



**Ohio Podiatric Medical Association
December 2, 2011**

Legislative Update

HB 259 ALTERNATIVE HEALTH (Adams, J., Yuko, K.) Regarding the provision of complementary or alternative health services. Am. 4759.02 and to enact sections 4783.01 to 4783.05

COMMITTEE HEARING in House (12/7/2011)

COMMITTEE HEARING in House (9/21/2011)

COMMITTEE HEARING in House (9/14/2011)

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE in House (6/15/2011) Health & Aging

INTRODUCED in House (6/14/2011)

HB 318 PRIMARY ELECTION (Blessing, L.) To revise the process for becoming a candidate for nomination for the office of President of the United States, to establish a separate primary election on June 12, 2012, for nominating candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, candidates for the office of member of the United States House of Representatives, candidates for at-large delegate and alternate to the national convention of a major political party, and candidates for district delegate and alternate to the national convention of a major political party, to eliminate the August special election in 2012, to permit political subdivisions and taxing authorities to conduct a special election on the day of the June 12, 2012, primary election, and to make an appropriation. Am. 3513.121

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR in House (10/21/2011) 55-36

PASSED in Senate (10/20/2011) 20-10 Earlier REPORTED-SUBSTITUTE

COMMITTEE HEARING in Senate (10/19/2011) --Canceled

COMMITTEE HEARING in Senate (9/21/2011) --Scheduled but not heard

COMMITTEE HEARING in Senate (9/20/2011)

PASSED in House (9/15/2011) 63-28 (Emergency clause failed)

COMMITTEE HEARING in House (9/14/2011) REPORTED (Set for Thursday, Sept. 15 Calendar, see separate story)

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED in House (9/13/2011) State Government & Elections

Emerging Issues:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency- Infectious Waste Reform

Looking Ahead:

Mid-Biennium Budget Review (MBR)

Session Calendar



Proposed Infectious Waste Regulatory Reform

Background

Since 1988, Ohio EPA has regulated the generation, treatment, packaging, storage, transportation, and disposal of infectious waste in the state. Since that time, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has promulgated regulations for the storage and management of infectious waste (1991) while the Department of Transportation (DOT) has promulgated regulations for the labeling, packaging and transportation of infectious waste (2002). This has resulted in dual and duplicative regulation and oversight of infectious waste generators and transporters.

Ohio EPA has evaluated its statute and regulations regarding the generation, treatment, packaging, storage, transportation, and disposal of infectious waste in light of OSHA and DOT's regulations and has identified several areas where we can streamline our regulations, specifically in the management of infectious waste prior to and during transportation, while still maintaining a program protective to human health and the environment. The following is a summary of the proposed infectious waste regulatory program in Ohio:

Notification / Registration of Infectious Waste Generators

- Each infectious waste generator location will be required to notify Ohio EPA of their status as an infectious waste generator regardless of amount of infectious waste they generate.
- Each infectious waste generator will be required to update their notification when information changes or at least biennially.
- Notifications will require the payment of a processing fee, except for small generators (those who generate less than 50lbs/month).

Management of Infectious Waste

- An infectious waste generator must segregate infectious waste from solid waste once generated.
- An infectious waste generator must ensure their infectious waste is lawfully treated and disposed.

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Transportation of Infectious Waste

- If not treated on-site, each infectious waste generator's waste must be transported off-site in accordance with USDOT/PUCO requirements.
- Infectious waste must be treated before being disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

Treatment of Infectious Waste

- Infectious waste treatment facilities will remain subject to permitting and licensing requirements under Ohio Revised Code 3734.

Liability Associated with the Management of Infectious Waste

- Infectious waste generators who violate any of the Ohio infectious waste rules will remain liable for any damage or injury caused by the violation and for the costs of rectifying the violation and conditions caused by the violation in addition to any civil penalties or criminal fines.
- Infectious waste transporters shall not accept for transportation or for treatment, storage, or disposal any infectious waste whose generator has violated any of the Ohio infectious waste rules.
- Anyone who accepts for treatment, storage, or disposal any infectious waste and who violates any of the infectious waste rules will remain liable for any damage or injury caused by the violation and for the costs of rectifying the violation and conditions caused by the violation in addition to any civil penalties or criminal fines.

SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE – FIRST HALF OF 2012

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, SESSION TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAYS 1:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS 1:30 P.M. THURSDAYS 11 A.M.

January

January 10 – Session
January 11 – Session
January 12 – Committee Hearings

January 18 – Session
January 19 – Committee Hearings

January 24 – Session
January 25 – Session
January 26 – Committee Hearings

January 31 – Session

February

February 1 – Session
February 2 – Committee Hearings

February 7 – Session
February 8 – Session

February 14 – Session
February 15 – Session

March

March 13 – Session
March 14 – Session
March 15 – Committee Hearings

March 20 – Session
March 21 – Session
March 22 – Committee Hearings

March 27 - Session
March 28 - Session
March 29 - Committee Hearings

April

April 17 - Session
April 18 - Session
April 19 - Committee Hearings

April 24 - Session
April 25 - Session
April 26 - Committee Hearings

May

May 1 - Session
May 2 - Session
May 3 - Committee Hearings

May 8 - Session
May 9 - Session
May 10 - Committee Hearings

May 15 - Session
May 16 - Session
May 17 - Session (if needed)

May 22 - Session
May 23 - Session
May 24 - Session (if needed)

May 29 - Session (if needed)
May 30 - Session (if needed)

June

June 5 - Session (if needed)
June 6 - Session (if needed)

June 12 - Session (if needed)
June 13 - Session (if needed)