

CMA Advocacy Community Meeting
November 8, 2023

CMA members gathered for a post-election meeting earlier this month to review results of the voters' approval of Issues 1 and 2 and focused on potential next steps and responses for reproductive/abortion issues and recreational marijuana. (see article below)

Members also reviewed the status of pending legislation in the Ohio General Assembly that is of particular interest to physicians.

Slides from the meeting, along with a detailed legislative update with the status of legislation are at the end of this document.

For more information on any of these issues, CMA Board members should feel free to contact Co-Chairs Drs. Chris Brown and Bill Cotton, or the CMA's Public Policy Consultant [Malcolm Porter](#).

Election Follow Up: What Happens Next?

Results from Tuesday's election had Issue 1 (Reproductive/Abortion Rights) passing by 13% with 56.6% voting for and 43.4% voting against. The issue passed in 25 counties in the state, largely urban, suburban and exurban areas. In Central Ohio, the issue passed in Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield and Union Counties.

Issue 2 (Adult Recreational Marijuana) results largely mirrored Issue 1, with a slight drop off in votes cast.

Focus has now shifted to "what happens next"? And these conversations have both a political and policy orientation.

Issue 1 was a constitutional amendment. It takes effect in 30 days, on December 7. As a constitutional amendment, there is no single immediate mechanism that implements change as a result of the amendment. It appears there are 3 broad paths for possible next steps:

- The legislature could act - laws on the books would be re-evaluated and altered to meet the new constitution standard
- Lawsuits could be filed by parties who have standing in order to prompt the courts to review and assess constitutionality of specific provisions of current law
- Parties could go forth and engage in activity that they believe is now lawful, and would be calculating a constitutional defense should they be challenged on their activity

There is also a political component to consider, as opponents of Issue 1 have made public statements that they will be considering future referendum options, as well as new legislation.

Issue 2, which also takes effect on December 7, is a little different in that it is not a constitutional amendment, but rather an initiated statute, or law. As such, the Ohio General Assembly seemingly has the ability to pass new law to alter this statute in any manner that it sees fits. There is a political calculation in making any change, given that voters passed this law by a nearly 14% margin.

It appears that the personal growth of limited marijuana plants for personal use becomes effective immediately on December 7. The larger retail sale process, the appropriate tax collection system, and other regulatory issues, need to have rules adopted and the new law allows 9 months for this process. This would be September 7th of 2024. During any of this time the legislature may amend the law, and there have been early statements from some lawmakers to expect some changes.

Bottom line is that more time will need to pass to see all the impacts of Tuesday's election.

2023 CMA Advocacy Community

Co-Chairs: Drs. Chris Brown and William Cotton

DRAFT Agenda for November 8:

1. Introductions, Review Community Purpose/Strategies/Guidelines
2. Election Results
3. 135th General Assembly Legislative Items
4. CMA Affiliate Issues
5. Other Items
6. Future Meetings: 2024 TBD



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Purpose:

1. Learn Issues and Provide Input on Central Ohio **Physician Perspectives to Policy Makers** on Issues that Impact the Practice of Medicine and the Patient-Physician Relationship
2. **Support Physicians and CMAA Programs** Who Work or Volunteer with Medically Underserved Populations and Emergency/Trauma Issues
3. Support and Develop **Individual Physicians' Abilities** to Pursue Policies and Interests of Their Own Choosing



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CMA: Public Policy/Advocacy/PAC Strategies

1. Legislative Agenda: Monitor/Communicate Physician Perspectives
 - *Evidence based policy that supports patient-physician relationship*
2. Physician Training Opportunities on Effective Advocacy
3. Meet w/ Elected Officials: Individual Meetings
4. Coalition Participation
 - House of Medicine (HOM) // Medical Associations Coalition (SMBO focus)
5. Strategic Support for Individual Physicians' Personal Interests
6. CMAA: Initiatives Supporting Physicians and CMAA Programs (State/Local)
7. PAC – discussion for future
 - Endorsement Recommendations
 - Fundraising/Contributions to Selected Central Ohio Elected Officials



