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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of pending legislation in the State of Illinois General Assembly that relate to the health and healthcare workforce during the Spring 2016 session. This is a selection of legislation and is not meant to be inclusive of all legislation that is related to the health and healthcare workforce. If you have suggestions for bills to be included, have questions, or would like to sign up to receive these reports, please let us know using the contact information in the document's footer.

Each row in the charts features an individual bill in either the Illinois House or Senate. There are six columns in the charts:

- **Bill #:** This is the number assigned to the legislation in either the Illinois House or Senate. Bills for which an update has been added since the previous edition of this report are indicated by red text.
- **Bill Title:** This is the title given to the legislation. Other notes in this column include whether or not the legislation has a similar bill in the other chamber of the General Assembly and whether or not the legislation is active. The bill titles are hyperlinked to each bill's webpage on the Illinois General Assembly website, for easy access.
- **Synopsis as Introduced and Amendments:** The synopsis is copied from the bill's webpage. Any amendments noted on a bill's webpage are also included.
- **Last Action:** This lists the last action as found on the Bill's webpage. At times, more than one recent action will be included.
- **Upcoming Hearings:** If there are upcoming hearings scheduled, the details will be listed.
- **Companion bill in other house:** For those bills that we have noted a similar bill in the other house of the General Assembly, these are noted.

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SB 2537	<u>MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT-SUNSET</u>	Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal of the Medical Practice Act of 1987 from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2026. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Removes the requirement that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation mail to each licensee a renewal notice at least 60 days in advance of the expiration of his or her license. Effective immediately.	4/21/2016 House Referred to Rules Committee		
HB 6562	<u>NETWORK ADEQUACY TRANSPARENCY</u>	Creates the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. Provides that administrators and insurers, prior to going to market, must file with the Department of Insurance for review and approval a description of the services to be offered through a health care network plan with certain criteria included in the description. Provides that the health care network plan shall demonstrate to the Department, prior to approval, a minimum ratio of full-time equivalent providers to plan beneficiaries and maximum travel and distance burdens for plan beneficiaries based in the maximum minutes or miles to be traveled by a plan beneficiary for each county type as defined under the Act. Provides that the Department shall conduct periodic audits of health care network plan to verify compliance with network adequacy standards. Establishes certain notice requirements. Provides that a health care network plan shall provide for continuity of care for its beneficiaries based on certain circumstances. Provides that a health care network plan shall post electronically a current and accurate provider directory and make available in print, upon request, a provider directory each subject to the provision's specifications. Provides that the provisions of the Act are deemed incorporated into the health care providers service contracts entered into on or before the effective date of the Act. Provides that the Department is granted specific authority to issue a cease and desist order against, fine, or otherwise penalize any insurer or administrator for violations of any provision of the Act. Effective January 1, 2017.	4/21/2016 Referred to Rules Committee		
SB 2332	<u>DHFS-MEDICAID-SOCIAL WORKER</u>	Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to adopt rules, no later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, for the legally recognized	5/18/2016 Senate Passed Both Houses		

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		services of persons licensed under other laws of this State as a clinical social worker.			
<u>HB4515</u>	<u>HEALTH CARE WORKER REGISTRY</u>	<p>Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to make the Health Care Worker Registry that includes background check and training information accessible by health care employers. Allows the Department to maintain a publicly accessible registry. Makes changes regarding information that must be contained in the registry accessible to health care employers. Requires the Department to limit specific offense information on an applicant or employee. Requires that after June 30, 2016, the public registry report that an individual is ineligible for employment if he or she has a disqualifying offense under the Health Care Worker Background Check Act and has not received a waiver under that Act. Requires that the public registry report that an individual is eligible for employment if he or she has received a waiver but not the waiver information. Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Allows a health care employer to hire an individual with a disqualifying offense if the individual has received a waiver under the Act (rather than in the discretion of the Department of Public Health, no health care employer shall knowingly hire, employ, or retain any individual in a position with duties involving direct care for clients, patients, or residents, and no long-term care facility shall knowingly hire, employ, or retain any individual in a position with duties that involve or may involve contact with residents or access to the living quarters or the financial, medical, or personal records of residents, who has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit certain offenses). Creates a Health Care Worker Registry working group in the Office of the Governor. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.</p> <p><u>House Committee Amendment No. 1</u></p> <p>Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: In provisions amending the Nursing Home Care Act, removes provisions prohibiting the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation from posting specific information</p>	5/20/2016 House Placed on Calendar Order of Concurrence Senate Amendment(s) 1		<u>SB3027</u>

