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SUMMARY: This bill was withdrawn because its subject matter was included in the substantive amendments to the recodification for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, ID 1776.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

Although there was no opposition to the bill, there was some concern about delays in granting licenses, which sometimes were issued only after the expiration of the old license.

The Committee Amendment (H-208) used the term "license or approval" where appropriate, removed all references to registration and to home day care, and provided that the license for drug treatment centers could be for either 1 or 2 years.

The House Amendment (H-255) made clear that if the Department of Human Services amended or modified a license, or issued or voided a conditional license, they must notify the licensee of the opportunity for an administrative hearing.

1033 AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSFER Rep. Connolly LV/WD
REVIEW HSE-ACCP LV/WD
SEN-ACCP LV/WD

SUMMARY: The bill would have required that inmates scheduled to be transferred to an out-of-state correctional facility be given at least 10 days' notice of the transfer, and the reasons for the transfer. The inmate would have the right to request an administrative hearing, and to be represented by counsel.

Proponents of the legislation cited constitutional provisions for due process, and the rehabilitative value for inmates of receiving notice and being able to let family and friends know of their transfer.

The Department of Corrections contended that providing 10 days' notice could be a security risk in some cases, and would present an adversary situation. In most cases, out-of-state transfers were voluntary and often requested.

After obtaining statistics on the number of transfers, and discussing the need for earlier notification to inmates of conditions under which they might be transferred, the Committee agreed to grant Leave to Withdraw, and to encourage the Department to develop guidelines for transfers.

1063 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTORY Rep. Manning OIP-A
REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO HSE-EMER. ENACT.
MEDICAID COPAYMENTS SEN-EMER. ENACT.
GOV-EMER. SIGNED
PL 83, c. 240

SUMMARY: The bill repealed existing state law on co-payments, and enacted new provisions to conform to Federal changes in the Medicaid program, which exempted some more services from co-payment.

The Committee Amendment (H-158) added an additional category of services, for postpartum as well as maternity care, and defined health maintenance organizations.