HOW DID YOUR LEGISLATOR VOTE?

Hundreds of bills are introduced each legislative session with a large percentage devoted to health care issues. The decisions legislators make relating to these issues have a significant impact on the practice of medicine. As the only statewide association that represents all physicians and patients before the Kentucky General Assembly, the Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) maintains a strong physical presence in Frankfort each year, and is dedicated to advocating on behalf of its membership in order to protect the practice of medicine in Kentucky and to ensure patients have the access to care that they deserve.

As a part of its advocacy efforts, KMA strives to provide its members with information regarding actions taken by the Kentucky General Assembly. Toward that end, KMA is supplying members a legislative voting record that was compiled from the 2016 Regular Session. The voting record indicates how members of the General Assembly voted on bills designated as key pieces of legislation by KMA. While the General Assembly addressed a myriad of health care-related issues during the most recent session, the voting record only includes legislative items that received a floor vote by the House and/or Senate. Additionally, please note that the

*Denotes Passage of Bill

original language of a bill is typically amended during the legislative process and may have various iterations. Therefore, the bills included in the voting record are based on their final form. For your reference, the voting record also includes KMA's corresponding position on the issues.

A brief description of the aforementioned bills is provided below. However, if you would like to review the actual language of these bills, simply visit the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission's home page at www.lrc.ky.gov for further information.





<u>Maintenance of Certification</u>: Ensures that state licensure for physicians would not be dependent on certification or recertification by national specialty or certification organizations.

SB 31

<u>'I'm Sorry' Legislation</u>: Prohibits a doctor's expression of sympathy, compassion or benevolence from being used as evidence in medical malpractice cases.

SB 18*

Fair Contracting: Requires insurers to follow a new set of procedures before changing an existing agreement with a provider.

SB 66

<u>Peer Review</u>: Protects the confidentiality of physician peer reviews intended to help hospitals and other health care organizations improve the quality of care provided to patients.

SB 19*

KBML Appointments: Stipulates that appointees to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure would come from a list of names submitted by KMA.

SB 134*

Biosimilars: Updates the Kentucky Pharmacy Practice Act to allow Kentucky pharmacists the ability to dispense less expensive biologic medications to patients by allowing substitution of an interchangeable biosimilar. This legislation requires pharmacists to notify the prescribing physician about the substitution.



<u>Medicaid Appeals Process</u>: Establishes an appeals process for denied Medicaid claims within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

HB 196

Tanning Beds: Prohibits anyone under age 18 from using a tanning device at a tanning facility but would provide an exemption for medical use.

SENATE		Maintenance of Certification	Fair Contracting	KBML Appointments	Medicaid Appeals Process	'l'm Sorry' Legislation	Peer Review	Biosimilars
	BILL NUMBER	SB 17	SB 18	SB 19	SB 20	SB 31	SB 66	SB 134
	POSITION IP - No Position, Did Not Vote)	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
Adams, Julie	R-Louisville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Alvarado, Ralph	R-Winchester	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Bowen, Joe	R-Owensboro	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Buford, Tom	R-Nicholasville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Carpenter, Jared	R-Berea	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Carroll, Danny	R-Paducah	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Carroll, Julian	D-Frankfort	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ
Clark, Perry	D-Louisville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Embry, C.B.	R-Morgantown	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Gibson, Carroll	R-Leitchfield	Υ	-	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Girdler, Chris	R-Somerset	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Givens, David	R-Greensburg	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Harper Angel, Denise	D-Louisville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Harris, Ernie	R-Prospect	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Higdon, Jimmy	R-Lebanon	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Hornback, Paul	R-Shelbyville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Humphries, Stan	R-Cadiz	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Jones, Ray	D-Pikeville	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ
Kerr, Alice	R-Lexington	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
McDaniel, Chris	R-Taylor Mill	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
McGarvey, Morgan	D-Louisville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Neal, Gerald	D-Louisville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Parrett, Dennis	D-Elizabethtown	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Ridley, Dorsey	D-Henderson	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ
Robinson, Albert	R-London	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Schickel, John	R-Union	Υ	N	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Schroder, Wil	R-Wilder	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Seum, Dan	R-Fairdale	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Smith, Brandon	R-Hazard	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Stivers, Robert	R-Manchester	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	-
Thayer, Damon	R-Georgetown	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Thomas, Reginald	D-Lexington	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Turner, Johnny	D-Prestonsburg	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
Webb, Robin	D-Grayson	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ
West, Steve	R-Paris	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Westerfield, Whitney	R-Hopkinsville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Wilson, Mike	R-Bowling Green	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Wise, George "Max"	R-Campbellsville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ