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		<p>regarding disqualifying offenses, including the charge or date of an offense, on the Health Care Worker Registry. In provisions amending the Health Care Worker Background Check Act, provides that the Department of Public Health may, at the discretion of the Director of Public Health, grant a waiver to an applicant, student, or employee listed on the registry. In provisions concerning an applicant receiving a written notification by the Department of its decision on whether to grant a waiver, removes the exception in cases where a rehabilitation waiver is granted. In provisions concerning the Health Care Worker Registry working group, provides that the Department of Public Health and the Governor's Office shall provide the working group with any relevant aggregate data currently available that is related to the waiver process and its effectiveness. Provides that the working group shall identify any gaps in information currently collected that would inform the working group's efforts and make recommendations to the Governor's Office and the General Assembly about what additional data should be collected to evaluate and monitor the success of the waiver process by July 1, 2017. Removes provisions requiring the Department of Public Health to identify ways to analyze information regarding the employment of people with waivers and report the information to the working group. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.</p> <p><u>House Floor Amendment No. 3</u></p> <p>In provisions amending the Health Care Worker Background Check Act, provides that when the Department of Public Health sends an applicant, student, or employee written notification of its decision whether to grant a waiver, the written notification shall include a list of the specific disqualifying offense for which the waiver is being granted not denied. Provides that the Department shall issue additional copies of the written notification upon the applicant's, student's, or employee's request.</p> <p><u>Senate Committee Amendment No. 1</u></p> <p>In provisions amending the Nursing Home Care Act, provides that after January 1, 2017 (rather than June 30, 2016) the publicly accessible Health</p>			

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		Care Worker Registry shall report if an individual is ineligible because of a disqualifying offense and has not received a waiver. Changes the effective date to January 1, 2017 (rather than upon becoming law).			
<u>SB3027</u>	HEALTH CARE WORKER REGISTRY	Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to make the Health Care Worker Registry that includes background check and training information accessible by health care employers. Allows the Department to maintain a publicly accessible registry. Makes changes regarding information that must be contained in the registry accessible to health care employers. Requires the Department to limit specific offense information on an applicant or employee. Requires that after June 30, 2016, the public registry report that an individual is ineligible for employment if he or she has a disqualifying offense under the Health Care Worker Background Check Act and has not received a waiver under that Act. Requires that the public registry report that an individual is eligible for employment if he or she has received a waiver but not the waiver information. Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Allows a health care employer to hire an individual with a disqualifying offense if the individual has received a waiver under the Act (rather than in the discretion of the Department of Public Health, no health care employer shall knowingly hire, employ, or retain any individual in a position with duties involving direct care for clients, patients, or residents, and no long-term care facility shall knowingly hire, employ, or retain any individual in a position with duties that involve or may involve contact with residents or access to the living quarters or the financial, medical, or personal records of residents, who has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit certain offenses). Creates a Health Care Worker Registry working group in the Office of the Governor. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	4/22/2016 Senate Re-referred to Assignments		<u>HB4515</u>
<u>SB 2742</u>	ATHLETIC TRAINERS	Amends the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act. Changes the definition of "licensed athletic trainer" to someone who, upon the direction of, on the prescription of, or in collaboration with a physician, provides therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions incurred	4/22/2016 Re-referred to Assignments		