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Advocacy/Public Policy Guidelines per CMA Board

[1] The CMA Board authorizes the CMA Public Policy Committee to utilize the CMA's logo and name to speak on behalf of the organization in circumstances where CMA Public Policy Co-Chairs, CEO, and a clear majority of participating committee members believe:

- The policy in question supports the primacy of the patient-physician relationship in determining patient care
- The policy in question is grounded in supporting evidence-based medical care decisions by the patient and physician
- The policy in question is such that Public Policy Co-Chairs and CMA's CEO are confident that the breadth of the CMA membership would not question the decision. In any cases where there is real doubt on this point, the Public Policy Committee will refer the issue, and a recommendation, if possible, to the CMA Board for decision-making



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Advocacy/Public Policy Guidelines per CMA Board

[2] Structure: Advocacy Community AND Public Policy Committee. To best implement the above guidelines, under the direction of the CMA's CEO, it will be the practice of the CMA to organize its Public Policy activities in the following manner:

- Advocacy Community (all-encompassing/open to any CMA member/affiliate - this would be the continued format for the current practice of quarterly meetings. This is intended to be a welcoming way to get new people involved and provide support to any CMA member interested in the topics/issues of the day. Note: the "community" label is consistent with other CMA membership language to welcome people to participate in activities)
- Public Policy Committee (a subset of the PP Community - this would be a group of CMA members who have some history/experience with issues and the association, they would be tasked to be stewards of the CMA's Public Policy Committee name and provide perspectives on behalf of the PP Committee, per guidance from the above policy...most, if not all, of their work would be electronic)



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2023 Election Results

- Issue 1 – Reproductive Rights/Abortion**
 - Passed 56.6% to 43.4%**
 - Passed urban, suburban, exurban (25 counties including Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Union)**
 - Next Steps:**
 - Effective in 30 Days;**
 - Change Happens:**
 - Repeal laws,**
 - Lawsuits/court rulings,**
 - Go forward with anticipated unconstitutional defense**
 - “Response” 2024?**



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2023 Election Results

Issue 2 – Adult Legalization of Marijuana

Passed 57%-43%

Largely mirrored Issue 1

Slightly better percentage, but fewer ‘yes’ votes due to drop off in total votes cast

Next Steps:

New law effective December 7th,

Personal plants effective December 7

Retail stores 9 months for rules;

“Response” legislative modifications ?



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135th Ohio General Assembly

January, 2023 thru December, 2024

- ❑ House Republican Leadership Challenges Continue. Impacts
 - ❑ Political – fundraising and 2024 primary campaigns
 - ❑ Legislative – slower process, potential to impact agenda/issues depending on topic and individual legislators’ circumstances
- ❑ 2024 Election Year
 - ❑ March 19 Primaries – Ohio House R’s
 - ❑ New Legislative Districts
 - ❑ US Senate and Presidential
 - ❑ Ballot Issues? Min Wage, Redistricting, Abortion



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Potential Statewide Ballots Issues 2024

- ❑ Petition Initiatives: cleared to collect signatures
 - ❑ Minimum Wage Stepped Up to \$15/Remove Tipped Wage
 - ❑ Legislative and Congressional Redistricting

 - ❑ Items reported as having groups supporting/discussing ballot initiatives
 1. “Medical Freedom” vs Vaccination/Public Health Requirements
 2. Remove Qualified Immunity for Police Officers

 - ❑ Abortion ?
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Steps for Ballot Process for Constitutional Amendment:

1. Advocates submit ballot language with 1,000 voter signatures
2. Attorney General rules if language is “fair and truthful”
3. Ohio Ballot Board determines if one or multiple issues
4. Advocates collect 412,000+ valid registered voter signatures from 44 different counties (each w/ minimum of 5% of Gov. race) by July
5. Ohio Secretary of State validates signatures
6. Ohio Ballot Board certifies language and no monopoly created
7. August filing date with Secretary of State
8. November Election



