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HB 2019 – Chapter 19 – acupuncture board; continuation

Continues the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners until July 1, 2018.

HB 2020 – Chapter 20 – pharmacy board; omnibus

Allows the manufacturing of drugs by non-pharmacists, and eliminates the requirement that licensees of the Board of Pharmacy display their licenses in public view.

HB 2036 – Chapter 203 – state hospital employees; disease testing

Allows the Department of Health Services and employees of the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) to petition the court for an order authorizing testing of a patient's blood for diseases, if the patient may have assaulted an employee of ASH.

HB 2208 – Chapter 158 – *graduate medical education; federal match

Allows local, county, and tribal governments to draw down federal funds for costs incurred pursuant to contracts between the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and its providers to provide graduate medical education services as an administrative activity, and requires this to be approved by AHCCCS and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

HB 2268 – Chapter 100 – osteopathic board; omnibus

Includes a variety of provisions related to the Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery (Board). Changes statutes regarding the Board's powers and duties, the maintenance of records, the Executive Director's duties, the issuance of training permits, the regulation of retired physicians, and the dispensing of drugs. Additionally, adds, strikes, and modifies several definitions.

HB 2274 – Chapter 44 – nursing care administrators; disciplinary actions

Requires the Board of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers (Board) to consider a non-response to a complaint and notice of hearing by a licensee or certificate holder as an admission to the allegations, and allows the Board to take formal disciplinary action against the licensee or certificate holder without conducting a formal hearing. However, it also establishes a procedure for the Board to set aside a default admission for good cause within 180 days of the default admission.

HB 2325 – Chapter 134 [P 108] – behavioral health examiners; omnibus

Allows the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners to establish a confidential monitoring program for licensees enrolled in chemical dependency rehabilitation programs. Raises the limit on licensure fees and modifies license reciprocity requirements.

HB 2365 – Chapter 103 [E] – emergency medical services; protocols

Requires the Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the EMS Council to make recommendations for standards to allow an ambulance to transport patients to licensed specialty hospitals that are physically attached to an emergency receiving facility. Allows the Department of Health Services to authorize persons and organizations to use Arizona State Trauma Registry data for specified purposes.

HB 2366 – Chapter 66 [E] – DHS; licensing; electronic licensing

Allows electronic licensing for the purpose of health care institution, child care facility, and child care group home licensure. Specifies new time periods for the validity of initial and renewal licenses.

HB 2367 – Chapter 270 – health care institutions; definitions

Eliminates and modifies several definitions related to health care institutions.

HB 2408 – Chapter 106 – stretcher vans; transport of patients

Clarifies which persons a stretcher van or wheelchair van may or may not transport.

HB 2409 – Chapter 67 – ambulance rates; adjustments

Changes the methodology by which an ambulance service may increase its rates without a hearing.

HB 2481 – Chapter 304 – *special health care districts; terms

Staggeres the terms of office for the board of directors of the special health care district.

HB 2503 – Chapter 180 – durable medical equipment; report

Requires the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to report on durable medical equipment utilization and related issues.

HB 2521 – Chapter 52 – birth defects; folic acid supplements

Allows the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Economic Security to use Chronic Disease Surveillance System data to notify families of children with birth defects of services available to them, and requires DHS to authorize other entities to distribute folic acid supplements and provide other related services.

HB 2582 – Chapter 149 – food safety regulation

Makes changes to the exemptions that exist for food and drink safety regulation.

HB 2682 – Chapter 167 – *physician assistants; qualifications

Provides the Board of Physician Assistants greater discretion in considering applications for licensure when the applicant has been the subject of disciplinary action in another jurisdiction or has surrendered a license in another jurisdiction.

HB 2802 – Chapter 225 – newborns; testing; confidentiality

Requires the State Laboratory to be the only testing facility for the Newborn Screening Program and requires test results be kept confidential except as allowed by statute.

