

DDOH ATTENDEES MAKE AN IMPACT IN TALLAHASSEE!



On Tuesday, Feb. 4, more than 125 dentists, dental students and spouses were in Tallahassee for this year's *Dentists' Day on the Hill (DDOH)*. Attendees stayed busy during this year's legislative visits, which included participating in the Florida Dental Association (FDA) press conference held at the Capitol to roll out the five-year progress report for *Florida's Action for Dental Health (FADH)* and being present in a Senate committee that was scheduled to hear the dental therapy legislation. The DDOH attendees who also are FDA Political Action Committee (FDAPAC) Century Club members

enjoyed a complimentary dinner to thank them for their continued support of the FDA's legislative and political advocacy.

The FDA thanks Mrs. Jerilyn Bird and the Alliance of the FDA for their continued commitment to support the efforts of *DDOH*. It was evident that everyone in attendance was in unison as *DDOH* attendees advocated for funding for the FDA budget priorities, which included the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program, the *Donated Dental Services* Program and community water fluoridation. There also was uniform support to reinstate the health access dental license, which was repealed on Jan. 1, 2020. This license would allow out-of-state licensed dentists to practice in Florida only in public health access settings to help increase access to dental care in rural and underserved areas.

If you've never attended *DDOH*, the FDA encourages you to sign up for next year's event. Mark your calendar for the 2021 *DDOH*, scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, celebrating **25 years of advocacy and beyond!**

Click [here](#) for a save-the-date flyer.



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FDAPAC CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS WHO REGISTERED FOR DDOH!





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Century Club Members

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FLORIDA'S ACTION FOR DENTAL HEALTH FIVE-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

The FDA rolled-out the five-year progress report for *FADH* this week at the Capitol. Click [here](#) to view the press release.

In 2014, the FDA launched *FADH* as a comprehensive report, outlining objectives and strategies designed to improve the oral health and resulting overall health of all Floridians. With the help of partners and stakeholders, the FDA has been successful in getting initiatives approved to help increase access to dental care around the state. For a copy of the *FADH* five-year progress report, please click [here](#). For an updated copy of *FADH*, please click [here](#).

HEALTH ACCESS DENTAL LICENSE

CS/HB 1461 by Rep. Kamia Brown (D-Orlando) passed out of the House Health & Human Services Committee on Thursday, Feb. 6. The bill reinstates the health access dental license that allows for out-of-state dentists to practice in Florida, specifically in under-served health access settings. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No.1](#). Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document. **CS/HB 1461** is now eligible to be heard on the House floor. **CS/SB 1296** by Sen. Lori Berman (D-Boynton Beach) is in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

● URGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VOTE NO ON DENTAL THERAPY LEGISLATION!

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee temporarily postponed the dental therapy legislation by Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg), **SB 152**. Feb. 4 also was *DDOH* with more than 125 dentists, dental students and spouses at the Capitol ready to oppose **SB 152**.

The Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet again next Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., and **SB 152** is on the agenda to be considered.

The FDA opposes **SB 152**, which would authorize an individual right out of high school with three years of dental therapy training to perform irreversible surgical procedures. These procedures could include extractions, partial root canals and the administration of local anesthesia, just to name a few.

Proponents of the dental therapy legislation state that they will treat people that dentists are refusing to treat. Statements like this are so far from the truth and should not justify subjecting people to a lesser-trained individual to perform surgery on them. All Floridians deserve to be treated by comprehensively trained dentists, who will be doing more than treating teeth — dentists are trained to treat their patients' overall health.

Please note: This legislation was considered by this same committee during the 2019 Legislative Session. The legislation was temporarily postponed at that time because there wasn't enough support to pass the bill out of committee.

To view the hearing of the dental therapy legislation in the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee from last year, click [here](#) (consideration of the bill starts at **39:20** in the video).

