

2008 FCEP PRIORITY TRACKED BILLS

Sorted by Bill Number

- HB 0461** **Relating to Health Flex Plans** Patronis
Health Flex Plans: Revises eligibility for enrollment in health flex plans; extends expiration of health flex plan program. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
- HB 0535** **Relating to Health Insurance** Cretul
Health Insurance: Revises definition of "bone marrow transplant"; requires identification card containing specified information be given insureds under health benefit plans & group health insurance policies & persons having health care services through health maintenance contracts; provides for exception to specified identification card requirements for cards issued before specified date. Effective Date: January 1, 2009
- SB 0564** **Relating to Automated External Defibrillators** Constantine
Automated External Defibrillators [SPCC]; Revises provisions relating to the maintenance of and training requirements for the use of automated external defibrillators. Revises provisions encouraging notice of the location of such defibrillators to the medical director of the local emergency medical services. Revises requirements for civil immunity for the use or attempted use of a defibrillator on a victim of a perceived medical emergency, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
- SB 1012** **Relating to Health Insurance Claims Payments** Gaetz
Health Insurance Claims Payments [EPCC]; Authorizes the Office of Insurance Regulation to waive the requirement that each multiple-employer welfare arrangement maintain its principal place of business in this state if the arrangement meets certain specified conditions and has a minimum specified fund balance at the time of licensure. Provides requirements, limitations, and procedures for leasing, renting, or granting access to participating providers by third parties, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/01/2008.
- SB 1488** **Relating to Health Care Consumer's Right to Information Act** Dean
Health Care Consumer's Right to Information Act [SPCC]; Revises requirements for health care providers and facilities in notifying insured persons of charges for health care services. Requires an itemized, comprehensible estimate of charges. Requires a licensed facility not operated by the state to make available to the public on its Internet website a description of and a link to the performance outcome and financial data that is published by the AHCA, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
- SB 1648** **Relating to HIV Testing/Informed Consent** Saunders (B)
HIV Testing/Informed Consent [SPCC]; Requires that when consent cannot be obtained within the time necessary to conduct an HIV test on an individual and begin prophylactic treatment of the exposed medical personnel, the results of the HIV test shall be documented only in the medical file of the medical personnel and not in the medical file of the patient unless he or she gives written consent, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
- SB 1694** **Relating to 911 Emergency Dispatchers** Aronberg
911 Emergency Dispatchers [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Denise Amber Lee Act." Requires the Department of Health to establish criteria for the certification of 911 emergency dispatchers. Authorizes the department to suspend or revoke a certificate. Provides requirements for renewing an inactive certificate. Requires the department to establish a procedure for the initial certification of certain 911 emergency dispatchers, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.
- SB 2326** **Relating to Certificates of Need/General Hospitals** Peaden, Jr.
Certificates of Need/General Hospitals [FPCC]; Revises the requirements for the AHCA with respect to reviewing an application for a certificate of need for a general hospital. Revises the requirements for a certificate of need by an applicant for a general hospital. Requires the AHCA to attend public hearings on such applications. Requires an existing hospital to submit a written statement of opposition in order to challenge the AHCA decision on an application, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
- SB 2366** **Relating to Medical Faculty Certificates** Diaz de la Portilla
Medical Faculty Certificates [SPCC]; Authorizes additional universities to employ medical faculty certificateholders. Provides a limitation on the number of certificateholders per university, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
- SB 2534** **Relating to Health Insurance** Peaden, Jr.
Health Insurance [EPCC]; Specifies that coverage provided through the Cover Florida Health Care Access Program is considered health insurance coverage for the purposes of determining eligibility

for the state retiree health insurance subsidy. Creates the Cover Florida Health Care Access Program. Requires the development of guidelines to meet minimum standards for quality care and access to care, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2598 **Relating to Impaired Medical Practitioners/Treatment Programs** Atwater
Impaired Medical Practitioners/Treatment Programs [SPCC]; Revises requirements for consultants retained by the Department of Health (DOH). Provides that a consultant may contract for services to be provided to students enrolled in schools for licensure as allopathic and osteopathic physicians or physician assistants, nurses, or pharmacists who are alleged to be impaired, if requested by the school. Indemnifies certain schools from liability in civil actions under certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

SB 2630 **Relating to Organ and Tissue Donation** Oelrich
Organ and Tissue Donation [SPCC]; Revises provisions for making an organ donation. Adds additional persons to the list of persons who may donate a decedent's body. Provides additional mechanisms for making an anatomical gift including registering with the organ and tissue donor registry. Requires the HSMV to inform the donor registry of instances of making an anatomical gift and of withdrawal of an anatomical gift, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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