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921 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS PRESCRIBING MEDICINES ON HOSPITAL PRESCRIPTION BLANKS Sen. Wood  
OTP-A  
HSE-ENACT.  
SEN-ENACT.  
GOV-SIGNED  
PL 83, c. 203

SUMMARY: The bill required doctors, dentists and veterinarians using hospital prescription pads to print or type their name, in addition to the signature. It was supported by pharmacists and physicians, with no opponents.

The Committee Amendment (S-54) allowed names to be stamped, as well as printed or typed, on the prescription blank. It also made the requirement incumbent on physicians' assistants or registered nurses working under the control or supervision of a physician, who would also have to include the physician's name.

987 AN ACT TO PROMOTE CONSISTENCY IN THE FUNDING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION Rep. D. Carroll  
LV/WD  
HSE-ACCP LV/WD  
SEN-ACCP LV/WD

SUMMARY: This bill was withdrawn because its subject matter was included in the substantive amendments to the recodification for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, ID 1776.

1025 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THERAPEUTIC USE OF MARIJUANA Sen. Gill  
OTP-A  
HSE-ENACT.  
SEN-ENACT.  
GOV-SIGNED  
PL 83, c. 423

SUMMARY: This bill re-established the Therapeutic Marijuana Program, which had been enacted in 1979 with a sunset provision and had never been implemented because of the difficulties of complying with Federal protocols for the use of marijuana.

The bill creates a program administered by the Commissioner of Human Services; a Board must review physicians who wish to prescribe marijuana for patients undergoing cancer chemotherapy or suffering from glaucoma. An annual report on the program is required.

The Committee Amendment (S-143) extended the sunset on the bill from 1985 to 1987.

1032 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE LICENSING, APPROVAL AND REGISTRATION OF ADULT AND CHILD CARE PROGRAMS Rep. Hayden  
OTP-A  
HSE-ENACT.  
SEN-ENACT.  
GOV-SIGNED  
PL 83, c. 386

SUMMARY: The bill was the result of efforts by the Tri-Departmental Licensing Project to clarify the licensing process, the types and terms of licenses, and the appeals process.