To hear remarks from senators who did not support the bill last year, go to these specific timestamps:

- ▶ Sen. Gayle Harrell (1:39:05)
- ▶ Sen. Victor Torres (1:47:17)
- ▶ Sen. Tom Wright (1:49:28)
- ▶ Sen. Debbie Mayfield (1:49:56)

Please click on the names below to contact the members on the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and urge them to **VOTE NO on SB 152**:

[Sen. Lauren Book \(D-Plantation\), chair](#)

[Sen. Debbie Mayfield \(R-Melbourne\), vice chair](#)

[Sen. Aaron Bean \(R-Jacksonville\)](#)

[Sen. Gayle Harrell \(R-Stuart\)](#)

[Sen. Kevin Rader \(D-Boca Raton\)](#)

[Sen. Victor Torres \(D-Kissimmee\)](#)

[Sen. Tom Wright \(R-Port Orange\)](#)

● FDA 2020 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES SHEET AVAILABLE ONLINE



In an effort to keep you informed of any new issues that may impact dentistry or where the FDA's bills are in the committee process, the FDA's 2020 Legislative Issues Sheet will be updated weekly throughout session. To view the FDA's 2020 Legislative Issues Sheet, click [here](#). *Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document.*

● SUPPORT FDA BUDGET PRIORITIES

This week, the House and Senate passed their respective budget proposals to set the stage for the budget conference process to begin. At this time, the budget does not include any of the FDA's budget priorities.

Contact key members of the Legislature and urge them to support funding for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program and the *Donated Dental Services* Program, within the Department of Health (DOH)

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budget, at approximately \$773,000 for both programs and community water fluoridation, within the DOH budget, at \$200,000.

- ▶ **Chair, House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee**
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Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park)
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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

On Thursday, Feb. 6, **HB 707** by Rep. Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast) was approved by the House Health & Human Services Committee. This legislation would place a sunset review provision in law to require the statute or regulation of more than 100 professions and occupations, including dentistry, to either expire, cease, change, improve or be reduced in regulation. The FDA does not support this legislation, which could have unintended consequences. **HB 707** now heads to the House Appropriations Committee. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No. 1](#). Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document. **SB 1124** by Sen. Manny Diaz (R-Hialeah) has not been considered in the Senate.

DENTAL-RELATED ISSUES ADDRESSED IN DOH BILL

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed **CS/SB 230** by Sen. Gayle Harrell (R-Stuart) on Wednesday, Feb. 5. This is the comprehensive Department of Health (DOH) bill containing many different health care issues, including the following dental-related issues supported by the FDA:

- ▶ clarifies the definition for supplemental general dentistry programs
- ▶ removes Florida-licensed dentist requirement for dental examiners
- ▶ codifies in law rules on the reporting of adverse incidents
- ▶ clarifies the definition of dental laboratories
- ▶ changes dental inspections to once each biennial (instead of once every year)
- ▶ reinstates the health access dental license

An amendment was adopted to **CS/SB 230** to make the law effective for the health access dental license retroactive to Jan. 1, 2020. There was another amendment adopted to the bill that would add language to address health care practitioners who failed to repay their student loans or failed to meet their scholarship obligations. The amendment would repeal a section of law that authorizes the DOH to obtain information necessary from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (now the U.S. Department of Education) to navigate and prosecute health care practitioners for failing to repay a student loan or comply with scholarship service obligations. Additionally, the amendment deletes the requirement for the DOH to notify a practitioner whose student loan is in default, of the DOH's intent to suspend his or her license if the practitioner does not provide proof that new payment terms have been agreed upon by all parties to the loan. **CS/SB 230** now heads to the Senate Rules Committee. The House companion, **CS/713** by Rep. Ana Maria Rodriguez (R-Doral), is in the House Health & Human Services Committee awaiting consideration.

● SELF-ADMINISTERED DENTAL IMPRESSIONS

Do-it-yourself (DIY) dentistry and direct-to-consumer dental products are becoming more prevalent and more accessible to the public as they look for options outside of traditional dental care. The FDA and the American Dental Association (ADA) are working to educate the public on the risks of undergoing dental treatment without the expert care of a dentist or specialist.

