**ACS State Affairs Legislative Update – February 7, 2025**

**STATE AFFAIRS WORKGROUP**

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**ACS STATE AFFAIRS PRIORITY ISSUES**

* Trauma System Funding and Development
* Cancer Screening, Testing, and Treatment
* Insurance and Administrative Burden
* Professional Liability
* Criminalization of Physician Care
* Access to Surgical Care
* Health Equity

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**ACS GRANT PROGRAM**

State Chapters are eligible to apply for ACS State Advocacy Grants and may use funds towards their annual state advocacy day, to hire a lobbyist, or other relevant advocacy functions such as travel costs for members, catering, venue rentals, printing, and more. To learn more information regarding the ACS State Advocacy Grants, apply [here](https://www.facs.org/advocacy/state-legislation/chapter-state-advocacy-grant-program/).

**STATE ADVOCACY DAYS**

Montana: February 12; Helena, Montana

Indiana: February 18; Indianapolis, Indiana

**STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

State legislative session dates can be found [here](https://www.multistate.us/resources/2025-legislative-session-dates).

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

**ARIZONA**

[SB 1428](https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/522333) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Senator Rosanna Gabaldon (D), SB 1428 establishes a STOP THE BLEED® program to supply school districts with bleeding control kits; allocates $180,000 from the state general fund. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1512](https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/522636) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Kevin Payne (R), SB 1512 requires health insurers to honor prior authorizations for ninety days after members change plans; mandates health insurers post all prior authorization requirements and restrictions on their website. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1586](https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/1R/bills/SB1586P.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator Janae Shamp (R), SB 1586 mandates strict civil liability for healthcare providers offering gender transition procedures to minors. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

**ARKANSAS**

[HB 1316](https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FBills%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FHB1316.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Fred Allen (D), HB 1316 requires health insurers to provide no cost-sharing lung cancer screenings. The bill was filed in the House and referred to the Insurance and Commerce Committee.

**CONNECTICUT**

[SB 1054](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-01054-R00-SB.PDF) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Rob Sampson (R), SB 1054 amends state law to streamline the process for international medical graduates (IMGs) who lawfully migrate to the US; the medical board will issue provisional licenses to IMG who have completed a residency and received education and training outside of the US that is “substantially similar” to the education and training of a US physician; provisional licensees must practice under supervision of a licensed physician; after two years licensees will be eligible for an unrestricted license; eliminates requirement IMGs repeat their residency training. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Joint Committee on Public Health.

**FLORIDA**

[HB 309](http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/309/BillText/Filed/PDF) – Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Introduced by Representative Richard Gentry (R), HB 309 mandates offices performing specific surgeries must be inspected by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and conform to JCAHO standards; all staff must be certified in advanced cardiac life support; mandates physicians maintain medical malpractice insurance of at least $1 million. The bill was filed in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**GEORGIA**

[SB 72](https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20252026/230921) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Matt Brass (R), SB 72 exempts physicians from liability related to recommending or administering investigational treatments for patients with severe illnesses. The bill was filed in the Senate and is pending introduction.

**IDAHO**

[H 134](https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2025/legislation/H0134.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by The Health and Welfare Committee, H 134 mandates health insurers provide coverage for breast imaging for those with a personal or family history of breast cancer, genetic predispositions, prior radiation therapy, or specific breast tissue density categories. The bill was introduced and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 138](https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2025/legislation/H0138.pdf) – Medicaid

Introduced by The Health and Welfare Committee, H 138 sets conditions for implementing Medicaid eligibility expansion; restricts the expansion of Medicaid to individuals under 65 with a modified adjusted gross income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

**ILLINOIS**

[HB 2468](https://ilga.gov/legislation/104/HB/PDF/10400HB2468.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Barbara Hernandez (D), HB 2468 allows physician assistants to practice independently after completing 250 hours of continuing education or training and 2,000 hours of clinical practice. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[SB 1488](https://ilga.gov/legislation/104/SB/PDF/10400SB1488.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Doris Turner (D), SB 1488 requires health insurers to provide coverage for medically necessary general anesthesia for any procedure. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Assignments Committee.

**INDIANA**

[SB 270](https://iga.in.gov/pdf-documents/124/2025/senate/bills/SB0270/SB0270.02.COMS.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Shelli Yoder (D), SB 270 mandates health insurers provide coverage for orthotic and prosthetic devices. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee.