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		<p>by individuals as prescribed by the Board of Athletic Trainers and for which the athletic trainer has received appropriate education and training. Replaces specific duties of an athletic trainer with language allowing him or her to utilize emergency care and physical medicine and rehabilitation techniques as related to prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, rehabilitation, and reconditioning. Defines "referral" to mean the guidance and direction given by the physician, who shall maintain supervision of the individual (rather than the athlete). Defines "physician" as a physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act to practice medicine in all of its branches or a chiropractic physician. Removes specific titles and letters an individual can only use when licensed as an athletic trainer under the Act. Provides that abandonment of an individual (rather than an athlete) is grounds for discipline.</p>			
SB 2214	NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT	<p>Amends the Nurse Practice Act, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws.</p>	4/22/2016 House- Referred to Rules Committee		
SB2952	DEV DISABLED-DSP-WAGES	<p>Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act and the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall establish reimbursement rates which build toward livable wages for front line personnel in residential and day programs serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including but not limited to intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities, community integrated living arrangements, developmental training programs, employment, and other residential and day programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by State funds or funding under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. Provides that the Department shall increase rates and reimbursements so that direct support persons earn a base wage of not less than \$15 per hour and so that other front line personnel earn a commensurate wage. Defines "front line personnel". Effective immediately.</p>	5/13/2016 3rd Reading Deadline Established As May 27, 2016		HB5931

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<u>HB5931</u>	<u>DEV DISABLED-DSP-WAGES</u>	Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act and the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall establish reimbursement rates which build toward livable wages for front line personnel in residential and day programs serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including but not limited to intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities, community integrated living arrangements, developmental training programs, employment, and other residential and day programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by State funds or funding under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. Provides that the Department shall increase rates and reimbursements so that direct support persons earn a base wage of not less than \$15 per hour and so that other front line personnel earn a commensurate wage. Defines "front line personnel". Effective immediately.	5/19/2016 Senate Referred to Assignments		<u>SB2952</u>
<u>SB2931</u>	<u>DHS-HOME SRVCS PGRAM-TRAINING</u>	Amends the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Act. In a provision concerning the Department of Human Services' Home Services Program, provides that personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers (rather than personal assistants) shall be paid at a rate negotiated between the State and the (rather than an) exclusive representative of personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers (rather than personal assistants) under a collective bargaining agreement. Provides that beginning on July 1, 2016, the hourly rate paid to personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers shall be no less than \$15 per hour. Requires personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers to participate in a comprehensive in-person orientation, including standardized instruction or education as determined by the Department, concerning their obligations as an Individual Provider of Medicaid services, fraud training, and training on independent living philosophies. Requires personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers to attend annual in-person training, including training in preventing fraud and abuse. Provides that	5/18/2016 Senate Passed Both Houses		

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		<p>personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers shall be paid their regular hourly wage for all orientation and training hours. Requires the State to contribute into a Taft-Hartley health fund for the purpose of providing health insurance to qualified personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers. Provides that for State fiscal year 2017, the rate shall be \$1.11 per hour paid to personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers and that for future fiscal years, the rate shall be adjusted as determined by actuarial analysis. Effective July 1, 2016.</p>			
<p>HB 6304</p>	<p>CONTINUUM OF CARE-DD-LICENSE</p>	<p>Creates the Continuum of Care Services for the Developmentally Disabled Act. Creates a license for continuum of care facilities that serve individuals with developmental disabilities. Defines terms. Requires the Director of Human Services, in consultation and coordination with the Director of Public Health and Director of Healthcare and Family Services as necessary, to develop a licensure system for continuum of care facilities in accordance with specified purposes. Requires the Director of Human Services to adopt rules to establish the licensure system. Requires applicants for continuum of care licenses to submit continuum of care plans that meet specified criteria to the Director of Human Services. Requires the Director of Human Services, acting as appropriate through or in coordination with the Director of Public Health, to ensure licensees meet specified requirements. Contains provisions concerning the effects of situations that may impact or change a facility's license. Requires the Director of Human Services and Director of Healthcare and Family Services to ensure reimbursements from State and federal sources going to eligible continuum of care facilities meet specified requirements. Amends the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Director of Healthcare and Family Services, in collaboration and coordination with the Director of Human Services, shall develop and submit a request for a waiver pursuant to the federal Social Security Act for the continuum of care license program.</p>	<p>4/20/2016 Senate Referred to Assignments</p>		

