



MAY 2012

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Legislation, introduced on behalf of the Joint Commission on Health Care in 2012, resulted in the approval of initiatives addressing public access to vital records, an All-Payer Claims Database, unlawful access to methamphetamine precursors, and public awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome. As we look forward to another productive year, I would like to announce the appointment of our five new members:

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

Senator Stephen H. Martin

Senator Jeffrey L. McWaters

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

I hope you will join me in welcoming each of them during the JCHC meetings on June 6. The morning meeting will include the election of officers and a discussion of the JCHC work plan (including studies shown on the next page).

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

House Bill 272 – Delegate Christopher K. Peace

Senate Bill 309 & 310 – Senator Harry B. Blevins

Amend *Code of Virginia* § 32.1-271(D) to change the time period that marriage, divorce, annulment, and death records in the custody of the State Registrar may become public information from 50 to 25 years.

HB 272 passed both Chambers on unanimous votes. *Acts of Assembly*, Chapter 16

SBs 309 and 310 were tabled by voice vote in the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions.

Senate Bill 660 (Blevins) which included the provisions of SBs 309 and 310, as well as additional provisions, passed the House of Delegates 94-4 and the Senate 40-0; *Acts of Assembly*, Chapter 356.

House Bill 343 – Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III

Senate Bill 135 – Senator Linda T. Puller

Amend *Code of Virginia* Title 32.1 and § 2.3-3705.6 to establish the Virginia All-Payer Claims Database.

Both bills were amended several times: the Senate substitute for HB 343 was approved by both Chambers.

SB 135 was eventually referred to a committee of conference and the conference report was agreed to by both Chambers; *Acts of Assembly*, Chapter 693 and 709 respectively.

House Bill 1161 – Delegate Benjamin L. Cline

Senate Bill 294 – Senator L. Louise Lucas

Amend *Code of Virginia* by adding Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 and repealing § 18.2-248.8 regarding the sale of methamphetamine precursors to include “the Commonwealth's participation in a real-time electronic recordkeeping and monitoring system for the sale of ephedrine or related compounds.”

HB 1161 and SB 294 passed both Chambers on unanimous votes; *Acts of Assembly*, Chapters 252 and 160 respectively.

House Joint Resolution 128 – Delegate Robert H. Brink

Designates the third week of April as Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week “in honor of Jared Nicholas Patton and all the many other victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome in Virginia.”

HJR 128 was approved by both Chambers.

PROPOSED STUDIES FOR 2012

House Bill 2487 (2011)
Delegate Terry G. Kilgore
Licensure of Naturopaths

House Joint Resolution 579 (2011)
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III
Cost-Sharing, Coinsurance, and Specialty Tier
Pricing of Prescription Medication

Letter Request
Senator Ralph S. Northam/Delegate David A. Nutter
Update Findings of the 2004 Rural Obstetrical
Care Workgroup

House Bill 1090 (2012)
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III
Medicaid Eligibility and Determination of Real
Property Assets

BILLS CARRIED OVER TO 2013

House Bill 264
Delegate Christopher K. Peace
Interstate Health Care Compact

Senate Bill 313
Senator Harry B. Blevins
Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Surgical
Technologists

Senate Bill 372
Senator George L. Barker
State Board of Community Colleges to Require
Mental Health Plans
(Study for Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee)

STUDY RESOLUTIONS*

House Joint Resolution 19
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III
Opt-Out Program for Organ, Eye, and Tissue
Donation

Senate Joint Resolution 50
Senator George L. Barker
Study of Untreated Dental Disease

House Joint Resolution 147
Delegate Charniele L. Herring
Expedited Partner Therapy

*All of the study resolutions were laid on the table
in the House Rules Committee.

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