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Legislative Update February 20, 2015

Final Pre-Session Update in Tallahassee
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By all accounts, this past week was an eventful one for Medicine in Tallahassee. Not only was action taken on several meaningful bills, but lawmakers also scrambled to file several pieces of legislation before the filing deadline.

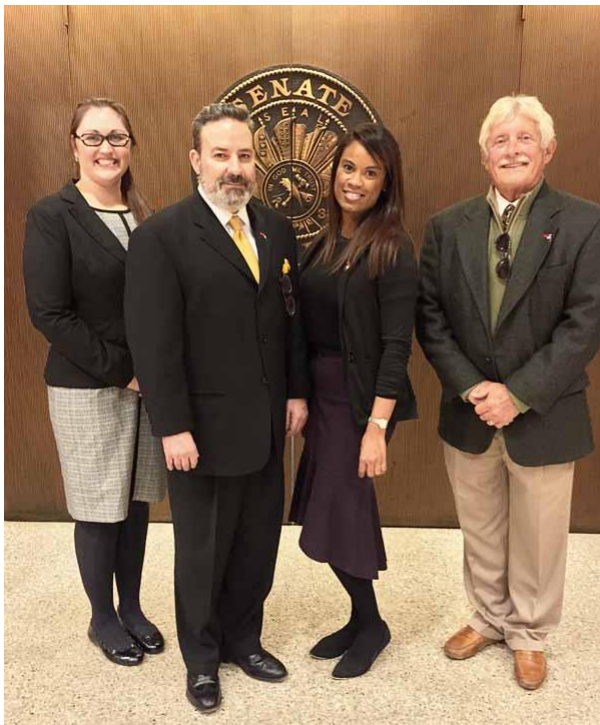
In actual Bill action, the Senate Health Policy Committee passed a Telemedicine Bill (SB 478) that, while lacking some enhancements we would have liked, does require a Florida license and no alteration from the existing standard of care. We also were heartened to see that that same Committee passed legislation to continue regulation of pain clinics (SB 450). Meanwhile, the Senate Health Appropriations Committee passed an update to the Nursing Home Pneumonia Vaccination Bill (SB 332), pushing that good piece of legislation one step closer to final passage.

Despite the good Committee work, the real excitement was in seeing what bills were filed. For Medicine, that includes the filing of Step Therapy Bills by Senator Gaetz (SB 784) and Representative Harrison (HB 863).

Although legislators have been hard at work for two months, the legislative preseason is now over, and all stakeholders now turn their attention to the official start of the Legislative Session, which will begin on March 3rd.

Special thanks go out to Florida Chapter ACP Governor John G. Langdon, MD FACP, Mario Madruga, MD FACP, and residents Malisa Agard, MD and Katie Alonso, MD, whom took time away from their busy schedules to participate in the Chapter's Health Policy & Advocacy Program at the Capitol.

Should you have any questions regarding specific legislation please contact me at nulandlaw@aol.com.



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