

**Chiropractic Fellowship of PA  
Summary of Legislation  
January 2017**

**Mustio Takes the Reins of House Professional Licensure Committee**

Allegheny County **Rep. Mark Mustio** has been appointed to serve as Majority Chairman of the Pennsylvania House Professional Licensure Committee for the 2017-18 session. The Professional Licensure Committee maintains jurisdiction over all legislation dealing with the 29 professional and occupational licensing boards located administratively in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) in the Department of State. Additionally, the committee is charged with reviewing the various regulations put forward by the Department of State regarding licensed professionals. Professionals range from physicians and cosmetologists to real estate agents and funeral directors.

**State Board of Chiropractic January 19 Meeting Highlights**

The State Board of Chiropractic met on **January 19 in Harrisburg**. Here are the highlights.

- **Board Chair George Khoury, DC, welcomed the members and guests. Khoury introduced Katelin Lambert from the Bureau, to demonstrate the new online system**
- **Lead Board Prosecutor Anita Shekletski** presented one cases for Board consideration in Executive Session. **The Board also heard a reinstatement case.**
- **BPOA Commissioner Ian Harlow** reported on a recent multi-board roundtable on dry needling. BPOA is “stuck in the middle” of this contentious issue among its licensees.
- **Board Counsel Jacqueline Wolfgang** discussed the status of cases before the Board.
- **Regulatory Counsel Tom Blackburn** reported on the status of regs before the Board. Blackburn noted that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) has disapproved the Distance Learning proposed regulation in August. The Board approved the new language and directed him to send the Final regulation forward up the chain again. The Governor’s counsel denied authority to proceed with revised regs, so the Board now is back to where it was, having to exercise its own discretion. Blackburn then presented a draft preamble to the proposed regulation on Sexual Misconduct, similar to what other health Boards have done, to reflect changes the Board suggested in September, and that was approved.
- **The Board held elections of officers, electing John McCarrin Chairman, and George Khoury Secretary.**

**Next meeting is March 23. Future 2017 meeting dates: May 18, July 20, September 21, and November 9**

**Legislative Activity**

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

**Scope of Practice/Licensure Bills**

**Cosponsor Memos filed**

**HCO 601** (Quinn) - [Legislation establishing a telemedicine law for Pennsylvania](#)  
**Filed 1/9/2017**

**HCO 609** (Murt) - [Mental Health First Aid USA Training Program to be Accepted as Continuing Education for Licensees \(Prior HB 999\)](#)  
**Filed 1/10/2017**

**SCO 445** (Tomlinson) - [Strengthening Licensee Reporting Requirements and Suspensions](#)  
**Filed, 1/17/2017**

## **Budget-Related Bills**

NONE

## **Child Abuse Reporting**

NONE

## **Health Care Bills**

[SR 13](#) RE: Spinal CSF Leak Awareness Week (by Sen. John Blake, et al)

A Resolution designating the week of February 26 through March 4, 2017, as "Spinal CSF Leak Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

**Introduced and adopted, 1/24/2017**

## **Health Care Work Force Bills**

**Cosponsor Memos filed**

**HCO 488** (DeLuca) - [Prohibiting Restrictive Covenants Not to Compete in Health Care Provider Employment Contracts \(HB 745 of 2015\)](#)

**Filed, 1/5/2017**

**HCO 653** (Christiana) - [Ban on Non-Complete Agreements for Health Care Practitioners](#)

**Filed, 1/11/2017**

## **Health Insurance Bills**

[HB 131](#) RE: Affordable Health Insurance (by Rep. Matt Baker, et al)

Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in preliminary provisions, providing for affordable health insurance. Establishes that certain insurers with high deductible health policies in keeping with Federal requirements shall not be considered to be engaging in unfair trade practices. Requires that there shall be no required relationship between preferred provider and nonpreferred provider plan reimbursements for health savings account-eligible high deductible plans using nonpreferred provider reimbursements. Establishes authorization and definitions for Health reimbursement arrangement-only plans. Allows taxpayers to deduct from taxable income for state income tax purposes an amount equal to 100 percent of the premium paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year for high deductible health plans which are eligible to be used with a health savings account. Establishes qualified health credits. Imposes powers and duties of the law for the Insurance Commissioner. Effective in 60 days.

**Introduced and referred to House Insurance Committee, 1/23/2017**

**Cosponsor memos filed**

**HCO 491** (DeLuca) - ["Any Willing Provider" Legislation, HB294 of 2015](#)

**Filed, 1/5/2017**

## **Medical Assistance/DHS**

[HB 114](#) RE: Medical Support (by Rep. Matt Baker, et al)

Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, requiring all applicants and recipients to, as a condition of eligibility, cooperate with the department in securing medical support from the noncustodial parent of any child for whom medical assistance is sought or provided, unless the custodial parent is a victim of domestic violence perpetrated by the noncustodial parent or the application endangers the child. Effective in 60 days.

**Introduced and referred to House Health Committee, 1/23/2017**

## **Partnerships/Liability**

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/>

The 2015-16 Legislative Session officially ended on November 30. Any bills that did not make it to the Governor's desk died, and must be reintroduced next session.

### **2017 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE**

January	3, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31
February	1, 6, 7, 8
March	20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
April	17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26
May	8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24
June	5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

### **2017 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE**

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## **State Board of Chiropractic Board Meeting Schedule**

2017 Meeting Dates (Subject to Change)

March 23, May 18, July 20, September 21, November 9

All Board meetings are held at Penn Center, 2601 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA, at 9 AM

DHS Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (MAAC)

ALL MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Lecture Hall 246/248

Temple University Harrisburg

234 Strawberry Square

Harrisburg, PA

2017 Meeting Dates

January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, September 28, October 26, December 14

*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>