**IOWA**

[SF 189](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/91/SF189.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Janet Petersen (D), SF 189 exempts claims involving sexual assault from the limitations on noneconomic damages in professional liability cases. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[SF 197](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/91/SF197.pdf) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Senator Annette Sweeney (R), SF 197 requires health insurers provide coverage for FDA-approved prescription cancer drugs used in treating metastatic cancer; prohibits step-therapy protocol for such drugs. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce Committee.

[SF 210](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGi/91/SF210.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Janet Petersen (D), SF 210 requires background checks include the national practitioner data bank, child abuse registry, and sex offender registry before issuing licenses. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the State Government Committee.

**KANSAS**

[HB 2223](https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/documents/hb2223_00_0000.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by The Health and Human Services Committee, HB 2223 allows optometrists to use medical devices and prescribe, administer, or dispense pharmaceutical drugs through all routes except intraocular injections; allows laser capsulotomy, laser trabeculoplasty, and laser peripheral iridotomy. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**KENTUCKY**

[SB 88](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/25RS/sb88/orig_bill.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Lindsey Tichenor (R), SB 88 changes physician assistants (PA) practicing with physicians from a supervisory to a collaborative model; allows PAs to prescribe controlled substances; collaborating physicians are limited to entering into agreements with no more than four PAs. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Committees.

**MAINE**

[LD 380](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0145&item=1&snum=132) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator David Haggan (R), LD 380 repeals protections for health care practitioners providing reproductive or gender-affirming healthcare services; prohibits discrimination by a medical malpractice insurer against a health care professional on the sole basis the health care provider is in violation of another state’s law. The bill was filed in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

**MARYLAND**

[HB 869](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0869f.pdf) – Telehealth

Introduced by Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk (D), HB 869 includes audio-only telephone conversations in the definition of telehealth for reimbursement purposes; mandates reimbursement parity for telehealth and in-person services. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Government Operations Committee.

[HB 926](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0926f.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Delegate Nicole Williams (D), HB 926 includes employees, agents, or contractors of a hospital who are authorized to render healthcare services for the purposes of professional liability cases. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Government Operations Committee.

[HB 1013](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1013f.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D), HB 1013 prohibits health insurers from requiring prior authorization (PA) or step-therapy for a nonopioid drug used for the treatment of pain more restrictive than PA requirement or step-therapy protocol applied to an opioid used for the treatment of pain. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Government Operations Committee.

[SB 681](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0681f.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Nick Charles (D), SB 681 includes employees, agents, or contractors of a hospital who are authorized to render healthcare services for the purposes of professional liability cases. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read.

[SB 876](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0876f.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Stephen Hershey (R), SB 876 requires medical assistance to cover bariatric surgery. The bill was introduced in the Senate and read.

[SB 936](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0936f.pdf) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Senator Katie Hester (D), SB 936 requires artificial intelligence (AI) systems to inform consumers about the use of AI systems in consequential decisions, including health care, and provide opportunities to correct data and appeal adverse decisions. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

[SB 974](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0974f.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Clarence Lam (D), SB 974 mandates coverage parity between nonopioid pain drugs and opioids; prohibits more restrictive protocols for nonopioids. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

[SB 987](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0987f.pdf) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Senator Clarence Lam (D), SB 987 establishes a registry for artificial intelligence (AI) software and health insurance decision-making; prohibits health insurers from using AI to make or influence health care decisions. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

**MICHIGAN**

[SB 60](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/billintroduced/Senate/pdf/2025-SIB-0060.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Paul Wojno (D), SB 60 enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health Policy Committee.

**MISSOURI**

[HB 1130](https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/hlrbillspdf/2521H.01I.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Representative Cathy Loy (R), HB 1130 restricts the use of the medical titles "Physician" and "Surgeon" to those who are licensed appropriately. The bill was introduced in the House and read.

**MONTANA**

[HB 386](https://docs.legmt.gov/download-ticket?ticketId=b87a5125-5703-4851-9c36-e46ae0f1f372) – Medicaid

Introduced by S.J. Howell (D), HB 386 directs the department of health and human services to apply for Medicaid expansion waivers for parents, caretakers, and adults. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**NEVADA**

[SB 170](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Bills/SB/SB170.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator John Steinbeck (R), SB 170 requires employers to fully cover the costs of annual cancer screenings for firefighters, police officers, arson investigators, and volunteer firefighters. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce and Labor Committee.

