: An Act relative to air quality inspections in public buildings.

Summary: Allows an occupant or lessor of a public building, or an employee therein, may register a complaint with the DPH that the air quality within a public or state-owned building poses a health risk to persons exposed to such air; authorizes DPH to fully investigate said complaints and take measures to limit exposure to air quality that is deemed a risk to public health.

Sponsor: Senator Steven A. Baddour (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1075

Title: An Act to direct tobacco tax revenues to reduce tobacco use and its harms

Summary: No summary necessary.

Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress:

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1078

Title: An Act promoting patient engagement in health care decisions.
Summary: Articulates definitions of shared-decision making and patient decision aid; directs the Department of Public Health shall develop a plan for the optimal use of shared decision-making tools and patient decision aids in Massachusetts in order to ensure patients make fully informed decisions about medical care; regulates contents of said plan; requires all insurers, including the MassHealth program established under chapter 118E and the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program established under chapter 118H, shall reimburse providers for the use of shared decision-making tools and patient decision aids.
Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/14/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1079

Title: An Act relative to adult dental restoration.
Summary: Regulates the covered dental services provided to adult members of the MassHealth program, including comprehensive care as relates to the prevention and treatment of dental decay infection.
Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1081

Title: An Act to encourage the recycling of unused medications.
Summary: None
Sponsor: Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress:
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1085

Title: An Act to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports.
Summary: None

Sponsor: Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/25/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1087

Title: An Act to improve health care access.

Summary: Establishes Healthcare Outreach and Education Unit within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; authorizes said unit to distribute grants statewide to community and consumer-focused public and private nonprofit groups for outreach, enrollment assistance and retention of coverage assistance to provide outreach, enrollment and re-enrollment assistance, education on effective and appropriate use of health care coverage, and coverage retention activities directly to consumers; further authorizes said unit to distribute grants to non-profit, community and consumer-focused groups that are able to provide technical assistance that includes informational updates, trainings, and the sharing of best practices for grantee organizations conducting outreach, enrollment assistance, education; establishes an advisory committee within said unit to work on grant design and scope.

Sponsor: Senator Sal N. DiDomenico (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/03/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1091

Title: An Act to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth.

Summary: Establishes the Office of Health Equity in order to to eliminate racial and ethnic health and health care disparities; directs the Health Disparities Council to serve as an advisory board to said office; requires said office to evaluate the regional progress toward eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities using an annual report card; requires said office to evaluate health initiatives as put annually put forth by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Sponsor: Senator Susan C. Fargo (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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History: 07/20/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: SB1092

Title: An Act to establish community based grant programs to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth.

Summary: Establishes a community-based agency disparities reduction grant program, subject to appropriation; authorizes said program to provide grants to community-based agencies and non-profit community organizations to address key disparities issues; regulates grant award application and selection practices.

Sponsor: Senator Susan C. Fargo (D)

Status: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee

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History: 07/12/2011 - S Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB1518

Bill #: SB1093

Title: An Act to provide information on the health benefits of breastfeeding.

Summary: Directs the Department of Public Health to provide educational information on the benefits of breastfeeding to the public through the articulated methods; requires the compatibility of said information with the nutritional requirements provided by said department through the WIC program, so called.

Sponsor: Senator Susan C. Fargo (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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History: 08/04/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Bill #: SB1094

Title: An Act restricting the sale of tobacco products at locations where health professionals are employed.

Summary: Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in all health care institutions.

Sponsor: Senator Susan C. Fargo (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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History: 08/04/2011 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

Bill #: SB1095

Title: An Act to provide for the autonomy for hospital medical staffs.

Summary: Submits provisions relative to the self-governance rights of medical staffs, prohibiting medical staff bylaws from interfering with the independent self-governance rights of medical staffs, and the role of hospital governing boards in resolving disputes over said rights.

Sponsor: Senator Susan C. Fargo (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress: 
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/14/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1097

Title: An Act providing for pharmacist administration of adult immunizations.

Summary: Qualifies pharmacists to administer adult immunizations; further regulates the administering of said immunizations by pharmacists.

Sponsor: Senator Susan C. Fargo (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Rules (JRU)

Progress: 

History: 11/21/2011 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Rules

Bill #: SB1102

Title: An Act promoting healthy behaviors.

Summary: Directs 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: Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress: 

History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1107

Title: Ac Act relative to prescription drug rebates.

Summary: Requires any discount, rebate, product voucher or other cost reduction shall be made available for all renewals thereof for a

discount, rebate, product voucher or other reduction in an individuals out-of-pocket expenses if it is being newly applied to a consumers prescription; entitles any consumer alleging a violation of this clause shall contact the DPH or the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation to report the violation; articulates fee for said violations shall be \$1,000 and required instatement of said discount, rebate, or voucher for the particular consumer.