HB 2823 – Chapter 281 – patient care; presumptions

Moves the location in statute of language that prohibits surrogate decision makers from withdrawing the artificial administration of food or fluid, and requires the Superior Court to issue a temporary order directing compliance with that statute. Modifies the conditions under which a patient's domestic partner would be deemed the surrogate when a health care directive and court appointed guardian do not exist.

SB 1078 – Chapter 12 – infectious diseases; expedited therapy

Adds an exception to the definition of *unprofessional conduct* for certain health professionals allowing them to expedite therapy for persons exposed to other persons who have communicable diseases.

SB 1091 – Chapter 123 – Arizona medical board

Requires medical licensure applicants to complete a training unit on the Arizona Medical Board's (Board) statutes and rules, and prohibits persons who in good faith examine physicians pursuant to Board investigations from being the subjects of causes of action based on their examinations.

SB 1113 – Chapter 13 – HIV-related testing

Modifies the informed consent requirements for HIV-related testing.

SB 1116 – Chapter 14 – physician assistants board; continuation

Continues the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants until July 1, 2018.

SB 1117 – Chapter 292 [E] – hospitals; single group licenses

Expands the number of satellite facilities for which a hospital may receive a single group license, and increases the distance from the main hospital building that satellite facilities under a single group license may be located in rural counties. Allows a hospital for which operations have not been terminated for more than 120 days to be relicensed pursuant to the standards applicable under its most recent license, if relicensed by October 1, 2008.

SB 1123 – Chapter 186 – *homeopathic and integrated medical examiners

Continues the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners until July 1, 2010.

SB 1128 – Chapter 293 – *omnibus; occupational therapy board

Makes a variety of changes to the Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners' statutes including in the sections related to licensure, the Executive Director's duties, and disciplinary action.

SB 1129 – Chapter 15 – occupational therapy board; continuation

Continues the Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners until July 1, 2018.

SB 1134 – Chapter 16 – naturopathic physicians board

Allows the Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners (Board) to investigate persons unlawfully practicing naturopathic medicine and refer them for prosecution. Changes the name of the Board and makes various other changes to the Board's statutes.

SB 1141 – Chapter 55 – defibrillators; good Samaritans

Exempts from civil liability good Samaritans who use an automated external defibrillator to render emergency care.

SB 1150 – Chapter 228 – *radiologist assistants; certification

Creates certification requirements for radiologist assistants under the Medical Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.

SB 1223 – Chapter 230 – insurance; long-term care

Modifies the preexisting condition limitation periods for long-term care insurance policies, and creates training requirements for licensed insurance producers related to long-term care insurance.

SB 1236 – Chapter 57 – homeopathic board; omnibus

Makes a variety of changes to the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners' (Board) statutes including changing the definitions of minor surgery and unprofessional conduct, exempting certain persons from the Board's regulation, eliminating the Board's ability to waive examination requirements, and adding requirements regarding maintenance of patients' records.

SB 1286 – Chapter 70 – behavioral health board; continuation

Continues the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners until July 1, 2013.

SB 1287 – Chapter 191 – dental board; omnibus

Makes a variety of changes to the Board of Dental Examiners' statutes including provisions related to the regulation of business entities, retired, disabled, or deceased licensees, the definition of unprofessional conduct, and the maintenance of patients' records.

SB 1329 – Chapter 58 – AHCCCS; self-directed care services

Allows members of the Arizona Long Term Care System to employ persons to provide self-directed attendant care services if they meet certain requirements.

SB 1356 – Chapter 87 – infection prevention; advisory committee

Creates an Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee to examine and make recommendations related to community and health care related infections.

SB 1418 – Chapter 131 – *tobacco cessation medication; coverage; AHCCCS

Allows the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to expend monies, other than those originating from the State General Fund, on tobacco use medications for members.

SB 1419 – Chapter 232 – cosmetic procedures; lasers; injections; regulation

Establishes regulatory requirements for aestheticians and laser technicians who wish to perform cosmetic laser procedures and procedures using IPL devices.

SB 1449 – Chapter 17 – *minors; blood donors

Establishes that an adult who is competent may consent to the donation of blood, and a minor who is at least 16 years old may donate blood only with the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian.