

**Chiropractic Fellowship of PA  
Summary of Legislation  
August 2016**

**Wolf Names Bruce Beemer Successor to Kathleen Kane**

Gov. Tom Wolf this month nominated Bruce Beemer, Pennsylvania's current inspector general, to succeed Kathleen Kane as attorney general. Beemer served as Kane's first deputy and testified against her in a criminal trial, in which a Montgomery County jury found her guilty of charges related to the leak of secret grand jury materials to embarrass professional rivals. That verdict prompted her resignation. The Senate called a voting session to consider Beemer's nomination on August 30<sup>th</sup>, and voted unanimously to confirm the appointment.

Beemer's nomination ended the brief tenure of Bruce Castor, the former Montgomery County district attorney who had replaced Beemer as Kane's top deputy, handling the legal work she was not permitted to perform after the Supreme Court suspended her law license, and then served as Acting Attorney General between her resignation and Beemer's confirmation. Beemer will serve out the remainder of the current term, which ends in January, and will be succeeded by the winner of the Josh Shapiro-John Rafferty race in November.

**Legislative Activity**

**The following bills of interest to CFoP were acted on by the General Assembly this past month.**

**Scope of Practice/Licensure Bills**

[SB 1342](#) RE: Telemedicine Act (by Sen. Elder Vogel, et al)

Provides for telemedicine and for insurance coverage. The Commonwealth's health professional boards shall maintain consistent licensure or certification and standards of care requirements between in-person and telemedicine-provided practices. A health care practitioner who delivers services through the use of telemedicine shall be subject to the laws that require licensure, certification or other authorization to practice a health care profession, held to the same standard of professional practice as a similar licensee of the same practice area or specialty that is providing the same healthcare services through in-person encounters and shall also be subject to the laws requiring professional liability insurance, payment of assessments to the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Fund or otherwise obtain coverage for medical professional liability. The bill provides for evaluation and treatment through telemedicine and requires Medical Assistance and insurance coverage of telemedicine services.

**Introduced and referred to Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, 8/5/2016**

**Budget-Related Bills**

NONE

**Child Abuse Reporting**

NONE

**Health Care Bills**

**Cosponsor Memo Filed**

[SCO1650](#) (Boscola) - Designates September 2016 as "Vertebral Subluxation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.  
**Filed, 8/24/2016**

**Health Care Work Force Development**

NONE

## **Health Insurance Bills**

NONE

## **Medical Assistance/DHS**

NONE

## **Sales Tax Expansion**

NONE

## **WORKER'S COMP**

NONE

## **Upcoming meetings of Interest**

Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <http://www.pahousegop.com/>  
Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <http://www.pasenategop.com/>

### **DOH ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

The Department of Health Advisory Health Board will meet on Tuesday, September 6 from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Health and Welfare Building, Harrisburg. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve final amendments to the school immunization regulations. For additional information contact Erik Huet, Executive Policy Specialist, Office of Policy at 717-547-3311.

### **TUESDAY - 9/13/16**

#### **House Labor and Industry**

#### **10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building**

Public hearing on: [HB 1141](#) (Saylor) - Amends Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and defs., providing for defs., in liability & compensation, providing for schedule of compensation; &, for compensation with or without agreement & reporting injuries.

### **2016 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE**

**September** 26, 27, 28  
**October** 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26  
**November** 16

### **2016 House Fall Legislative Schedule**

**September** 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28  
**October** 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26  
**November** 14, 15

*Copies of bills described above can be obtained through the CFOP office, or on-line at:*  
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>