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135TH G. A. Legislation of Potential Interest

(see Legislative Update Report)

- HB 6 Transgender participation in high school and college sports
- HB 7 Maternal and infant health supports
- HB 24 Biomarker testing required insurance benefit
- ✓ HB 52 EMS training
- HB 8/68 “Parents Bill of Rights” and gender transition care for minors: prohibit treatment, prescribing, surgery
- HB 73 Authorize off-label prescriptions with informed consent
- HB 89 Healthcare examinations: limit circumstances of pelvic, prostate, rectal exams
- HB 97/SB 60: new provider “Certified Mental Health Assistant” – no other states
- HB 99 Prudent Layperson: emergency room coverage determinations consider all relevant medical information, not just final diagnosis



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135TH G. A. Legislation of Potential Interest

(see Legislative Update Report)

- HB 104/SB 86 Surgical smoke: require policy to prevent patient exposure
- HB 130 Prior authorization “Gold Card” exemption: exempt w/ 80% approval rate
- HB 177 Co-pay Accumulators: count towards insurance deductible and out of pocket maximums
- HB 231 9-8-8 Suicide/MH Crisis Hotline: funding
- HB 291 Prevent non-medical prescription switching: Liston; formularies upheld during plan year
- SB 109 Sex offenses: expands definitions/procedures/reporting/penalties
- SB 126 Non-competes: limit utilization in physician contracts
- SB 144 Pharmacists Scope of Practice: expands who can administer vaccines; lowers to age 5; eliminate most script requirements <13



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HB 130

Prior Authorization “Gold Card”



▶▶▶ House Bill 130 was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives in March 2023. The bill aims to ease prior authorization burdens and create a *Gold Card Program* for Ohio healthcare providers.



“As physicians, we know prior authorization impacts the way we practice medicine, and our patients, every day. It is frequently cited as a cause of delay and roadblocks to critical treatment and care.”
Dr. Brian Santin
OSMA Past President, Chief Medical Officer at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and a Plastic Surgeon with Ohio State University

Why does this matter?

ENSURE PATIENTS GET THE CARE THEY NEED

90% of physicians say prior authorization has somewhat or significant negative impact on patients' clinical outcomes.

SAVE STAFF TIME

An average of 14 hours per week is spent by physicians and staff on prior authorization paperwork.

ALLEVIATE PHYSICIAN STRESS & BURNOUT

Physicians cite too many administrative tasks as a main reason for job burnout.

REDUCE FINANCIAL BURDENS

Millions of dollars in administrative costs are caused by prior authorization burdens for healthcare practices.

Statistics Source: American Medical Association, Healthcare Financial Management Association

What will the legislation do?

HB 130 will establish an exemption to prior authorization requirements and create a system that rewards healthcare providers who consistently receive a prior authorization approval rate of 80% or more for a specific service, device or drug in the prior 12-month period. These providers will receive a *Gold Card*, which exempts them from the burden of prior authorization for that specific service, device, or drug.

How YOU can help:

To help make *Gold Card Prior Authorization* a reality in Ohio, OSMA is looking for physicians and practice managers to support our advocacy team and the more than 30 healthcare groups who have signed on as coalition supporters for HB 130.

1. Provide firsthand experience about the impact of prior authorization to use in communication materials.
2. Attend meetings with members of the General Assembly and OSMA's advocacy team.
3. Provide testimony at bill hearings and help inform solutions.

OSMA will be sharing resources throughout the legislative process for supporters to contact local legislators, engage members, and show evidence for why this issue is so important for physicians, the healthcare community, and ultimately patients.



Get involved in this important advocacy effort.

To join our coalition, visit [OSMA.org/insurance-reform](https://osma.org/insurance-reform)
Or, contact OSMA's legislative team:

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HB 130 - Prior Authorization: “Gold Card” Program

HB 130– Sponsor Rep. Kevin Miller

A “gold card” refers to a health care provider earning their way out of the prior authorization requirements by demonstrating a high prior authorization success rate.