House		Maintenance of Certification	Fair Contracting SB 18	KBML Appointments SB 19	Medicaid Appeals Process SB 20	Biosimilars SB 134	Tanning Beds HB 196
HOUSE	BILL NUMBER	SB 17					
KM	IA POSITION	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
	e, NP - No Position, Did Not Vote)						
Adkins, Rocky Bechler, Lynn	D-Sandy Hook R-Marion	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y N
Belcher, Linda	D-Shepherdsville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bell, Johnny	D-Glasgow	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
Benvenuti, Robert Bratcher, Kevin	R-Lexington R-Louisville	- Y	Y -	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y
Brown, George	D-Lexington	Υ Y	- Y	Υ Y	Ϋ́Υ	Υ	N Y
Bunch, Regina	R-Williamsburg	Y	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y	Ϋ́	N
Burch, Thomas	D-Louisville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Butler, Denver Carney, John	R-Louisville R-Campbellsville	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y N
Clark, Larry	D-Louisville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Collins, Hubert	D-Wittensville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Combs, Leslie	D-Pikeville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Couch, Tim Coursey, Will	R-Hyden D-Symsonia	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
Crimm, Ron	R-Louisville	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	N
DeCesare, Jim	R-Bowling Green	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Denham, Mike DeWeese, Bob	D-Maysville R-Louisville	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
Donohue, Jeffery	D-Fairdale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dossett, Myron	R-Pembroke	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
DuPlessis, Jim	R-Elizabethtown	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	N
Elliott, Daniel	R-Gravel Switch	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	- N
Fischer, Joseph Flood, Kelly	R-Fort Thomas D-Lexington	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	N Y
Floyd, David	R-Bardstown	-	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y	-	-
Glenn, Jim	D-Owensboro	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
Gooch, Jim	R-Providence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Graham, Derrick Greer, Jeff	D-Frankfort D-Brandenburg	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
Hale, David	R-Wellington	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Harris, Chris	D-Forest Hills	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Heath, Richard	R-Mayfield	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Hoover, Jeff Horlander, Dennis	R-Jamestown D-Louisville	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
Howard, Cluster	D-Lodisville D-Jackson	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y
Imes, Kenny	R-Murray	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	N
Jenkins, Joni	D-Shively	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Kay, James	D-Versailles D-Wilder	Y	- Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
Keene, Dennis Kerr, Thomas	R-Taylor Mill	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Ϋ́Υ
King, Kim	R-Harrodsburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
King, Martha	D-Lewisburg	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y
Koenig, Adam	R-Erlanger	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Lee, Stan Linder, Brian	R-Lexington R-Dry Ridge	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N N
Marzian, Mary	D-Louisville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mayfield, Donna	R-Winchester	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
McKee, Thomas	D-Cynthiana	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Meade, David Meeks, Reginald	R-Stanford D-Louisville	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
Meredith, Michael	R-Brownsville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N
Meyer, Russ	D-Nicholasville	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Miles, Suzanne	R-Owensboro	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
Miller, Charles	D-Louisville R-Louisville	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y
Miller, Jerry Mills, Terry	D-Lebanon	Y	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Y	N Y
Moffett, Phil	R-Louisville	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	N
Montell, Brad	R-Shelbyville	Υ	-	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
Moore, Tim Nelson, Rick	R-Elizabethtown D-Middlesboro	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
Nicholls, Lew	D-Middlesboro D-Greenup	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	- -
Osborne, David	R-Prospect	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y	Ϋ́	N
Overly, Sannie	D-Paris	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
Owens, Darryl	D-Louisville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Palumbo, Ruth Rader, Marie	D-Lexington R-McKee	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y N
Rand, Rick	D-Bedford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Richards, Jody	D-Bowling Green	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
Riggs, Steven	D-Louisville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riner, Tom Rowland, Bart	D-Louisville R-Tompkinsville	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y N
Rudy, Steven	R-Paducah	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Santoro, Sal	R-Florence	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
Schamore, Dean	D-Hardinsburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Shell, Jonathan Short, John	R-Lancaster D-Mallie	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
Simpson, Arnold	D-Maille D-Covington	Y	Υ Υ	Υ Υ	Y	Y	Υ Υ
Sinnette, Kevin	D-Ashland	Y	Ϋ́	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Smart, Rita	D-Richmond	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
St. Onge, Diane Steele, Fitz	R-Lakeside Park D-Hazard	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
Steele, Fitz Stewart, Jim	D-Hazard R-Flat Lick	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N
Stone, Wilson	D-Scottsville	Y	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Y
Stumbo, Greg	D-Prestonsburg	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y
Tackett, Chuck	D-Georgetown	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Taylor, Jeff Thompson, Tommy	D-Hopkinsville D-Owensboro	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	- Y
Tipton, James	R-Tayorsville	Y	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Y N
Turner, Tommy	R-Somerset	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
Upchurch, Kenneth	R-Monticello	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Watkins, David	D-Henderson	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y
Watkins, Gerald Wayne, Jim	D-Paducah D-Louisville	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
Webber, Russell	R-Shepherdsville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westrom, Susan	D-Lexington	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Wuchner, Addia	R-Florence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yonts, Brent York, Jill	D-Greenville R-Grayson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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