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SB2900	<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u>	<p>Amends various Acts to add physician assistants to provisions applicable to physicians, including adding physician assistant members to various committees and boards. Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act. Specifies that the physician assistant who may make a determination of disability for the purposes of an Illinois Persons with a Disability Identification Card is a physician assistant who has been delegated the authority to make this determination by his or her supervising physician. Amends the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act. Adds the President of the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants or his or her designee to the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency. Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Adds representative of a professional organization representing physician assistants to various task forces and councils. Requires that the Department of Public Health consult with the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants in developing the summary of health care for women and that the summary be distributed to physician assistants. Requires that the Department of Public Health consult with a statewide professional organization representing physician assistants in developing the POLST form. Makes other changes.</p> <p><u>Senate Committee Amendment No. 1</u></p> <p>Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as introduced with the following changes: Removes provisions amending the Public Employee Disability Act, the Illinois Identification Card Act, the Civil Administration Code of Illinois, the Child Death Review Team Act, the Department of Human Services Act, the State Guard Act, and the Narcotic Control Division Abolition Act. In provisions amending the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act, removes provisions concerning administration of medications before completion of the physical and mental examination and mental health commitment training. In provisions amending the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, removes provisions concerning the Medical Advisory Committee, a steroid education program, patients' rights, and services for</p>	5/17/2016 House Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate		<u>HB5947</u>

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		<p>pregnant women and mothers. In provisions amending the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, removes specific references to physicians assistants. In provisions amending the Department of Public Health Act, removes provisions concerning the Immunization Advisory Committee. In provisions amending the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties of Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, removes provisions concerning cooperation of organizations and agencies; the Chronic Disease Nutrition and Outcomes Advisory Commission; laboratories, fees, and the Public Health Laboratory Services Revolving Fund; findings and rural obstetrical care; distribution of vaccines and other medicines and products; sperm and tissue bank registry, AIDS test for donors, and penalties; Alzheimer's disease, exchange of information, and autopsies; umbilical cord donations; breast cancer and written summary regarding detection and treatment; the Penny Severns Breast, Cervical, and Ovarian Cancer Research Fund; the Stroke Task Force; hepatitis education and outreach; Wilson's Disease; general hospitals, minimum standards for operation, and uterine cytologic examinations for cancer; cord blood stem cell banks; the Illinois State Diabetes Commission; and the advisory council on pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with the streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome. In provisions amending the Counties Code, removes provisions concerning preliminary investigations, blood and urine analysis, summoning a jury, and reports; additional powers; appointment of board of directors; equal privileges for all reputable physicians; applications for benefits; boards of health; and formation of consolidated health departments. Amends various acts to include references to advanced practice nurses to provisions applicable to physicians and physician assistants. Makes other changes.</p> <p>Senate Floor Amendment No. 2</p> <p>In provisions amending the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, provides that the Department of Public Health shall also consult with the Illinois Society of</p>			

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		Advanced Practice Nurses when developing health care summaries for women. Corrects a reference to a health care professional. In provisions amending the Counties Code, provides that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County may contract with any recognized training school or any program for health professionals for the health care services (rather than nursing) of any or all such sick or mentally ill or persons in need of mental treatment. Makes other changes.			
<u>HB5947</u>	<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u>	Amends various Acts to add physician assistants to provisions applicable to physicians, including adding physician assistant members to various committees and boards. Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act. Specifies that the physician assistant who may make a determination of disability for the purposes of an Illinois Persons with a Disability Identification Card is a physician assistant who has been delegated the authority to make this determination by his or her supervising physician. Amends the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act. Adds the President of the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants or his or her designee to the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency. Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Adds representative of a professional organization representing physician assistants to various task forces and councils. Requires that the Department of Public Health consult with the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants in developing the summary of health care for women and that the summary be distributed to physician assistants. Requires that the Department of Public Health consult with a statewide professional organization representing physician assistants in developing the POLST form. Makes other changes.	2/11/2016 House Referred to Rules Committee		<u>SB2900</u>
<u>HB 5011</u>	<u>PHLEBOTOMY CERTIFICATION</u>	Creates the Phlebotomy Certification Act. Provides for the certification of phlebotomists by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Sets forth powers and duties of the Department, grounds for discipline, civil and criminal penalties for violation of the Act, and administrative procedure. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to set a repeal date of January 1, 2027 for the new Act.	2/8/2016 Referred to Rules Committee		

