



Government Affairs Update: National and State (August 2019)

State: The House is adjourned until October 28, the first day of the Fall Veto Session. The Senate will do likewise.

HB1459/ SB152: Nurse Licensure Compact

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws.

Status: 3/29/19 Re-referred to Rules Committee (House)

3/28/19 Re-referred to Assignments

HB1592: Nursing Degree Pilot Program

Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 to establish and offer at Malcom X College and the Board of Trustees of Community College District 536 to establish and offer at Lewis and Clark Community /college a baccalaureate-level nursing education pilot program that confers a bachelor of science degree in nursing upon the meeting of specifies conditions. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to conduct a statewide evaluation of the nursing program and report on the results of the evaluation by July 2023; specifies evaluation requirements.

Status: 3/29/19 Re-referred to Rules Committee.

HB2604/ SB1908: Safe Patient Limits

Creates the Safe Patient Limits Act. Provides the maximum number of patients that may be assigned to a registered nurse in specified situations. Provides that all facilities shall adopt written policies and procedures for training and orientation of nursing staff and that no registered nurse shall be assigned to a nursing unit or clinical area unless that nurse has, among other things, demonstrated competence in providing care in that area. Provides that the written policies and procedures for the training and orientation of nursing staff shall require that all temporary personnel receive the same amount and type of training and orientation that is required for permanent staff. Provides that the Act's provisions are severable.

Status: 3/19/19 – Re-referred to Rules Committee (House)

3/28/19 – Re-referred to Assignments (Senate)

HB2813: Nurses-Collaborative Agreement

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that collaboration does not require an employment relationship between the collaborating physician, podiatric physician, or dentist and the advanced practice registered nurse. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Status: 3/29/19 Re-referred to Rules Committee.

HB2895: IDPH Hemorrhage Training

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall ensure that all hospitals require specified employees to complete educational training on the management of severe maternal hypertension and postpartum hemorrhage. Provides that hospitals must demonstrate compliance with the education and training requirements. Defines "hospital". Effective immediately.

Status: 5/30/19 Passed Both Houses.

6/28/19 Sent to the Governor.

HB3038: Sexual Assault-Treatment

Amends the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act. Provides that an adult sexual assault survivor, in addition to a treatment hospital, may be transferred to any treatment hospital with approved pediatric transfer. Effective immediately.

Status: Signed into law by the Governor on July 12, 2019

Public Act 101-0073

HB3061/ SB1965: Health Care Worker Background

Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Provides that an individual otherwise qualified for and intending to apply for a direct care position who has a disqualifying conviction may initiate a fingerprint-based criminal history record check where a conditional offer of employment has not been made and such a background check has not been previously conducted, and allows those individuals to request a waiver of the prohibition of employment. Effective immediately.

Status: 6/28/19 Sent to the Governor

HB3637: City College of Chicago-Nurse Program

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year and subject to approval, each community college within Chicago must offer a program in nursing. Effective immediately.

Status: 3/29/19 Re-referred to rules Committee

SB1411: Track Sexual /assault evidence

Amends the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act. Provides that the State Police shall by rule establish a sexual assault evidence tracking system that conforms to the recommendations made by the Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking and Reporting Commission in its report dated June 26, 2018. Effective immediately.

Status: 5/22/19 Passed both Houses
6/20/19 Sent to the Governor

SB2151: Nursing Delegation

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that registered professional nurses may delegate nursing interventions and tasks (rather than nursing interventions) to other registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses and may delegate tasks to unlicensed personnel based on the comprehensive nursing assessment. Removes provisions concerning delegation of nursing interventions and administration of medications in community-based or in-home care settings. Provides that a registered professional nurse may delegate tasks to other licensed and unlicensed persons. Makes other changes. Effective August 1, 2019.

Status: 3/28/19 Re-referred to Assignments

National:

Priority Bills – from Day on the Hill

H.R. 776/ S. 1173: Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program Reauthorization Act

This bill reauthorizes through FY2024 the EMSC Program, which is a grant program administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The program focuses on improving emergency health care for children who are seriously ill or injured. The EMSC bill would reauthorize funding for EMSC at \$22.3 million per year and would fund at varying levels.

Currently has 12 new co-sponsors.

Status: 8/15/19 The bill now heads to the president to be signed into law.

H.R. 728 / S. 1399: Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019

Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act includes programs to develop and sustain the nursing workforce through grants and other opportunities. These programs help recruit, retain and advance the education of nursing professionals. Title VIII scholarships as well as loan repayment and grant programs support more than 60,000 nurses and nursing students each year at all levels of nursing education and help support academic nursing institutions and health care facilities.

Status: 8/15/19 Introduced on January 23, 2019 in the House, currently awaits consideration.
Introduced on May 9, 2019 in the Senate, currently awaits action in the Senate.

H.R. 501 / S.1199: Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and enhance the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes. The bill will ensure continued federal support for the nation's 55 poison control centers and the national toll-free poison control hotline. In 2016 alone, the nation's poison control center received 2.2 million calls from people who came in contact with potentially dangerous substances, including over 650,000 calls from nurses and doctors who rely on poison

centers for an immediate assessment and expert advice on poisoning cases. In addition, poison control centers fielded approximately 192 cases each day related to opioid abuse and misuse.

Status: Passed by voice vote in the House of Representatives on February 25, 2019.

Senate HELP Committee (Health, Education, Labor, Pension) approved S.1199. **On July 22, 2019, S.1199 was passed by voice vote in the Senate.**

Moving forward, the House can pass the Senate version or vice versa, but both chambers must pass identical legislation before it can be signed into law.

Other ENA Priority Legislation:

H.R. 8: Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019

H.R. 8 would require under federal law that most transfers of firearms be supported by a background check. This legislation takes steps to effectively close the “gun show loophole” that currently allows the transfer of firearms between individuals without a background check.

Status: Passed the House 2/27/19. Awaits action in the Senate.

H.R. 269/S.1379: Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 (PAHPA) Reauthorizes critical federal programs to support the nation’s efforts to prepare for, and respond to, large scale emergencies-whether intentional, accidental or natural. This version of PAHPA also includes provisions to enact **Mission Zero** grant programs, which would enable military trauma teams and providers to provide trauma care and other acute care services at civilian trauma centers.

Status: 6/24/19 Became Public Law No. 116-22. The law also enacts the Mission Zero Program.

H.R.1309/S.851: Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care

This bill would compel OSHA to implement a national standard for health care and social services employers, requiring them to take certain steps to protect and support workers before, during and after an assault.

Status: 6/11/19 Advanced by the HELP Committee to the House or Senate as a whole for consideration. Awaits action by both Houses.

H.R.1082 / S. 402: Survivors’ Access to Supportive Care Act of 2019

To plan, develop, and make recommendations to increase access to sexual assault examinations for survivors by holding hospitals accountable and supporting the providers that serve them.

Status: Introduced in the Senate and House 2/7/19 and awaits action in both Houses.

H.R. 3593/ S. 1601: Hot Cars Act of 2019

To require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles to be equipped with a child alert system, and for other purposes.

Status: 6/28/19 – Bill Introduced

7/1/19 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.