- Health care providers who see prior authorizations for a given service approved at an 80% rate would earn their gold card status for that select service. Once a health care provider has been granted gold card status, they would not need to request prior authorization for a twelve-month time period for select services they have been granted gold card status for.
- Gold card status would be eligible for Ohio commercial regulated health plans, Ohio public employee plans and Ohio Medicaid plans.



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Tracking Legislation:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/status-reports>



Status Reports

General Assembly 135 (2023-2024)

- Status Report of Bills and Joint or Concurrent Resolutions [HTML](#)
- Status of House or Senate Resolutions [EXCEL](#) | [PDF](#)



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CMA-Affiliate: Physician Care Connection

Capital Appropriations Bill?



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Physician Wellness: OPHP and SMBO

In 1995 a private non-profit, the Ohio Physicians Health Program (now the Ohio Professionals Health Program), was created by the medical community for the medical community

2023 State Medical Board of rule changes for the processes on options to get physicians the help they need with a

- substance use disorder
- mental health condition
- physical impairment.

More information, including training schedules: <https://www.ohiophp.org/smbo>



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Doctor-Media Contact List

* First and Last Name

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* Phone Number

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* Email

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* Are you comfortable doing media interviews?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

* Discipline/Interests

- Drug/Alcohol abuse
- Covid-19/Long Covid
- Mental Health
- General Wellness
- Gun Violence
- Family Health
- Reproductive Health
- Youth Health
- Minority Health
- LGBTQ+ Health
- Other

* When are you available for interviews?

2024 Elections...new districts

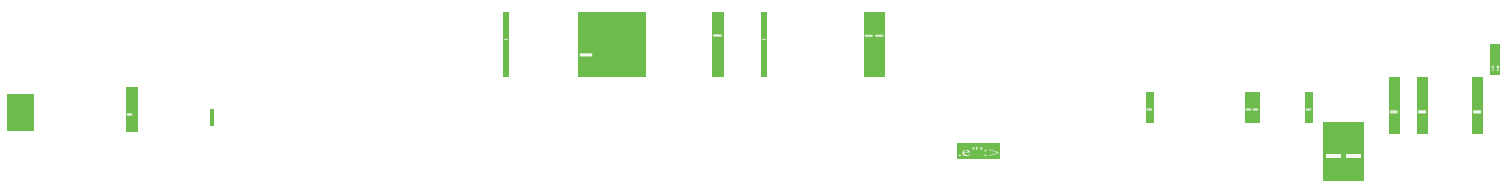
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Other Items?

Future Meeting Dates: 2024 TBD



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CMA Legislative Update Report

HB 6 School Athletics (Powell, J.)

To enact the Save Women's Sports Act to require schools, state institutions of higher education, and private colleges to designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex. Committee Hearing in House Higher Education (5/10/2023; REPORTED (See separate story))

HB 7 Maternal And Infant Health (White, A., Humphrey, L.)

To express the General Assembly's intent to support strong foundations for mothers and babies to address maternal and infant mortality and improve health and developmental outcomes, and to name this act the Strong Foundations Act.

Committee Hearing in House Finance (10/11/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 8 School Curriculum (Swearingen, D., Carruthers, S.)

To enact the "Parents' Bill of Rights" to require public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification on student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content.

Referred in Senate (9/13/2023; Education)

HB 14 Parental Rights (Creech, R., John, M.)

Regarding the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities to grant equal time and responsibility for a child.

Committee Hearing in House Families & Aging (3/21/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 15 Abortion (Gross, J., Lear, B.)

To revise the informed consent law regarding abortions.

Introduced and Referred in House (2/15/2023; Public Health Policy)

HB 24 Biomarker Testing (White, A.)

To require health benefit plan and Medicaid program coverage of biomarker testing.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (10/11/2023; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (No testimony))

HB 33 (Enacted) Operating Budget (Edwards, J.)