HB 1319 by Rep. Will Robinson (R-Bradenton) passed out of the House Health Quality Subcommittee on Monday, Feb. 3, with a strike-all amendment. The bill's original language authorized dentists to order physical impression materials for self-administration by a patient and authorized dental hygienists to perform intraoral and extraoral photography under the general supervision of a dentist. The amendment adopted narrowed the bill to make it permissible for a dentist to order physical impression materials for self-administration by a patient for the purpose of fabricating an orthodontic appliance. The FDA addressed the committee to express concerns around codifying anything in law to legitimize DIY dentistry. Without requiring patients to see a dentist for an examination and X-rays before engaging in direct-to-consumer products, patients could be left with a false sense of security which could result in their oral health being worse than when they started. **HB 1319** will now head to the House Health & Human Services Committee for consideration. At this time, there is no Senate companion bill filed.

● WREB LICENSURE EXAM

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, **HB 1273** by Rep. James Buchanan (R-North Port) passed out of the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee. This legislation will add the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) licensure exam to the Florida licensure process. Currently, Florida only accepts the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) licensure exam administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessment. This exam is accepted by every state except for Alaska, Delaware, Georgia and New York. ADEX also is accepted by Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. **HB 1273** now heads to the House Health & Human Services for consideration. **SB 1032** by Sen. Dennis Baxley (R-Lady Lake) is in the Senate Health Policy Committee.

● PRESCRIPTION DRUG DONATION REPOSITORY PROGRAM

CS/SB 58 by Sen. Lauren Book (D-Plantation) passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 5. This legislation creates the Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program housed in the DOH. The program enables the indigent, underinsured and uninsured to receive prescription drugs that have been donated to the program. It also permits entities, including dental offices, that are licensed to dispense medicinal drugs in Florida to participate in the program as a local repository. **CS/SB 58** is now eligible to be heard on the Senate floor. The House companion, **CS/HB 177** by Reps. Nick Duran (D-Miami) and Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville), has already passed off the House floor. The bills are not identical and have several differences, which will need to be aligned in order for the legislation to pass both chambers. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No.1](#). Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document.

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DISPENSING MEDICINAL DRUGS

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed **SB 100** by Sen. Harrell with an amendment. The bill authorizes individuals licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs, which includes dentists, to dispense a supply of the drug that will last for the greater of the following: up to 48 hours or a supply that would last through the end of the next business day to any patient of a hospital emergency department, including a discharged patient, that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy with a community pharmacy permit from the DOH. Additionally, the bill authorizes individuals licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense a 72-hour supply, rather than a 48-hour supply, during a declared state of emergency in that area, under certain conditions and further allows for drugs to be prescribed beyond the initial prescription period if the prescriber determines that such use is warranted. **SB 100** is now eligible to be heard on the Senate floor. The House companion, **HB 57** by Rep. Matt Willhite (D-Royal Palm Beach), passed out of the House Health & Human Services Committee on Thursday, Feb. 6. The bill is now eligible to be heard on the House floor.

NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES

On Thursday, Feb. 6, **HB 743** by Rep. Scott Plakon (R-Longwood) passed the House Health & Human Services Committee. The bill attempts to clarify current law relating to providing information on non-opioid alternatives to patients. **HB 743** is now eligible to be heard on the House floor. The Senate version, **SB 1080** by Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville) is waiting to be heard in the Senate Rules Committee. The Senate version differs from the House version as it allows the educational pamphlet on non-opioid alternatives to be given in person or in an electronic format. The House bill requires this pamphlet to be given only as a printed copy. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No. 1](#). Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document.

CONSULTANT PHARMACISTS

CS/HB 599 by Rep. Ana Maria Rodriguez (R-Doral) passed out of the House Health & Human Services Committee on Thursday, Feb. 6. The bill expands the consultant pharmacist's scope of practice by authorizing a consultant pharmacist to enter into a collaborative practice agreement to provide medication management services with a health care facility medical director or Florida-licensed allopathic physician, osteopathic physician, pediatric physician, or dentist for a variety of services and assessments. **CS/HB 599** is now eligible to be heard on the floor. An amendment was added to the bill clarifying that a consultant pharmacist may only provide these services or assessments for the patients of the health care practitioner with whom the consultant pharmacist has a collaborative practice agreement with. The Senate companion, **SB 1094** by Sen. Diaz, is awaiting consideration in the Senate Health Policy Committee. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No. 2](#). Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document.

