



# On the Hill

...reporting the progress of the  
Alabama State Legislature

## Weekly Legislative Happenings

The Alabama Legislature met for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> legislative days last week. Only three meeting days remain. Bills that have not passed their house of origin are not in a position to pass and have been removed from this report. At the conclusion of business on Thursday, May 2, 694 bills have been introduced in the House and 482 bills have been introduced in the Senate.

## Bills ANHA is Monitoring

### Health Care

**House Bill 45-DeMarco/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. *HB 45 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate Judiciary Committee. 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.*

**House Bill 174-McClendon/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 awaits action in the House.*

**House Bill 370-Wren:** would place a cap on the amount of General Fund dollars appropriated annually to the Alabama Medicaid Agency. *HB 370 passed the House.*

**House Bill 371-Wren:** would require the Alabama Medicaid Agency to request a waiver to increase Medicaid recipient co-payments for services. *HB 371 passed the House.*

**House Bill 372-Wren:** would establish the Permanent Joint Medicaid Committee and the Medicaid Advisory Commission. *HB 372 passed the House.*

**House Bill 454-McClendon/Senate Bill 340-Reed:** would provide for the delivery of Medicaid health care services on a managed care basis or through regional care organizations. *HB 454 passed the House. SB 340 passed the Senate, received a favorable report from the House Health Committee and awaits action in the House.*

**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, received a favorable report from the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

**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, received a favorable report from the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

### **Budget/Tax/Finance**

**Senate Bill 143-Orr:** General Fund budget. *SB 143 passed the Senate and House and is in Conference Committee.*

### **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.*