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<u>SB 2352</u>	<u>REGULATION-TECH</u>	Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a licensed practical nurse's scope of practice.	1/28/2016 Senate referred to Assignments		<u>HB 5757</u>
<u>HB 5757</u>	<u>REGULATION-TECH</u>	Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a licensed practical nurse's scope of practice.	2/11/2016 House referred to Rules Committee		<u>SB 2352</u>
<u>HB 5553</u>	<u>CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS-SUNSET</u>	Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal of the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2027. Amends the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act. Requires applicants or licensees to inform the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of any change of address within 14 days after the change. Authorizes the Department to prescribe forms to be issued for the administration and enforcement of the Act and to conduct investigations related to possible violations of the Act. Removes language requiring that the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation issue a report to the Clinical Psychologists Licensing and Disciplinary Board if he or she takes action contrary to the recommendation of the Board. Provides that a person licensed in another state or jurisdiction of the United States or Canada, holds a doctoral degree in clinical, school, or counseling psychology, and has no disciplinary action taken against his or her license in any jurisdiction may be licensed at the Department's discretion. Provides that a person licensed in any foreign country or province whose standards were substantially equivalent on the date of his or her licensure in the other jurisdiction may be licensed at the recommendation of the Board. Includes the Department in certain disciplinary proceedings. Makes changes to provisions concerning investigations and hearings. Removes the requirement that the Board review reports from a hearing officer within 60 days. Makes changes to provisions concerning rehearings and final orders. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	2/10/2016 House referred to Rules Committee		<u>SB 2433</u>
<u>SB 2433</u>	<u>CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS-</u>	Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal of the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2027.	5/19/2016 House Placed		<u>HB5553</u>

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	SUNSET	Amends the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act. Requires applicants or licensees to inform the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of any change of address within 14 days after the change. Authorizes the Department to prescribe forms to be issued for the administration and enforcement of the Act and to conduct investigations related to possible violations of the Act. Removes language requiring that the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation issue a report to the Clinical Psychologists Licensing and Disciplinary Board if he or she takes action contrary to the recommendation of the Board. Provides that a person licensed in another state or jurisdiction of the United States or Canada, holds a doctoral degree in clinical, school, or counseling psychology, and has no disciplinary action taken against his or her license in any jurisdiction may be licensed at the Department's discretion. Provides that a person licensed in any foreign country or province whose standards were substantially equivalent on the date of his or her licensure in the other jurisdiction may be licensed at the recommendation of the Board. Includes the Department in certain disciplinary proceedings. Makes changes to provisions concerning investigations and hearings. Removes the requirement that the Board review reports from a hearing officer within 60 days. Makes changes to provisions concerning rehearings and final orders. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate		
<u>HB 6166</u>	OPTOMETRIC PRACTICE ACT-SUNSET	Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal of the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2027. Amends the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987. Requires applicants or licensees to inform the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of any change of address within 14 days after the change. Removes language limiting the practice of optometry to examination, diagnosis, and treatment without the use of surgery. Instead, excludes certain ophthalmic procedures from the scope of practice of optometry, except for the preoperative and postoperative care of the procedures. Allows members of the Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Limits the liability of members of the	2/11/2016 House referred to Rules Committee		<u>SB 2899</u>

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		<p>Board in certain circumstances. Provides that ocular pharmaceutical agents may be administered by injection in certain circumstances. Removes the requirement that the Department list all persons whose licenses have been suspended or revoked. Provides that any fine imposed under the Act shall be payable within 60 days after the effective date of the order. Provides that the Department shall (rather than may) refuse to issue or suspend a license of licensees who fail to pay taxes. Removes requirements of written reports at the conclusions of hearings. Allows parties to agree to a negotiated consent order. Removes certain requirements concerning hearing officers. Removes provisions requiring the Secretary to explain deviations from Board recommendations. Adds provisions concerning confidentiality of certain information collected by the Department. Makes other changes. Effective immediately, except that certain provisions concerning injections and surgery are effective January 1, 2017.</p>			
<u>SB 2899</u>	<u>OPTOMETRIC PRACTICE ACT-SUNSET</u>	<p>Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal of the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2027. Amends the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987. Requires applicants or licensees to inform the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of any change of address within 14 days after the change. Removes language limiting the practice of optometry to examination, diagnosis, and treatment without the use of surgery. Instead, excludes certain ophthalmic procedures from the scope of practice of optometry, except for the preoperative and postoperative care of the procedures. Allows members of the Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Limits the liability of members of the Board in certain circumstances. Provides that ocular pharmaceutical agents may be administered by injection in certain circumstances. Removes the requirement that the Department list all persons whose licenses have been suspended or revoked. Provides that any fine imposed under the Act shall be payable within 60 days after the effective date of the order. Provides that the Department shall (rather than may) refuse to</p>	5/17/2016 House Assigned to Health Care Licenses Committee		<u>HB 6166</u>