NEW! MANDATORY CE COURSES

THE FDA OFFERS THESE MANDATORY COURSES REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AT A DISCOUNTED RATE FOR FDA MEMBERS.

OPIOID USE DISORDERS IN DENTAL PATIENTS

2 HOUR COURSE • DUE BY FEB. 28, 2020

New legislation (HB549) requires that all Florida licensed dentists, regardless of DEA licensing, must take a two-hour CE course on Prescribing Controlled Substances during license renewal beginning with the 2018-2020 biennium.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING A W A R E N E S S

1 HOUR COURSE • DUE BY JAN. 1, 2021

New legislation (HB 851) outlines several changes to human trafficking laws by creating a new requirement for various health care practitioners, including dentists and dental hygienists, to take a one-hour CE course on human trafficking by Jan. 1, 2021

GO TO LEARNING.FLORIDADENTAL.ORG TO ACCESS THESE COURSES.

PHYSICIAN REFERRALS

HB 955 by Rep. Jason Shoaf (R-Perry) passed the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Monday, Feb. 3. The bill requires all health care practitioners, including dentists, to provide written notice to their patients each time the provider refers a patient to another health care provider who is not in their patient's insurance network. The FDA does not support this legislation. **HB 955** now heads to the House Health & Human Services Committee for consideration. A similar bill has been filed by Sen. Doug Broxson (R-Pensacola), **SB 1884**. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No.1](#). *Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document.*

TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS

On Monday, Feb. 3, **CS/SB 810** by Sen. David Simmons (R-Longwood) passed the Senate Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee with an amendment. The bill seeks to create the Tobacco 21 Act, which will increase the minimum age an individual can possess tobacco products from age 18 to 21 and aligns state law to recent federal law regarding tobacco possession. The bill now heads to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration. For more information on this legislation, please refer to [Capital Report, Vol. 27, No.1](#). *Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this document.*

An amendment was added to **CS/SB 810** that removes the provision defining a "vapor-generating electronic device." To bring vaping under state regulation, a new collection of a \$50 regulatory fee would be required, which requires this provision of the bill to be in a separate bill. Language defining these devices, which includes electronic cigarettes, was added to **SB 1394 Fees/Tobacco Products** also by Sen. Simmons. This bill also passed out of the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee and now heads to the Senate Finance and Tax Committee for consideration.

REPEAL OF NO-FAULT LAW

HB 771 by Rep. Erin Grall (R-Vero Beach) passed out of the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee on Tuesday, Feb. 4. This legislation repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires owners of motor vehicles to maintain \$10,000 in Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. However, it provides continued enforcement of suspension, revocations, and anti-fraud measures for actions occurring under the No-Fault Law.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, the bill enacts proof of compliance with the financial responsibility requirements for liability for damages at the time of registration of a motor vehicle, instead of post-registration or at the time of an accident as is currently required. It requires minimum bodily injury (BI) coverage limit to \$20,000 per person and \$50,000 per incident. The bill retains the existing \$10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.

The bill requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage prior to issuing the policy, which the prospective insured may reject in writing. Coverage may be selected at \$45,000, \$10,000 or in amounts exceeding \$5,000. The insurer may offer deductibles up to \$500.

The bill provides for the transition of motor vehicle insurance policies issued prior to Jan. 1, 2021, from PIP requirements to BI requirements. In addition, insurers are required to provide their policy holders a notice describing the effect of the elimination of PIP and change to BI, by Sept. 1, 2020. The notice is subject to approval by the Office of Insurance Regulation.

The bill provides that resident relatives must be included in coverage provided by motor vehicle liability policies. It also allows insurers to exclude named individuals from coverage. It also allows exclusion of coverage of motor vehicles that are not identified on the policy, if an individual insured by the policy has owned the vehicle, or the temporary vehicle was furnished for regular use, for more than 30 consecutive days.

HB 771 now heads to the House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee. **SB 378** by Sen. Tom Lee (R-Brandon) is in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.

