

Dear all:

I wanted to provide you an update on these two bills.

First, thank you for all the calls. I cannot stress enough that your work on the calls and emails have placed us in this positive posture.

Second, HB 71 was postponed again today. That is a direct result of your work. The bill will be on the calendar on Friday. We will be sending out an alert to everyone as we must keep the pressure on the House of Representatives on this bill. Be on the lookout tomorrow.

Third, SB 81 came out of the Senate today with amendments removing the criminal penalties against physicians for not checking the prescription drug monitoring program and removing the provision that would have allowed patients to sue the physicians for any injury resulting from the failure to check the prescription drug monitoring program. Please note MAG is not supporting the bill as written. The bill still needs much work. The bill we are working on is HB 249.

Going forward, you will receive alerts tomorrow on HB 71. I know everyone is exhausted on continuing to call the members of the General Assembly. However, we need one more push to ensure this bill does not pass out of the House of Representatives into the Senate. Please be on the lookout tomorrow. Again, your calls and emails have put us in this position.

Thank you very much for your work thus far.

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