[SB 171](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Bills/SB/SB171.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Senator James Ohrenschall (D), SB 171 prohibits disciplinary actions against health care providers for providing or assisting in medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare services. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce and Labor Committee.

[SB 186](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Bills/SB/SB186.pdf) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Senator Jeff Stone (R), SB 186 requires health care providers using artificial intelligence for patient communications to include disclaimers and contact instructions; non-compliance can result in fines or loss of license for a health care facility. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**NEW MEXICO**

[HB 247](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/25%20Regular/bills/house/HB0247.pdf) – Truth in Advertising

Introduced by Representative Pamelya Herndon (D), HB 247 mandates health care professional advertisements include the practitioner's name and the type of license they are authorized to provide services; prohibits the use of deceptive or misleading terms; restricts the use of medical titles to licensed physicians in advertisements. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Public Affairs Committee.

[HB 266](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/25%20Regular/bills/house/HB0266.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Jenifer Jones (R), HB 266 allows physician assistants to practice independently. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 267](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/25%20Regular/bills/house/HB0267.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Jenifer Jones (R), HB 267 allows physician assistants (PA) with three years of clinical practice, to supervise newly licensed PAs. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Public Affairs Committee.

[SB 224](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/25%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0224.pdf) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Linda Trujillo (D), SB 224 allows the superintendent of insurance to participate in mediation and court proceedings related to professional liability cases. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Public Affairs Committee.

[SB 263](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/25%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0263.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Martin Hickey (D), SB 263 requires health insurers to grant exemptions from prior authorization for procedures which have received at least 90% of their requests approved during the most recent evaluation period. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Public Affairs Committee.

**NEW YORK**

[A 3789](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A3789) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Assemblymember David Weprin (D), A 3789 mandates health insurers respond to prior authorization (PA) requests within 72 hours or 24 hours for an urgent request; an approved PA request is valid for the duration of the prescription. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 3991](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A3991) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Assemblymember Phara Forrest (D), A 3991 mandates artificial intelligence systems used by health insurers are periodically reviewed to ensure accuracy and reliability; any adverse determination must be made by a physician or health care provider. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 4029](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A4029) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Charles Fall (D), A 4029 requires health insurers to provide no cost-sharing colorectal cancer screenings for individuals aged 35 and over. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 4063](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A4063) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Assemblymember David Weprin (D), A 4063 requires health insurers to automatically approve prior authorization requests if the request is not approved within three business days after the insurer has received it; mandates step-therapy override determination to be made within 72 hours of receipt otherwise, it is automatically overridden. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 4116](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A4116) – Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Introduced by Assemblymember Karines Reyes (D), A 4116 requires anti-bias training for all medical students. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 4211](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A4211) – Insurance

Introduced by Assemblymember Karines Reyes (D), A 4211 mandates health insurers provide coverage for bariatric surgery. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 4242](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A4242) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Assemblymember David McDonough (R), A 4242 requires schools to implement a bleeding control program; requires school personnel expected to use the kit to undergo approved training; annual kit inspections to replace expired items and restock after use; provides Good Samaritan protection. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Education Committee.

[A 4613](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A4613) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Assemblymember Gary Pretlow (D), A 4613 expands the scope of podiatric care to include diagnosing, treating, operating, and prescribing for conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and leg skin; allows podiatrists to treat traumatic open wound fractures in hospitals; allows podiatrists with advanced privileges to perform complex procedures such as ankle fracture fixation and use surgical devices. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Higher Education Committee.

[S 4049](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S4049) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator James Skoufis (D), S 4049 mandates state-funded annual cancer screenings for volunteer firefighters. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Local Government Committee.

[S 4072](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S4072) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Siela Bynoe (D), S 4072 mandates health insurers provide coverage for breast cancer based on medical necessity, for individuals with a prior history of breast cancer, or those with a first-degree relative with such a history. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[S 4360](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S4360) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Jamaal Bailey (D), S 4360 requires cultural competence training for medical professionals, which must be completed biennially before hospitals may grant or renew professional privileges. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

[H 45](https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2025/Bills/House/PDF/H45v0.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Representative Ted Davis (R), H 45 prohibits denial of licensure solely based on a conviction for a crime of moral turpitude. The bill was filed in the House and is pending introduction.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

[SB 2270](https://ndlegis.gov/assembly/69-2025/regular/documents/25-1190-01000.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Kristin Roers (R), SB 2270 amends state law to establish a pathway for licensure to international medical graduates who have a medical doctorate; completed a residency or substantially similar training as a US physician; obtain certification from the educational council for foreign medical graduates; passes the US medical licensing exam; proficient in English. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Workforce Development Committee.

**OHIO**

[HB 33](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb33/00_IN/pdf/) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Dontavius Jarrells (D), HB 33 requires health insurers to provide no cost-sharing coverage for prostate cancer screenings for high-risk men aged 40 and above. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

[HB 52](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb52/00_IN/pdf/) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Kellie Deeter (R), HB 52 allows certified registered nurse anesthetists to perform nursing care activities in consultation with a physician rather than under direct supervision, including administering anesthesia. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Committee.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

[HB 433](https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/text/PDF/2025/0/HB0433/PN0406) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Gina Curry (D), HB 433 expands insurance coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging necessary to evaluate abnormalities detected during screening. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Insurance Committee.

**RHODE ISLAND**

[H 5296](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText25/HouseText25/H5296.pdf) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Ramon Perez (D), H 5296 requires health care providers to provide appropriate medical care to a born-alive infant as the result of the performance of an abortion; violations can result in felony charges, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or a fine of up to $250,000. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[H 5302](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText25/HouseText25/H5302.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative David Morales (D), H 5302 caps the total amount an insured patient must pay for a covered prescription device or equipment to $25 dollars per 30-day supply. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[SB 116](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText25/SenateText25/S0116.pdf) – Step-Therapy

Introduced by Senator Linda Ujifusa (D), SB 116 mandates health insurers grant exceptions to step-therapy protocols when a drug is contraindicated, expected to cause adverse reactions, or has been previously ineffective; decisions regarding exception requests within 72 hours for non-urgent cases or 24 hours for urgent cases; if no decision is made, the request is presumed granted; mandates utilization review agents have the same licensure status as the ordering provider. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

[SB 158](https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/279176.pdf) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Sydney Davis (R), SB 158 requires a health insurer provide a health care profession an opportunity to discuss a treatment plan with a qualified physician before issuing an adverse determination questioning medical necessity; if a preauthorization request is approved at least 90% of the time over a twelve-month period, a health care professional can qualify for an exemption. The bill was filed in the Senate.

**TENNESSEE**

[SB 851](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/114/Bill/SB0851.pdf) – Medicaid

Introduced by Senator London Lamar (D), SB 851 authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. The bill was filed in the Senate and is pending introduction.

**TEXAS**

[SB 1084](https://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/89R/billtext/pdf/SB01084I.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Donna Campbell (R), SB 1084 mandates a patient receive notice of breast density information in mammography reports. The bill was filed in the Senate and is pending introduction.

**VERMONT**

[H 136](https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Docs/BILLS/H-0136/H-0136%20As%20Introduced.pdf) – Biomarker

Introduced by Representative Kate McCann (D), H 136 requires health insurers to provide coverage for biomarker testing. The bill was filed in the House.

**VIRGINIA**

[SB 1271](https://lis.blob.core.windows.net/files/1037061.PDF) – Workplace Violence

Introduced by Senator Russet Perry (D), SB 1271 classifies threats made orally to health care providers as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Courts of Justice Committee.

**WASHINGTON**

[HB 1780](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1780.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Matt Marshall (R), HB 1780 prohibits physician assistants and advanced practice nurses from using the title "doctor" in clinical settings. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Care and Wellness Committee.

[HB 1812](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1812.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative Alicia Rule (D), HB 1812 prohibits health insurers from placing time limits or reimbursement caps on coverage for anesthesia. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Care and Wellness Committee.

[HB 1848](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1848.pdf) – Trauma Funding

Introduced by Representative Beth Doglio (D), HB 1848 increases the fees from traffic violations from $5 to $10 which then go to the traumatic brain injury account. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Early Learning and Human Services Committee.

[SB 5629](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5629.pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator Paul Harris (R), SB 5629 mandates health insurers provide coverage for prosthetic limbs and custom orthotic braces. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Long-Term Care Committee.