



On the Hill

...reporting the progress of the
Alabama State Legislature

Legislature Adjourns

The 2013 Regular Legislative Session adjourned Sine Die on Monday, May 20. Also on Monday, Gov. Bentley signed the General Fund budget into law.

During the session, a total of 694 bills were introduced in the House and 482 bills were introduced in the Senate.

Final Status of Bills Monitored by ANHA

Health Care

House Bill 36-R. Johnson: would allow the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules for automated dispensing machines in nursing homes. *HB 36 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-106.*

House Bill 64-Patterson: provides for the continuance of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators until October 1, 2017. *HB 64 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-083.*

House Bill 109-Ball: would establish the Health Care Compact to regulate health care and establish the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission. *HB 109 received final passage and awaits the Governor's signature.*

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 died on the last day of the session.*

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 received final and awaits the Governor's signature.*

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. *SB 151 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-192.*

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 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-261.*

House Bill 562-Clouse: would extend the current supplemental privilege assessment and monthly surcharge on nursing homes through August 31, 2015. *HB 562 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-240.*

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 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-246.*

Budget/Tax/Finance

House Bill 94-Love: would require repayment of funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund due to the September 18, 2012, amendment. *HB 94 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-006.*

Senate Bill 143-Orr: General Fund budget. *SB 143 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-263.*

Workforce

Senate Bill 41-Dial: would make Alabama's right to work law a constitutional amendment. *SB 41 died on the last day of the session.*

General Government

House Bills 101-Weaver: would make changes to the Administrative Procedures Act. *HB 101 was signed into law by Gov. Bentley as Act # 13-088.*

Senate Bill 122-Holley: would consolidate several legislative operations. *SB 122 died on the last day of the session.*