



On the Hill

...reporting the progress of the
Alabama State Legislature

One Legislative Day Remains

The Alabama Legislature met for the 28th and 29th legislative days last week. The legislature will take next week off and convene for the 30th and final meeting day on Monday, May 20. Bills that are not in a position to pass on May 20 have been removed from this report.

Several bills important to nursing homes received final passage this week:

- Medicaid reform bill which sets up regional care organizations
- Nursing home provider assessment extended for two years without an increase
- Certificate of need transfer bill was signed into law by Gov. Bentley.

At the conclusion of business on Thursday, May 9, 694 bills have been introduced in the House and 482 bills have been introduced in the Senate. The final edition of *On the Hill* will be published on Tuesday, May 21.

Bills ANHA is Monitoring

Health Care

Senate Bill 29-Ward: would create the crimes of elder abuse and neglect and crimes of financial exploitation of an elderly person and provide penalties. *SB 29 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House.*

House Bill 109-Ball: would establish the Health Care Compact to regulate health care and establish the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission. *HB 109 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate.*

House Bill 110-McClendon: the Medicaid Fraud Reduction Act of 2013 would investigate claims of fraud, abuse or misuse for controlled substances by Medicaid recipients or providers. *HB 110 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate.*

Senate Bill 340-Reed: would provide for the delivery of Medicaid health care services on a managed care basis or through regional care organizations. *SB 340 passed the Senate and House and awaits the Governor's signature.*

House Bill 562-Clouse: would extend the current supplemental privilege assessment and monthly surcharge on nursing homes through August 31, 2015. *HB 562 passed the House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature.*

House Bill 605-Clouse: would extend the private hospital assessment and Medicaid funding program for fiscal years 2014-2016; and provide for public hospitals to make intergovernmental transfers and certified public expenditures to support the Medicaid program. *HB 605 passed the House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature.*

Budget/Tax/Finance

Senate Bill 143-Orr: General Fund budget. *SB 143 passed the Senate and House and awaits the Governor's signature.*

Workforce

Senate Bill 41-Dial: would make Alabama's right to work law a constitutional amendment. *SB 41 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House.*

General Government

Senate Bill 122-Holley: would consolidate several legislative operations. *SB 122 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House.*

Bills Signed into Law

House Bill 36-R. Johnson: would allow the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules for automated dispensing machines in nursing homes. *HB 36 passed the House and Senate, and was signed into law by Gov. Bentley.*

House Bill 64-Patterson: provides for the continuance of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators until October 1, 2017. *HB 64 passed the House and Senate, and was signed into law by Governor Bentley.*

House Bill 94-Love: would require repayment of funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund due to the September 18, 2012, amendment. *HB 94 passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by Gov. Bentley.*

House Bills 101-Weaver: would make changes to the Administrative Procedures Act. *HB 101 passed the House and Senate, and was signed into law by Governor Bentley.*

Senate Bill 151-Whatley: specifies that a transfer of a certificate of need from one entity to another does not require a new or additional certificate of need. *HB 174 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate. SB 151 passed the Senate and House and was signed into law by Gov. Bentley.*