

MassBio Legislative Priorities 2011-2012

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Patient Access/Coupon Bill/Co-pay Assistance

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Comm Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 273	An Act Relative to Prescription Transfer Coupons	Rep Basile			
HB 1216	Act Relative to Manufacturer's Coupons and Rebates	Rep Sullivan, Canessa			
HB 2383	An Act Relative to Manufacturer's Coupons and Rebates	Rep Sullivan			
HB 2352	An Act Relative to Prescription Drug Coupons	Rep Jones			
HD 1526	An act relative to the substitution of Generic Drugs	Galvin (also in price controls section)			
SB 1107	Relative to prescription drug rebates	Hedlund			
SB 548	Relative to manufacturer rebates and discount programs	Rodrigues			

Gift Ban, Restaurant Rejuvenation

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 1504	An act concerning restaurant rejuvenation	Michlewitz			
HB 2903	Relative to restaurant rejuvenation	Pedone			
SB 1849	Relative to restaurant rejuvenation	Petrucelli			
SB 515	An act making technical corrections to health care	Montigny			

	practitioner and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer conduct				
HD 1441					

In Relation to Prescription Data

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 1497	Prohibiting the use of prescriber-identifiable data for marketing purposes	Kulik			
HB 2356	Relative to electronic prescriptions	Jones			
SB 483	Relative to electronic prescribing	Brewer			
SB 167	To clarify and enhance privacy protections for electronic health records	Pacheco			
SB 1858	Prohibiting the use of prescriber-identifiable data for marketing purposes	Montigny			
SB 1575	Act enhancing access to electronic public records	Eldridge			
SB 530	Protecting the confidentiality of patient prescription records	R Moore			

Taxes/Research and Development/Economic Development

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 1725	An act to exempt medicines from the sales tax	Torrissi			
HB 1682	An act updating the research and development tax credit	Dempsey			
HB 1709	Relative to sales tax on certain medications	K Murphy			

HB 2080	An act to promote economic development in the Commonwealth	Bradley			
HB 611	An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research	Poirier			
HB 3205	Relative to biofuels production tax credit	Jones			
HB 2095	Providing for further expansion of the Life Sciences Industry in the Commonwealth	Koutoujian			
HB 2501	To enhance the MA investment tax credit	Dempsey			
HB2502	To establish single sales factor apportionment for all MA corporations	Dempsey			
HB 2565	To promote transparency in economic development	Sciortino			
SB 1477	Relative to tax credits for prescription drugs	Knapik			
SB 232	To improve STEM education in the Commonwealth	Spilka			
SB 165	Relative to plant relocation	Pacheco			
SB 1532	Relative to corporate taxes	Tarr			
SB 171	Increase research and development in emerging industries	Tarr			
SB 172	Relative to jobs creation in the commonwealth	Tarr			
SB 1536	Relative to expanding the investment tax credit	Tarr			
SB 151	Clarifying chapter 111L – biotechnology	Creem			
SB 1487	Establishing a health care electronic prescribing tax	R Moore			

	credit				

Healthcare/Providing Care

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 320	An Act providing for care and treatment of patients with mitochondrial disease	Scibak			
HB 322	An Act relative to pre-authorization of medical and health care services	Scibak			
HB 345	Relative to health care affordability.	Scibak			
HB 332	An Act to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services	Walsh			
HB 279	To enable the formation of accountable care organizations	Costello			
HB 582	Relative to annual immunization against influenza for children	Aguiar			
HB 175	Relative to Asthma screening	Walsh			
HB 348	Establishing the Massachusetts childhood vaccine program	Wolf			
HB 1517	An act to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth	Sanchez			
HB 1498	To promote prevention and wellness through a public health trust	Lewis			
HB 1228	An act to establish a public health insurance option	Lewis			
HB 1524	Relative to improving asthma in schools	Sanchez			
HB 1237	Relative to containing health care costs in the Commonwealth	Stanley			
HD 2064	Act to reduce healthcare costs by promoting provider education through	Lewis			

