

Prescription for Pennsylvania Related Legislation

Bill Number	Brief Description	Sponsor	Status
HB 1250	Expands scope of practice for pharmacists, and provides for licensing of pharmacy technicians.	Kula	Passed the House with vote of 201-0 on 12/03/2007. Currently in the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee.
HB 1256	Expands scope of practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs).	Gergely	Referred to Professional Licensure Committee on May 21, 2007, and has not been considered.
HB 1556	Allows children to remain under their parents' insurance until age 30.	Longietti	Passed unanimously in the House on June 27, 2007. Referred to the Banking & Insurance Committee in the Senate on June 30, 2007, and has not been considered.
HB 1573	Creates the PA Center for Health Careers to address healthcare workforce issues, including shortages and lack of diversity.	Seip	Passed in the House, 192-8 on June 30, 2007. Referred to the Labor & Industry Committee in the Senate on July 3, 2007, and has not been considered.
HB 2005	Has been amended to include community ratings, provisions for consistent rating factors for all products, rate bands standard basic insurance plans and requiring insurance companies have an 85% medical loss ratio for small groups. It would also grant the Insurance Commissioner the power to review rates.	DeLuca	Introduced November 14, 2007. Passed, as amended, by the House by a vote of 131-72, on April 01, 2008. It is currently before the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee awaiting consideration.
HB 2625	Creates the County Access Program to help counties coordinate, facilitate, and expand access for uninsured and underinsured residents to quality affordable health care.	Pallone	Introduced in the House on June 13, 2008 and passed, as amended, by a vote of 199-0 on June 30, 2008. This bill is currently before the Senate Health and Welfare Committee awaiting consideration.
HB 2098	Would allow private insurance companies to refuse to pay for serious preventable adverse events.	DeLuca	Introduced on December 6, 2007. Passed by the House by a vote of 201-2 on April 01, 2008. It is currently before the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.
SB 1137	Originally proposed one year extension to the Mcare abatement program, and has now been amended to include a new proposal Pa ABC, a CAP like proposal providing access to care for the uninsured, continuing the physician Mcare abatement for 10 years and helping small businesses provide health care for their employees	D. White	Passed in the Senate 44-2, on October 30, 2007. Was passed, as amended, by the House by a vote of 118-81 on March 17, 2008. It is currently before the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee awaiting action.