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## Bill Tracking Report 5/1/10

**Bill #:** HB2

**Title:** An Act making appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Governor

**Status:** House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/14/2010 - H Reported by committee in part - see HB4600

**Bill #:** HB109

**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)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB110

**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)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB123

**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:** House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

**Progress:**

**History:** 03/03/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Children and Families

**Bill #:** HB188

**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:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB343

**Title:** An Act providing loans for waterfront development

**Summary:** Authorizes and directs the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to establish a revolving fund to make interest-free or low interest loans to rehabilitate existing infrastructure in waterfront areas. Directs the State Treasurer to issue and sell bonds, not to exceed ten million dollars, at the request of the Governor.

**Sponsor:** Representative Steven Myles Walsh (D)

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

**Progress:**

**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/21/2010

**Bill #:** HB402

**Title:** An Act establishing a health education program in the public schools

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Mary E. Grant (D)

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

**Progress:**

**History:** 03/17/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education as redrafted, accompanying HB3434, SB218

**Bill #:** HB850

**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:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 6/15/2010

**Bill #:** HB910

**Title:** An Act to provide coverage for hearing aids for children  
**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Sean Garballey (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB938

**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:** Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee

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**History:** 03/16/2010 - H Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB978

**Bill #:** HB978

**Title:** An Act to streamline the physician credentialing process  
**Summary:** Directs the bureau of managed care to adopt the 'Integrated Massachusetts Application for Initial Credentialing/Appointment' and the 'Integrated Massachusetts Application for Re-Credentialing/Re-Appointment,' so called, and any revisions thereto, as developed and updated from time to time by the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Massachusetts Hospital Association, the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts as the statewide uniform physician credentialing application forms; prohibits health insurers from

using other applications or uniform electronic versions of same; requires said carriers to act on said applications within 30 days of receipt of same; regulates notification of physicians of the status of said applications; exempts psychiatrists and hospital-based physicians from said provisions; exempts said hospital-based physicians from the credentialing and re-credentialing process; authorizes said health insurers to establish abbreviated processes for said hospital-based physicians.

**Sponsor:** Representative Ronald Mariano (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB1028

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1075

**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)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1076

**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)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1080

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

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**History:** 11/05/2009 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB1083

**Title:** An Act improving the insurance partnership program

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1087

**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)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1092

**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)  
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1096

**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)  
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1097

**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)  
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1098

**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)  
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1107

**Title:** An Act to promote health insurance transparency  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Steven Myles Walsh (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1925

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010](#)

**Bill #:** HB1934

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)  
**Progress:**            
**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1956

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)

**Progress:**

**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB2045

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

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

**Progress:**

**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB2059

**Title:** An Act relative to the definition of medical peer review committee

**Summary:** Expands definition of a "Medical Peer Review Committee" to include a committee of an ambulance service provider, a physician medical director, a medical advisor, or ambulance service supervisory personnel who gather, create, and review information relating to the care and treatment of patients in providing medical care, including employee performance reviews, quality assurance data, and other performance data of an EMS provider.

**Sponsor:** Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:**

**History:** [03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010](#)

**Bill #:** HB2063

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

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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2073

**Title:** An Act relative to the expansion of medical peer review

**Summary:** Imposes certain provisions upon any individual or group forming a committee to perform the duties of a medical peer review committee.

**Sponsor:** Representative Louis L. Kafka (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB2075

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

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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2084

**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:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB2092

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

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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2104

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB2111

**Title:** An Act regulating pharmacy audits

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 02/23/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health attached to SB835

**Bill #:** HB2113

**Title:** An Act protecting the public health

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/18/2010 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 01/19/2010 10:00 AM B-2

**Bill #:** HB2115

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

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**History:** 02/08/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2119

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB2128

**Title:** An Act creating a special task force to make an investigation and study on issues related to the practice of defensive medicine

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB2140

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)

**Progress:**

**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB3434

**Title:** An Act relative to providing health education in schools

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Alice K. Wolf (D)

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

**Progress:**

**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education accompanying HB402, SB218

**Bill #:** HB3535

**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:** 03/25/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/7/2010