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Signed by the Governor (7/3/2023; Signed: July 3, 2023, Effective: Immediately)

HB 36 Medical Identifying Devices (Miranda, J.)

To revise the law governing medical identifying devices and to name this act Paige's Law.

Introduced and Referred in House (2/15/2023; Health Provider Services)

HB 38 Mental Health Days (Blackshear, W., Miranda, J.)

To allow school districts to permit students to take up to three mental health days away from school each school year.

Committee Hearing in House Primary & Secondary Education (4/25/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 47 AED (Brown, R., Bird, A.)

To require the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in each public and chartered nonpublic school and each public recreational facility and to require the Ohio Department of Health to develop a model emergency action plan for the use of AEDs.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (10/11/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 49 Hospital Pricing (Ferguson, R., Barhorst, T.)

Regarding the availability of hospital price information; and to amend the version of section 3701.83 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on September 30, 2024, to continue the change on and after that date.

Committee Hearing in Senate Small Business & Economic Opportunity (9/26/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 52 (Enacted) Emergency Medical Services (Fowler Arthur, S., John, M.)

To restore law related to emergency medical services training and continuing education programs, to amend the versions of sections 4765.10, 4765.11, and 4765.30 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on December 29, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date, and to declare an emergency.

Signed by the Governor (4/5/2023; Signed: April 5, 2023, Effective: April 5, 2023)

HB 68 Gender Transition (Click, G.)

Regards gender transition services for minors and to name this act the Ohio Saving Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act.

Referred in Senate (9/13/2023; Government Oversight)

HB 70 OTC Drugs (Fowler Arthur, S., Gross, J.)

To require schools to adopt a policy regarding the administration of over-the-counter drugs.

Committee Hearing in House Primary & Secondary Education (3/28/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 73 Prescriptions (Gross, J., Loychik, M.)

To authorize the prescribing of off-label drugs and if prescribed, to require their dispensing and to name this act the Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.

Referred in Senate (9/13/2023; Health)

HB 80 Pharmacist Care (Lipps, S.)

Regards pharmacist care.

Referred in House (2/28/2023; Health Provider Services)

HB 83 Drug Paraphernalia (Humphrey, L.)

To remove criminal penalties for the use and possession of drug paraphernalia and drug abuse

instruments.

Referred in House (2/28/2023; Criminal Justice)

HB 89 Health Examinations (Hillyer, B., Abdullahi, M.)

Regards intimate examinations and anesthetized or unconscious patients.

Committee Hearing in House Public Health Policy (5/3/2023; CONTINUED-AMENDED (See separate story))

HB 97 Mental Health Assistants (Pavliga, G.)

To license certified mental health assistants and to amend the version of section 4755.48 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and after that date.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (6/20/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 99 Emergency Services (Manchester, S.)

To regulate the practice of reducing benefits related to emergency services if a condition is determined, after the fact, to not be an emergency.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (9/20/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 102 Respiratory Therapists (Young, T., John, M.)

To license advanced practice respiratory therapists and to amend the version of section 4761.01 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect September 30, 2024, to continue the change on and after that date.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (10/17/2023)

HB 104 Surgical Smoke (Robb Blasdel, M.)

Regarding surgical smoke.

Committee Hearing in House Public Health Policy (5/3/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 109 Newborn Incubators (Schmidt, J., Mathews, A.)

To revise the law governing newborn safety incubators.

Referred in House (3/22/2023; Public Health Policy)

HB 130 Prior Authorization (Miller, K.)

To establish an exemption to prior authorization requirements.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (6/7/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 136 Dispensing Pharmacies (Holmes, A., Stewart, B.)

To authorize the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (10/17/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 141 Medical Occupations (LaRe, J., Robb Blasdel, M.)

To restrict cost-sharing requirements with regard to occupational and physical therapists and chiropractors.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (11/1/2023; REPORTED (No testimony))

HB 142 Medicaid Treatments (Young, B., Young, T.)

To require health plan issuers and the Medicaid program to cover treatments and services related to Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (5/3/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 152 Hearing Aids (Weinstein, C., Young, B.)