● BOARD OF DENTISTRY APPOINTMENTS

On Jan. 31, Gov. Ron DeSantis reappointed Dr. **Claudio Miro** and appointed Ms. Karyn Hill, RDH, to the Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD). The FDA congratulates Dr. Miro on his reappointment and Ms. Hill on her appointment to the BOD and looks forward to working with them in the future.

Ms. Hill replaces Mrs. Angie Brown, as one of the two hygiene members on the BOD. The FDA would like to thank Mrs. Brown for serving on the BOD. If you know her, please reach out to Mrs. Brown to thank her for working hard to protect the public and the integrity of dentistry in Florida.

● SURGEON GENERAL PASSES SECOND CONFIRMATION HEARING

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Senate Health Policy Committee unanimously approved the appointment of State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees. This is the second committee hearing for Dr. Rivkees, who was appointed by Gov. DeSantis last April. Dr. Rivkees must appear before one more Senate committee before heading to the full Senate for final confirmation. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the state surgeon general must be confirmed by a majority of the full Senate the session following the appointment date. If the Senate fails to confirm the appointment then by law, the appointee has one more session to become confirmed by the full Senate. Although Dr. Rivkees was appointed last April, the Legislature did not take up his confirmation during the 2019 Legislative Session. If the Senate fails to confirm Dr. Rivkees during the 2020 Legislative Session or decides to take no action on his confirmation for a second time, then he must vacate the office and cannot be eligible for reappointment until one year thereafter.

State Surgeon General Rivkees' confirmation now heads to the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee for consideration.

● GET TO KNOW THE FDA'S LCDS: DR. EVA ACKLEY

Why did you become a legislative contact dentist (LCD)?

I became an LCD because after serving on the Florida BOD, I realized that our legislators can have a strong influence on our profession. Florida Statutes dictate how we practice dentistry in the state of Florida.

What is your most memorable experience as an LCD?

Some of my most memorable experiences as an LCD have been the moments when I am having a conversation with a legislator, and they begin to realize the impact certain legislation could have on the quality of care for our patients. It's at these moments where I know I've made a difference. Another great moment was recently, when my legislator, Rep. Chris Sprowls, became designated to be the next Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

What is one piece of advice you would give to new LCDs?

Get to know your local legislators! Have as many face-to-face meetings with them as you can!



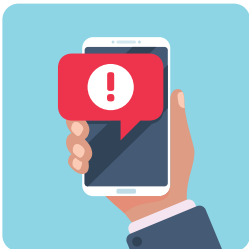
Drs. **Rodney Ackley**, **Eva Ackley**, **Rudy Liddell** and **Gerald Bird**, meet with Rep. Chris Sprowls (center) in the district.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1763, well before Florida became a state, it was split into two parts: East Florida and West Florida. East Florida's capital was located at St. Augustine and West Florida's capital was at Pensacola.

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The FDA has a text alert system to ensure FDA members have the most up-to-date information to act on legislative alerts. To enroll, text **"FDA" to 50457** and you will receive a text back to confirm your enrollment. You will only receive a text message when asked to act upon a certain legislative issue. Action alerts can range from asking your legislator to co-sponsor a bill, support/oppose certain legislation or thanking them for their vote on a bill.



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IMPORTANT DATES



License Renewal Deadline

- Friday, Feb. 28, 2020

2020 Legislative Session Ends

- Friday, March 13, 2020

2020 FLA-MOM

- April 24-25, 2020

GET INVOLVED TO PROTECT YOUR PROFESSION: LCDS NEEDED!

One of the easiest and most effective ways to become involved in the FDA and help protect your profession is to become a legislative contact dentist (LCD). An LCD is simply a dentist who builds a relationship with a legislator and becomes their go-to for information on dental issues.

LEGISLATIVE CONTACT DENTIST

Currently, not all legislators in the state have an LCD and we need

at least one for each legislator. If a legislator does not have an LCD, they may look to outside groups for information on dental issues, which may be contrary to FDA policy.

As Florida's advocate for oral health, the FDA wants to ensure that each legislator is educated on the priorities of the dental profession — and we need your help to do it! If you are not an LCD and would like to volunteer to be one, please click [here](#) to view the LCD Volunteer Form. Legislators who need an LCD are listed on the form by the district dental association in which their district resides. *Please note: You must be logged into the FDA website to view this webpage.* If you have any questions or would like more information on the LCD Program, please contact Governmental Affairs Liaison Alexandra Abboud at 850.224.1089 or aabboud@floridadental.org.