	Academic Detailing				
HB 2354	Relative to suspending prescription drug coverage from Minimum Credible Coverage	Jones			
HB 2336	Further regulating early childhood immunizations	Bradley			
HB 2093	Reducing health care cost trends	Kafka			
HB 2386	Requiring the dept. of public health to implement a provider choice system for certain vaccines	Walsh			
HB 2087	Healthcare expense lowering plan act (HELP)	Hunt			
HB 2100	Relative to an affordable health plan	Stanley			
HB 2814	Increase access to vaccines	Collins			
HD 3399	Relative to minimum requirements from municipal health plan coverage	Arciero			
SB 554	Relative to mandatory prescription drug coverage	Tarr			
SB 285	Establishing a special commission to promote prescription pharmaceutical affordability in the Commonwealth	Rosenberg			
SB 1116	To encourage quality reviews and reduce costs in health care	Kennedy			
SB 441	Relative to an affordable health plan	M Moore			
SB 1105	To ensure quality, affordability and access to primary and preventive health care, to eliminate health disparities, and to enhance economic growth through the Commonwealth	Hart			
SB 516	Promoting accountability in the MassHealth program	Montigny			
SB 451	To improve affordability of health care	Pacheco			
SB 518	Shared responsibility in health reform	Montigny			
SB 511	To encourage preventative care	Jehlen			
SB 423	Relative to reducing the cost of health care	Flanagan			

SB 1165	Reducing health care cost trends	Rush			
SB 503	Establishing the MA childhood vaccines program	Fargo			
SB 1096	Ensure the availability of medications in time of emergency	Fargo			
SB 529	MA childhood vaccine program and MA immunization registry	R Moore			
SB 466	To promote health care cost containment through select and tiered network plans	Rush			
SB 531	Reforming the administration of health care	R Moore			
SB 419	Promote health care cost containment through select and tiered network plans	Downing			
SB 1150	Improve the delivery of health care	R Moore			
SB 1106	Increase access to vaccines	Hart			
SB 1084	Relative to improving provider choice in the administration of childhood immunizations	Clark			
SB 289	To protect public health	Tarr			

Pharmaceuticals in the Environment/Return of Prescription Drugs

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 620	Providing for health care facilities and hospice programs to return certain unused pharmaceutical drugs	Scibak			
HB 839	Relative to the procurement of wastewater treatment and disposal services				
HB 266	An Act to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse, and recycling of discarded electronic products	Straus			

HB 232	To require producer responsibility for collection and recycling of discarded electronic products	Koczera			
HB 595	Relative to returning prescription medication to pharmacies	Koczera			
HB 1165	An act further regulating hazardous and toxic material	Sullivan			
HB 2759	Regulating the disposal of prescription medication	Walsh			
HB 1151	Amending the toxics use reduction act	Peterson			
HB 2359	Relative to prescription drug waste	Jones			
HD 2392	Relative to drug disposal by mail	Golden			
HB 2360	Relative to protecting children from Bisphenol-A	Jones			
HB 2364	Providing for unused medication return by health care facilities	Kafka			
HD 2932	Relative to safe disposal of prescription drugs	Miceli			
HB 2021	Protecting school children from environmental toxins	Provost			
HD 3173	Provide clear expiration date and method of proper disposal methods of medication	Holmes			
HB 2743	To require producer responsibility for collection, reuse, and recycling of discarded electronic products	Alicea			
SB 352	To require producer responsibility for collection, reuse, and recycling of discarded electronic products	Eldridge			
SB 382	Protect children from bisphenol-A	Spilka			
SB 397	For a competitive economy through safer alternatives to toxic	Tolman			

	chemicals				
SB 1487	Establishing a health care electronic prescribing tax credit	R Moore			
SB 1081	Encourage the recycling of unused medications	Chandler			
SB 1089	To prevent harmful chemicals from contaminating the water supply	Eldridge			