Sponsor: Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/04/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1108

Title: An Act to increase routine screening for HIV

Summary: Allows verbal consent shall be sufficient for a medical provider or medical facility to order an HIV test; articulates a definition of obtain informed consent shall require a health care provider to explain to the patient in person the purpose of an HIV test and the meaning of negative and positive test results, offer the patient the opportunity to ask questions, and determine that the patient voluntarily and knowingly consents to an HIV test; requires every health care provider who delivers primary medical care services or infectious disease services to an adolescent or adult patient shall offer an HIV test to the patient unless the health care provider determines that there is evidence of prior HIV testing or that the patient is being treated for a life threatening emergency; requires the DPH shall through regulation designate patients who are at high risk for HIV and establish the frequency with which health care providers shall offer HIV testing to such patients; requires any person who orders the performance of an HIV test, or such persons representative, shall provide any patient testing positive for HIV with a connection to HIV-related medical care and counseling; regulates no health care facility and no health care provider shall disclose HIV-related medical information to any person other than the subject thereof without first obtaining the subjects written informed consent; authorizes any physician, health care provider, health care institution or laboratory may report information, including the names of patients diagnosed with HIV infection or AIDS, to the Department of Public Health, without risk of violation; promulgates rules and regulations related to requiring insurance plans, contracts, or agreements to cover HIV tests.

Sponsor: Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (D)
Status: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
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History: 07/18/2011 - H Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Public Health

Bill #: SB1119

Title: An Act codifying the Hepatitis C program.

Summary: Directs the department of public health to establish and maintain a program to mitigate the impact of hepatitis C; regulates components of said program, including, but not limited to providing screening, information, education, treatment options, and research grants.

Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/28/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 04/05/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1120

Title: An Act providing for disclosure of certain information relating to tobacco products sold in the Commonwealth.

Summary: Mandates the disclosure of the identity and average amount of any known constituent contained in the smoke of a cigarette or other tobacco products sold in the Commonwealth as determined by tests implemented under average smoking conditions; directs the department of public health to establish standards for same.

Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1125

Title: An Act relative to healthy schools

Summary: Creates the Healthy Cleaning Products Act; prohibits the use of any cleaning product in any school, hospital, health care facility, day care center, public building, or public housing in Massachusetts that is not contained on the list of healthy cleaning products; directs the commissioner of the DPH to each year prepare and release a list of health cleaning products; directs said commissioner to establish a program to require the training of all cleaning personnel in the use and disposal of the products on the healthy cleaning products list; requires a grant program shall be established to reimburse said personnel for training costs; requires manufacturers of cleaning products distributed, sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth shall furnish to said commissioner for public

record such information regarding such products including the ingredients and any research done with the product; regulates any facility manager or owner who uses a cleaning product in violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of at least \$500 but not more than \$1,000.

Sponsor: Senator Michael O. Moore (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1128

Title: An Act relative to other tobacco products.
Summary: Directs Executive Office of Health and Human Services to instruct the Department of Public Health to promulgate regulations for restricting the marketing, labeling and restricting youth access to other tobacco products, so called.
Sponsor: Senator Michael O. Moore (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM A-1

Bill #: SB1130


Title: An Act to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth.
Summary: Establishes and regulates a special commission for the study of health impacts of wind turbines.
Sponsor: Senator Richard T. Moore (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
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History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/18/2011 10:00 AM A-1

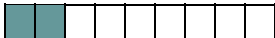
Bill #: SB1159

Title: An Act relative to cigar bars.
Summary: Authorizes local board of health or other municipal health department to make reasonable restrictions and requirements for the licensed operation of a smoking bar but shall not unreasonably restrict or prohibit the operation of a smoking bar as long as the smoking bar complies with certain provisions.
Sponsor: Senator Anthony W. Petrucci (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

Progress: 
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/10/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: SB1164
Title: An Act relative to foods containing artificial trans fat.
Summary: None
Sponsor: Senator Michael F. Rush (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress: 
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/25/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: SB1166
Title: An Act protecting public health.
Summary: Directs the Division of Occupational Safety shall hold a public hearing in the event that the Environmental Protection Agency recognizes a lead test kit that is capable of both a positive and negative screen under 40 CFR 745.88; articulates purpose of said hearing; directs said division shall promulgate regulations within 90 days revising the definition of Recognized Test Kits as defined at 454 CMR 22.02 to include the use of all such test kit if said division finds that continued recognition of all such test kits is protective of public health, cost-effective and consistent the divisions objectives under 454 CMR 22.02.
Sponsor: Senator Karen E. Spilka (D)
Status: Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)
Progress: 
History: 03/30/2011 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/13/2011 10:00 AM
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Bill #: SB1997
Title: An Act to increase routine screening for HIV
Summary: None
Sponsor: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
Status: Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules (SER)
Progress: 
History: 08/08/2011 - S New draft in part - see HB3594

Bill #: SB2072
Title: An Act relative to prescription drug diversion, abuse and

Summary: addiction
Sponsor: Joint Committee on Mental Health & Substance Abuse
Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)
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History: 11/17/2011 - S New draft of bill - see SB983, SB991, SB992, SB994, SB995, SB996, SB997, SB998, SB1000, HB1427, HB2315 and HB2878