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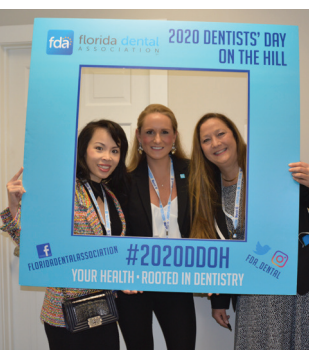
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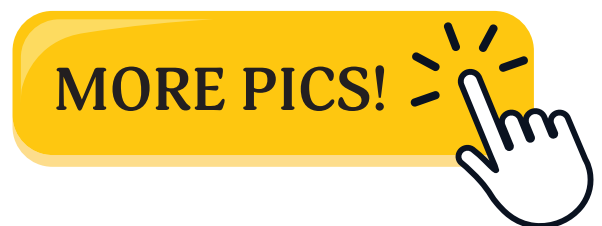
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- Φ NOT REFERENCED
- H HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- S SENATE
- B BILL
- TP'D TEMPORARILY POSTPONED
- CS SUBSTITUTE

PRIORITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTED

ISSUE	COMMITTEE 1 ACTION	COMMITTEE 2 ACTION	COMMITTEE 3 ACTION	COMMITTEE 4 ACTION	FLOOR ACTION	GOVERNOR'S ACTION
HB 1461: Health Access Dental Licenses	✓ CS Health Quality Subcommittee	✓ Health & Human Services Committee				
SB 1296: Health Access Dental Licenses	✓ CS Health Policy Committee					
HB 713: Department of Health	✓ CS Health Quality Subcommittee	✓ CS Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee				
SB 230: Department of Health	✓ CS Health Policy Committee	✓ CS Appropriations Committee				
HB 309: Titles for Health Care Practitioners	✓ Health Quality Subcommittee	✓ Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee				
SB 500: Titles for Health Care Practitioners	✓ CS Health Policy Committee	✓ Appropriations Committee				

PRIORITY INITIATIVES OPPOSED

ISSUE	COMMITTEE 1 ACTION	COMMITTEE 2 ACTION	COMMITTEE 3 ACTION	COMMITTEE 4 ACTION	FLOOR ACTION	GOVERNOR'S ACTION
SB 152: Dental Therapy	TP'D Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee					
HB 979: Dental Therapy						
HB 1103: Electronic Prescribing	✓ CS Health Quality Subcommittee	✓ CS Health & Human Services Committee				
SB 1830: Electronic Prescribing						



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The Florida Dental Association Political Action Committee (FDAPAC) works to protect and promote the long-term interests of the profession of dentistry in Florida. By supporting candidates who understand the value of organized dentistry, FDAPAC is the most valuable tool we have to accomplish our goals and ensure continued growth and success.

Three reasons the FDAPAC is essential:

- 1. Health care is one of the most regulated industries by the government.**
- 2. We continuously have to protect our profession from fundamental transformations.**
- 3. It is our duty to defend patients and fellow dentists.**

FDAPAC allows us to take a stand on these 10 critical issues currently facing our profession:

1. Dental student loan repayment program
2. Funding for Donated Dental Services
3. Funding for Community Water Fluoridation
4. Maintaining educational standards for graduates of non-accredited dental schools
5. Increasing funding in the Medicaid program for dental services
6. Maintaining direct dentist involvement in ownership of dental practices
7. Opposing scope of practice changes for dental hygienists (outside of their training/patient protection)
8. Opposing the creation of dental health aide therapists (DHATs) / mid-level providers
9. Opposing dental hygienists receiving a Medicaid number to bill for services directly
10. Opposing the arbitrary rating of dentists by insurance companies

The FDAPAC gives professionals the strength to make a difference in our daily practices and influence legislation that will help shape the future of dentistry in Florida.

We are only as strong as our membership. Help us make an impact today by showing your support of the FDAPAC!

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