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With the House Committees having finished their work for year, the universe of bills "in play" shrunk considerably this past week. Bills limiting a physician's right to self-insure or allowing non-physicians to practice medicine appear dead, allowing us to focus on a few key remaining issues.

The Managed Care Reform Bill passed the Senate Health Policy Committee unanimously last week and passed the House Health Council on Tuesday. The Senate Health Regulation also passed legislation to create a controlled substance website available to practitioners to monitor potential "doctor shopping."

Work on the "Pedigree Bill" also continues, as we strive to allow group practices to receive prescription drugs on behalf of its physician members while restricting access by non-physicians. We continue to push for Medicaid funding, although the initial budgets for Medicaid physician reimbursement appear promising. Representative Denise Grimsley's Electronic Records Promotion Bill (HB 637) is in the Policy and Budget Council on Thursday.

Chapter members with legislative issues or questions may contact our lobbyist, Christopher L. Nuland, via e-mail at [nulandlaw@aol.com](mailto:nulandlaw@aol.com).

Kudos to all the members responding to the Chapter's votervoice alerts and sending messages to the legislators! Thank you for working so hard this Session.