To require health plan issuers to cover hearing aids and related services for persons twenty-one years of age and younger and to name this act Madeline's Law.

Referred in Senate (9/13/2023; Insurance)

HB 154 Registered Nurses (Skindell, M., Humphrey, L.)

Regards staffing ratios and other employment conditions for registered nurses employed by hospitals.

Referred in House (4/25/2023; Health Provider Services)

HB 156 Physician-Administered Drugs (Manning, G., Oelslager, S.)

To amend the law related to physician-administered drugs.

Referred in House (5/2/2023; Insurance)

HB 159 Autism (Lipps, S.)

To require data collection, reporting, and outreach regarding applied behavior analysis for children with autism who are Medicaid enrollees.

Referred in House (5/2/2023; Behavioral Health)

HB 169 Sun Lamp Tanning (Hillyer, B.)

To prohibit the provision of sun lamp tanning services to individuals under age 18 and to make changes regarding the titles that may be used by physicians.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (10/17/2023)

HB 174 Universal Health Care Coverage (Skindell, M., Grim, M.)

To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (9/20/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 175 Firearm Storage (Miranda, J., Brewer, D.)

To require secure storage of firearms, to authorize an income tax credit for the purchase of firearm storage and locking devices, to name this act the Keep Every Home Safe Act, and to make an appropriation.

Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (6/6/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 177 Health Insurance (Manchester, S.)

To prohibit certain health insurance cost-sharing practices.

Committee Hearing in House Public Health Policy (11/1/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 217 Gun Trigger Locks (Somani, A., Thomas, C.)

To require that gun trigger locks be attached and provided with firearms sales by federally licensed firearms dealers.

Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (10/31/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 218 Firearm Regulations (Brewer, D., Upchurch, T.)

To restore local authority to generally regulate firearms-related conduct.

Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (10/31/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

HB 224 Emergency Vehicles (Miller, J., Lightbody, M.)

To allow a dedicated organ recovery vehicle to use a flashing light and siren, to prohibit failing to stop for, yield to, or proceed with caution around such vehicles, and to exempt the driver of a dedicated organ recovery vehicle from certain traffic laws.

Referred in House (9/12/2023; Transportation)

HB 229 Epilepsy (Sweeney, B., Patton, T.)

To require health care practitioners to provide information on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy to at risk patients and to name the act the Brenna Brossard SUDEP Awareness Act.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (10/10/2023; CONTINUED)

HB 231 Crisis Telephone Line (Pavliga, G., Miller, A.)

To establish a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis telephone line.

Committee Hearing in House Finance (10/4/2023)

HB 236 Patient Advocates (Lear, B., Miller, M.)

To prohibit a congregate care setting from denying a patient or resident access to an advocate and to name this act the Never Alone Act.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (10/17/2023)

HB 285 Registered Nurses (Ghanbari, H., Rogers, E.)

To require hospitals to establish registered nurse staffing plans that protect patient safety, to create the Nursing Student Loan-to-Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.

Referred in House (10/3/2023; Health Provider Services)

HB 291 Prescriptions (Liston, B., Carruthers, S.)

Regards prescription drugs and medication switching.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (11/1/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

SJR 2 Constitutional Amendment (McColley, R., Gavarone, T.)

To require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment.

Adopted in House (5/10/2023; 62-37)

Senate Concurr in House Amendments (5/10/2023; 26-7)

HJR 1 Constitutional Amendments (Stewart, B.)

Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and to modify the procedures for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment.

Committee Hearing in House Constitutional Resolutions (4/19/2023; REPORTED (See separate story))

SB 9 Medical Marijuana (Huffman, S., Schuring, K.)

To amend the law related to medical marijuana.

Committee Hearing in Senate General Government (9/20/2023)

SB 26 OVI (Manning, N.)

To change the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marihuana and the admissibility of evidence for purposes of OVI statutes.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (5/9/2023; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

SB 28 Physician Assistant (Roegner, K.)

