

**PENNSYLVANIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY
PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE BILLS TO WATCH
2019-2020**

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BILL NUMBER	BACKGROUND INFORMATION	STATUS OF BILL	SOCIETY POSITION	COMMENTS
House Bill 335	Amends Human Services providing for behavioral health and physical health integration (elimination of BH carveout)	In House Health Committee	TBD	
House Bill 386	Amends Administration requiring the reinstatement of PCPC criteria (vs. ASAM)	On House Tabled Calendar	OPPOSE	Expressed opposition previously; will continue if moves
House Bill 391	Amends Health Care Facilities providing for acute mental health bed registry	In House Health Committee	SUPPORT	Support, not sure if move with minority sponsor
House Bill 596	Provides for detox/addiction treatment registry	Referred to House Health and Human Services Committee	SUPPORT	Support in theory, not top priority
House Bill 658	Amends MHPA providing for additional involuntary commitment standards	In House Judiciary Committee	OPPOSE	If moves, will express opposition
House Bill 672	Amends Minors Consent providing for release of records/changes to consent	In House Human Services Committee	OPPOSE	Expressed opposition previously; will continue if moves
House Bill 1075	Amends Judiciary providing for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)	In House Judiciary Committee	SUPPORT	Expressed support previously; working with sponsor to support passage
House Bill 1194	Amends Insurance providing for prior authorization reform	In House Insurance Committee	SUPPORT	PAMED initiative; support grassroots lobbying efforts
House Bill 1439	Amends Insurance providing for mental health parity and access to addiction treatment regulating insurers	Passed House; in Senate Banking and Insurance Committee	SUPPORT	The language is okay; not a top priority on parity bills
House Bill 1696	Amends Insurance providing for mental health parity provides for adoption of federal regulations	Passed House; in Senate Banking and Insurance Committee	SUPPORT	Some amended language passed by APA; APA okay with language
House Bill 1862	Amends Insurance providing for out of network/surprise billing	Removed from House Table; on House Second Consideration	TBD	Specialty/PAMED supported initiative, moving parts-follow lead of providers on next steps
Senate Bill 25	Amends Professional Nursing providing for independent practice for CRNPs	Passed Senate; In House Consumer Protection and	OPPOSE	PAMED taking lead; support advocacy efforts

		Professional Licensure Committee		
Senate Bill 41	Amends Health/Safety providing for emergency addiction treatment	In Senate Health and Human Services Committee	TBD	If bill moves, will review closer
Senate Bill 90	Amends Crimes creates ERPO/Red Flag provisions for firearms	In Senate Judiciary Committee, Public Hearing held in September; PaPS testified	SUPPORT	COMPANION BILL TO STEPHENS BILL- Working with House sponsor on grassroots lobbying efforts
Senate Bill 112	Amends Health and Safety imposing additional prescribing limitations for opioids	Passed Senate; to House Health Committee	NEUTRAL	Await PAMED's commentary as they are taking the lead
Senate Bill 408	Amends Controlled Substance providing for drug response immunity	In Senate Judiciary Committee	TBD	If bill moves, we will take a more definitive position
Senate Bill 675	Provides for licensure of office based Suboxone prescribers ensuring consumer receives addiction counseling/treatment in conjunction with medication	Passed Senate; in House Human Service Committee	OPPOSE	Working with PAMED, PSAM, PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and other providers in opposition
Senate Bill 857	Amends Insurance authorizing the regulation of telemedicine	Passed Senate; Governor Veto Message #4	SUPPORT CONCEPT; OPPOSE CURRENT LANGUAGE	Following PAMED/ other specialty lead regarding strategy moving ahead with abortion language
Senate Resolution 20	Directs Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct study on change of venue	In Senate Judiciary Committee, adopted	SUPPORT	Worked with PAMED to oppose Change of Venue