TPA Needs Your Help TODAY! Below are several important pieces of pharmacy-related legislation being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly. Please take a few minutes to contact your state legislators about the bills listed below!

Please email your state legislators through TPA’s Tennessee Pharmacists Legislative Action Network (T-PLAN) system [tnpharm.org/t-plan], OR go to [capitol.tn.gov/legislators] to look up the contact information for your elected state Representative and state Senator. (If you use T-PLAN to email your legislators, the system will automatically insert the correct addresses.)

MORE INFORMATION about the bills below, including bill summaries, links to legislation, committees, subcommittees and more, can be found at bit.ly/2oYgxb7.

PBM Licensing Through TN Dept of Commerce and Insurance

Action Needed: Please contact your state legislators TODAY and ask them to SUPPORT this important pharmacy initiative!

This legislation was passed by the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee unopposed on March 6, 2018, and will be voted on by the full Senate as early as Monday of next week! This legislation will be considered by the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee on March 14, 2018.


Legislation: SB 1852 / HB 1857

Senate Sponsor(s): Haile, Crowe, Bell, Yager

House Sponsor(s): Powers, Matlock, Keisling

TAKE ACTION:

votervoice.net/TNPA/campaigns/56940/respond

Governor Haslam's TN Together Opioid Reform

Action Needed: Contact your state legislators and ask them to AMEND the Governor’s TN Together legislation with changes supported by TPA and many other professional associations and health care organizations. TPA has significant concerns about the legislation as introduced (see summary below), and amendments are needed to ensure that the Governor's TN Together legislation achieves a patient-centered and practical legislative solution.

This legislation is currently being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly [legislature.state.tn.us].

Legislation: HB 1831 / SB 2257

Senate Sponsor(s): Norris, Haile, Yager

House Sponsor(s): Hawk, Casada, Kumar

TAKE ACTION:

votervoice.net/TNPA/campaigns/57192/respond

Professional Privilege Tax Repeal

Action Needed: Contact your state legislators today and ask them to SUPPORT this important initiative!

TPA is supporting SB 364 by Kelsey, Roberts and HB 13 by Reedy, which would remove pharmacists and other professionals from the list of those required to pay the privilege tax. This legislation is currently being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly [legislature.state.tn.us].

Legislation: SB 364 / HB 13

Senate Sponsor(s): Kelsey, Roberts

House Sponsor(s): Reedy

TAKE ACTION:

votervoice.net/TNPA/campaigns/50145/respond

Establishing MTM as a Pharmacist-Provided Benefit

Action Needed: Contact your state Representative today and ask them to SUPPORT this important pharmacy initiative!

This legislation has been passed by the Senate unanimously (29-0) and is scheduled to be heard by the full House of Representatives next week.

Legislation: SB 1774 / HB 1874

Senate Sponsor(s): Crowe

House Sponsor(s): Kumar

TAKE ACTION:

votervoice.net/TNPA/campaigns/57196/respond

Other Pharmacy-Related Legislation Being Considered in Tennessee

• Authorization for Partial Filling of Controlled Substances
• Pharmacist Dispensing of Prescription Drugs Prior to Authorization in Emergency Situations
• Mandatory Electronic Prescribing for Schedule II Controlled Substances
• Rescheduling of Controlled Substances (including Gabapentin as Schedule V)
• Medical Cannabis Only Act

National-Level Legislative Priorities

Action Needed: Please contact your US Representative and US Senators TODAY and ask them to SUPPORT these important pharmacy initiatives!

• Ban on Retroactive Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Fees (HR 1038 / S. 413)
• Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency Act (HR 1316)
• Pharmacists as Providers (HR 592 / S. 109)
• Federal “Any Willing Pharmacy” Statute (HR 1939 / S. 1034)

Visit bit.ly/2oYgxb7 for more information about all of the bills above.

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