To enter into the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact.

Referred in House (6/26/2023; Health Provider Services)

SB 33 Medicaid (Schaffer, T.)

To require Medicaid applicants to certify that they have been notified about the Medicaid estate recovery program.

Committee Hearing in Senate Medicaid (3/7/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 34 Month Designation (Schaffer, T.)

To designate July as "Sarcoma Awareness Month" and to name the act Hank's Law.

Committee Hearing in House Public Health Policy (10/11/2023; REPORTED)

SB 40 Medical Occupations (Roegner, K.)

To enter into the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

Committee Hearing in House Health Provider Services (6/27/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 58 Weapons (Johnson, T., Gavarone, T.)

To prohibit requiring fees or firearms liability insurance for the possession of firearms, or fees for the possession of knives.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (10/11/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 59 Sun Lamp Tanning (Johnson, T.)

To prohibit the provision of sun lamp tanning services to individuals under age 18.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (9/13/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

SB 60 Mental Health Assistants (Gavarone, T.)

To license certified mental health assistants and to amend the version of section 4755.48 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and

after that date.

Committee Hearing in Senate Workforce & Higher Education (10/31/2023)

SB 69 Week Designation (Antonio, N., Craig, H.)

To designate the week including March 22nd as Ohio Doula Awareness Week.

Referred in Senate (3/1/2023; Health)

SB 80 COVID-19 Research (Brenner, A.)

To solicit research on the relationship between COVID-19 and myocarditis and to make an appropriation.

Referred in Senate (3/8/2023; Health)

SB 81 Health Professionals (Romanchuk, M.)

To authorize certain clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified nurse practitioners to sign documents related to hospital patient admission, treatment, and discharge; and to amend the version of section 4723.431 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on September 30, 2024, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (10/11/2023; CONTINUED (No testimony))

SB 83 Higher Education (Cirino, J.)

To enact the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act regarding the operation of state institutions of higher education.

Committee Hearing in House Higher Education (11/1/2023; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (See separate story))

SB 86 Surgical Smoke (Brenner, A.)

Regards surgical smoke.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (4/19/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 93 Doula Services (Reynolds, M., Hicks-Hudson, P.)

Regards doula services.

Referred in Senate (3/29/2023; Health)

SB 95 Pharmacies (Reynolds, M.)

To authorize the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (6/14/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 103 Kratom Products (Blessing, L.)

Regards sales of kratom products.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (9/27/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

SB 105 Mental Health Services (Johnson, T., Sykes, V.)

Regards the composition of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; the authority of the boards; and the requirements for operation of recovery housing residences.

Committee Hearing in Senate Community Revitalization (5/31/2023; CONTINUED-AMENDED (See separate story))

SB 109 Sex Offenses (Hackett, B.)

Regards sex offenses and individuals regulated by the State Medical Board and to amend the version of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and after that date.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (9/20/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 115 Dental Care Services (Schuring, K.)

Regards limitations imposed by health insurers on dental care services.

Committee Hearing in Senate Insurance (9/27/2023; REPORTED (See separate story))

SB 126 Noncompete Agreements (Johnson, T.)

Regards the use of noncompete provisions in certain health care professional employment contracts with nonprofit hospitals.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (10/11/2023; CONTINUED)

SB 129 Optometry (Cirino, J.)

To revise the law governing the practice of optometry and to amend the versions of sections 4725.13, 4725.18, and 4725.26 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on December 29, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date.

Referred in Senate (6/28/2023; Health)

SB 144 Immunizations (Romanchuk, M.)

Regards immunizations administered by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (10/11/2023; CONTINUED (See separate story))

SB 164 Firearms (Craig, H.)

To enact the Suicide Self-Defense Act, relative to the creation of a do not possess firearms registry.

Referred in Senate (10/11/2023; Veterans & Public Safety)

SB 177 Universal Health Care (DeMora, B., Hicks-Hudson, P.)

To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

Introduced in Senate (10/17/2023)