



Florida Services
Chapter

FL Advocate Newsletter



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The Florida Legislature is entering "crunch time," as bills not passing any committee within the next two weeks face a bleak chance of ultimate passage. With that being said, there are several notable actions this past week.

* Optometry Bill. While not as bad as previous years, the bill has already passed one Senate Committee and is and on Wednesday passed the House Professions Committee (it passed). After discussion, it was decided to focus our efforts on the full Health and Human Services Committee, where we may be able to block it from going forward.

* PA Independent Practice. The bill has been amended to delete possible autonomous practice, but we will still "waived in opposition" until a few minor issues are taken care of. We have met with the physician assistants and expect a further reduction in the proposed extent of the scope expansion.

* APRN Expansion of Scope. Thus far, these bills have yet to be heard, but remain our biggest legislative priority.

* Covid Liability Protection. A bill to limit a health care provider's liability for Covid-related claims will likely be on the Governor's desk by this weekend. This has been one of our biggest legislative efforts, and the legislation will protect physicians from both malpractice and general liability claims if the physicians "substantially complied" with CDC and state mandates.

As always it is a pleasure and honor to serve you. Please feel free to contact our Chapter Counsel/Lobbyist Christ Nuland at nulandlaw@aol.com if you have any questions.

Thank you. Stay safe.

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