Prescription Drug Safety

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 617	An Act relative to the safe dispensing of pain management medication	Scibak			
HB 634	An Act relative to the sale of hypodermic needles	Webster			
HB 589	Relative to Oxycontin and other Schedule II controlled substances	deMacedo			
HB 626	An Act requiring legible pharmaceutical orders and prescriptions	Smola			
HB 2865	Criminalizing the possession of ingredients for manufactured drugs	Walsh			
HB 1467	Relative to needlestick injury prevention in public health facilities and settings	Canavan			
HB 1433	Relative to substance abuse treatment	Spiliotis			
HD 2198	Relative to responsible prescription prescribing	Golden Jr.			
HB 2365	Improve the safety of prescriptions	Kafka			

HB 2905	Relative to reporting on health effects of particulate matter	Provost			
SB 1156D 606	To ensure safe medication administration	Pacheco			
SB 290	Relative to prior authorizations of prescription medications	Tolman			
SB 1000	Prohibit abuse of prescription drugs prescription	Tolman			

Pharmacy

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 616	Act further regulating pharmacists	Reinstein			
HB 2090	Establishing the state pharmacy council	Jones Jr			
HB 2362	Relative to the definition of a pharmacy	Kafka			
HD 3517	Increasing transparency by pharmacy benefits managers	Scibak			
SB 1101	Establishing a voluntary rehab program for pharmacist and pharmacy interns	Flanagan			
SB 458	Regulating pharmacy audits	Rodrigues			
SB 1097	Providing for pharmacist administration of adult immunizations	Fargo			

Agriculture and Green Biotechnology

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HD 208	An Act Relative to agricultural lands	Straus			
HB 1838	An act relative to agricultural crop and property destruction	Schmid			
HB 3205	Relative to biofuels production tax credit	Jones			
HB2501	To enhance the MA investment tax credit	Dempsey			
SB 171	Increase research and development in emerging industries	Tarr			
SB 1536	Relative to expanding the investment tax credit	Tarr			
SB 172	Relative to jobs creation in the commonwealth	Tarr			
SB 397	For a competitive economy through safer alternatives to toxic chemicals	Tolman			
HB 262	An Act to Authorize the Department of Food and Agriculture to expend a certain sum of money for integrated pest management and control of invasive plants	Straus			
HB 887	An Act Relative to a Renewable Energy Generation Fund	Straus			

Other/General (also including non-competes)

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 619	An Act providing for the establishment and operation of a drug repository program	Scibak			
HB 621	An Act providing for the establishment and operation of a cancer drug repository	Scibak			

	program				
HB 251	Relative to Mercury added thermostats	Smizik			
HB 342	Relative to Prescription Drugs	Sannicandro			
HB 182	An act to ensure MA elderly citizens to be notified of health programs available to them	Mariano			
HB 1146	Relative to mercury management	Pedone			
HB 1521	An act to ensure transparency in prescription drug practices in the Commonwealth	Sanchez			
HB 2293	Relative to noncompetition agreements	Ehrlich			
HB 2344	Relative to prescription drugs	Fennell			
HB 2296	Relative to the prohibition of noncompetition agreements	Harrington			
HB 2340	To repeal the medical peer review statute	Bradley			
HB 2751	Relative to mercury management	Fresolo			
SB 262	Relative to psychotropic medications	Baddour			
SB 1070	Relative to oral cancer therapy	Brewer			
SB 467	Relative to women's health and cancer recovery	Spilka			
SB 515	Making technical corrections to health care practitioner and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer conduct	Montigny			
SB 517	Relative to coverage for chronic illness	Montigny			
SB 518	Shared responsibility in health reform	Montigny			
SB 280	Protect against unfair prescription drug practices	Montigny			

SB 555	Expanding managed care to all Medicaid recipients	Tarr			
SB 455	Reforming insurance prescription fee practices	Petrucci			
SB 360	Mercury added lamps	McGee			

Price Controls/Single Payor/Purchasing

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Initial Committee Referral	Hearing Date	Current Status
HB 618	An Act to require health care entities to participate in the 340B prescription drug discount program	Scibak			
HD 1526	An act relative to the substitution of Generic Drugs	Galvin			
SB 501	Act establishing Medicare for all in Massachusetts	Eldridge			
SB 277	Restoring Medicare Part D safety net prescription drug coverage for seniors and the disabled	Montigny			
SB 512	Promote Medicaid generic drug competition and savings	Joyce			

Sales and Marketing