**Bill #:** HB3585

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)

**Progress:**

**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB3586

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Ruth B. Balsler (D)

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

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**History:** 09/18/2009 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

**Bill #:** HB3595

**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 Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB3599

**Title:** An Act establishing a prescription monitoring program task force

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Christopher N. Speranzo (D)

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

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**History:** 02/08/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB3722

**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:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB3827

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Status:** House Committee on Rules (HRU)

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Discharged and referred to House Committee on Rules

**Bill #:** HB3912

**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)  
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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB4438

**Title:** An Act relative to school nutrition

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health

**Status:** House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling (HSP)

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**History:** 01/28/2010 - H Reported favorably as amended by House Committee on Ways and Means

**Bill #:** HB4479

**Title:** An Act relative to prescription waste

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB4491

**Title:** An Act relative to organ and tissue donation and transplantation

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Katherine Clark (D)

**Status:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 02/16/2010 - S Received in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB193

**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 #:** SB200

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)

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

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies

**Bill #:** SB501

**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)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/16/2010 - S Extension order filed

**Bill #:** SB547

**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)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** SB561

**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)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** SB563

**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)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** SB807

**Title:** An Act creating a special task force to make an investigation and study of issues relating to the practice of defensive medicine

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Cynthia S. Creem (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - S Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** SB821

**Title:** An Act relative to HIV/AIDS education and prevention in the

Commonwealth  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (D)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** SB861

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

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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** SB883

**Title:** An Act relative to encouraging HIV testing

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Robert A. O'Leary (D)

**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S New draft substituted - see SB2342

**Bill #:** SB1180

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Anthony W. Petruccelli (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 04/20/2010 - S Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** SB1674

**Title:** An Act relative to tort liability for certain charitable organizations

**Summary:** Prohibits use of the fact that a corporation, trust or association is a charity as a defense to any tort action; limits liability in said cases to twenty thousand dollars if said tort was committed in the course of charitable activity; subjects said charitable organizations to unlimited tort liability when engaged in activities primarily commercial in nature or when engaged in criminal conduct; provides for retroactive application of said provisions.

**Sponsor:** Senator Cynthia S. Creem (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Extension order filed until 5/7/2010

**Bill #:** SB1675

**Title:** An Act relative to tort liability for certain charitable organizations

**Summary:** Prohibits use of the fact that a corporation, trust or association is a charity as a defense to any tort action; limits liability in said cases to twenty thousand dollars if said tort was committed in the course of charitable activity; subjects said charitable organizations to unlimited tort liability when engaged in activities primarily commercial in nature or when engaged in criminal conduct; provides for retroactive application of said provisions.

**Sponsor:** Senator Cynthia S. Creem (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Extension order filed until 5/7/2010

**Bill #:** SB2028

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Status:** Conference committee appointed in the House (CC/H)

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**History:** 10/15/2009 - H Conference committee appointed - Reps. Sanchez, Grant, Evangelidis

**Bill #:** SB2267

**Title:** An Act relating to safety regulations for school athletic programs

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** SB2294

**Title:** An Act relative to evaluating and enhancing quality physical education

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Education

**Status:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)

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**History:** 03/01/2010 - S New draft of bill - see SB248, SB249, HB404, HB457, HB3430

**Bill #:** SB2314

**Title:** Text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill relative to school nutrition (House, No. 4459)

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senate Ways and Means

**Status:** Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)

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**History:** 03/11/2010 - S Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1 - Sen. Fargo)

**Bill #:** SB2322

**Title:** Reprinted as amended text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill relative to school nutrition  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senate Ways and Means  
**Status:** Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)  
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**History:** 03/11/2010 - S Printed-as-amended version of SB2314

**Bill #:** SB2342  
**Title:** An Act promoting routine HIV screening in the Commonwealth  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health  
**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** SB2351  
**Title:** An Act to clarify and enhance privacy protections for electronic health records  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** SB2404  
**Title:** Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments to the Senate Bill relative to bullying in schools  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Conference Committee  
**Status:** Laid before the Governor (GOV)  
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**History:** 04/29/2010 - G Laid before the Governor