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		issue or suspend a license of licensees who fail to pay taxes. Removes requirements of written reports at the conclusions of hearings. Allows parties to agree to a negotiated consent order. Removes certain requirements concerning hearing officers. Removes provisions requiring the Secretary to explain deviations from Board recommendations. Adds provisions concerning confidentiality of certain information collected by the Department. Makes other changes. Effective immediately, except that certain provisions concerning injections and surgery are effective January 1, 2017.			
<u>SB 2985</u>	<u>GENETIC COUNSELOR-REFERRAL</u>	Amends the Genetic Counselor Licensing Act. Removes language prohibiting a genetic counselor from providing genetic counseling without a referral. Makes related changes.	5/12/2016 Passed Both Houses		
<u>SB 3335</u>	<u>EMS-EPINEPHRINE VIALS</u>	Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Permits EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or paramedics who have successfully completed a Department of Public Health approved course in the administration of epinephrine to administer epinephrine from a vial.	5/19/2016 House Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate		
<u>HB 0853</u>	<u>REGULATION- TECH</u>	Amends the Electronic Fund Transfer Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning powers and duties under the Act. Involves scope of practice of dental hygienists.	4/28/2016 Re-referred to Rules Committee		
<u>SB 0029</u>	<u>RIGHT TO TRY ACT</u>	Creates the Right to Try Act. Provides that an eligible patient with a terminal illness who has considered all other treatment options approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration may acquire from a manufacturer an investigational drug, biological product, or device that has successfully completed Phase I of a clinical trial, but has not been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Provides that a manufacturer may, but is not required to, provide an investigational drug, biological product, or device to an eligible patient, either with or without receiving compensation. Provides that an	4/28/2016 Re-referred to Rules Committee		<u>HB 0207</u> <u>HB 1335</u> Note: HB 0496 adds additional language to the same issue.

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		<p>accident and health insurer may, but is not required to, provide coverage for an eligible patient seeking such a drug, product, or device. Contains a penalty provision. Defines required terms. Contains legislative findings. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may not revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action against the license or permit of a physician to practice medicine based solely on the physician's recommendation to an eligible patient regarding, or prescription for, or treatment with an investigational drug, biological product, or device.</p> <p>Senate Committee Amendment No. 2</p> <p>Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill. Removes a penalty provision. Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that the requirements applicable to institutional review boards do not apply to investigational drugs, biological products, or devices used by a resident with a terminal illness as set forth in the Right to Try Act. Makes other changes.</p> <p>Senate Floor Amendment No. 3</p> <p>Makes a technical change.</p> <p>House Committee Amendment No. 1</p> <p>Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.</p>			
<u>SB 2365</u>	PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENIST	Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Expands the types of services for which a public health hygienist must complete a summary report either at the completion of the program or, in the case of an ongoing program, at least annually.	1/28/2016 Senate referred to Assignments		<u>HB 5948</u> Note: These two bills focus on different changes on the same practice act.
<u>HB 5948</u>	PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENIST	Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Changes the requirement of additional course work for public health dental hygienists from 72 to 20 hours. Makes changes to provisions concerning expanded functions for	5/18/2016 Senate Placed on Calendar		<u>SB 2365</u> Note: These two bills focus

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		dental assistants. Allows public health dental hygienists to continue patient care if a dentist is not available, except in cases of a serious medical condition.	Order of 3rd Reading May 19, 2016		on different changes on the same practice act.
<u>HB 4364</u>	<u>HOME BIRTH SAFETY ACT</u>	Creates the Home Birth Safety Act. Provides for the licensure of midwives by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and for certain limitations on the activities of licensed midwives. Creates the Illinois Midwifery Board. Sets forth provisions concerning qualifications, grounds for disciplinary action, and administrative procedures. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to set a repeal date for the new Act of January 1, 2027. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Nurse Practice Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code to make related changes. Effective July 1, 2016.	4/22/2016 Re-referred to Rules Committee		