

Legislative Link to Nursing

The American Nurses Association Massachusetts (ANAMASS) is a constituent member association of the American Nurses Association, the association representing the interests of the nation's 4 million registered nurses. We advance the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. All registered nurses are eligible to join ANA Massachusetts. Reflective of the profession, our membership is inclusive of many roles, including: direct care nurses and advanced practice registered nurses, who work in a wide range of settings such as acute care hospitals, clinics, long-term care, schools and other settings. Approximately 50 percent of ANA's members who hold membership at the state and national level are direct care, staff nurses. For more information, visit www.anamass.org



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Welcome and Introduction



Welcome to the second edition of the Legislative Link to Nursing! As you know, ANAMASS is the only voluntary professional association which represents the interests of all registered nurses across the Commonwealth and is a constituent member association of the American Nurses Association, the organization which sets the standards of practice for nursing, maintains the code of ethics, and represents the interests of the nation's 4 million nurses on Capitol Hill.

My name is Julie Cronin, and I am the current President of ANAMASS. Members of ANAMASS will be on Beacon Hill the morning of Monday, March 2nd to meet with their legislators and staff to discuss our legislative agenda and share information they believe is important for legislators to know about their nursing practice and how it will be affected by bills being heard at the State House. We are encouraging members to contact you to make appointments, but for some this will be their first time speaking with state legislators and they may need some encouragement as they stop by your offices between 10 am -12:30 pm.

We are excited to also invite you to three upcoming events. In Springfield on March 25th, Representative Lindsay Sabadosa will be joining us as we offer an educational program, *Healthcare Reform Efforts: Applying a Health Equity and Social Justice Lens*. This program builds on our earlier program at which Senator Jamie Eldridge joined us to discuss S. 683, *An Act establishing Medicare for all in Massachusetts*. Please also join us at our Annual Awards Gala on Friday, May 8 at the Royal Sonesta in Cambridge, and bring your family (or staff!) to Nurses Night at the Red Sox on May 20th! Discount tickets are as low as \$20 and can be purchased at <https://groupmatics.events/event/ANA2020>

Along with our Executive Director, Cammie Townsend, and lobbyist Patricia Lynch, we have been making time to contact legislators and request meetings with you and your staff to discuss our member's concerns and perspective on our legislative agenda and how we can work together to improve the health of the Commonwealth and the nursing profession. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on Lobby Day!

Julie

Julie Cronin, RN, DNP, OCN
 President, ANA Massachusetts

ANAMASS 2019- 2021 Legislative Agenda

***Language also included
in H. 4134 An Act to
improve health care by
investing in VALUE
(Governor Baker's Bill).*

- 1. H2664/S701- An Act relative to the governance of the Health Policy Commission**
Sponsors: Rep. Kay Khan (D) & Sen. Jason Lewis (D)
Summary: Proposed redraft of S. 701/ H. 2664 (currently in committee) amends the current statute governing the makeup of the health policy commission to include a registered nurse with demonstrated expertise in the development and utilization of innovative treatments for patient care, appointed for a five year term.
- 2. H1941/S1345- An Act establishing a commission on quality patient outcomes and professional nursing practice**
Sponsors: Rep. Kay Khan (D) & Sen. Bruce Tarr (R)
Summary: Adds new Section 219 to GL 6 establishing a 17 member Commission on nurse staffing in hospitals to review and make recommendations regarding best nurse staffing practices designed to improve the patient care environment, quality outcomes, and nurse satisfaction; locates the Commission within, but not subject to the control of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; articulates the qualifications and terms of Commission members; identifies several areas of examination for the Commission relative to nurse staffing levels; requires the Commission to file an annual report with the Legislature.
- 3. **H1867: An Act to Support Access, Value and Equity in health care (SAVE Act)**
Co-Sponsors: Rep. Paul Donato (D) & Kay Khan (D)
Summary: Amends sections of GL c.94c (Controlled Substances) and GL c.112 (Registration of Certain Professions and Occupations) to expand the authority of nurse practitioners to dispense, administer or conduct research on controlled substances by removing the requirement that they do so under the supervision of a physician; gives the Board of Registration in Nursing the sole authority for regulating the practice of nurse practitioners by removing the requirement that the board of registration in medicine concur; removes certain restrictive time limitations on writing prescriptions by nurse practitioners; updates the Nurse Practice Act to reflect that nurse practitioners are authorized not only to order tests and therapeutics, but also to interpret them.
- 4. **H1944/S103: An Act relative to nurse licensure compact in Massachusetts**
Sponsors: Rep. Kay Khan (D) & Sen. Joseph Boncore (D)
Summary: Increase public access to safe nursing care, provide for the rapid deployment of qualified nurses in response to a state of emergency, address the emerging practice of nursing through telecommunications technology, support spouses of relocating military members, and build effective interstate communication on licensure and enforcement issues
- 5. H1976/S1093: An Act requiring health care facilities to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence**
Sponsors: Rep. Michael Moran (D) & Sen. Jason Lewis (D)
H1416/S1427 An Act requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence
Sponsors: Rep. Denise Garlic (D), Rep. Kimberly Ferguson (R) & Sen. Joan Lovely (D)
Summary: It is our duty in the Commonwealth to ensure that nurses and healthcare workers are protected. We cannot afford to lose exceptional nurses and healthcare workers who have been affected by violence and are hesitant to come to work, afraid of what could happen to them on any given day. 67% of all nonfatal workplace violence injuries occur in healthcare, but healthcare represents only 11.5% of the U.S. workforce. The American Nurses Association Massachusetts appeals to healthcare institutions to foster a change in culture and adopt a zero-tolerance policy to workplace violence. Perhaps only then will barriers to reporting be lifted and tolerance to the situations be mitigated. Maintaining safe work environments is the duty of nursing leadership and hospital administrators, however, strong and sound legislation is necessary to bring attention to this matter.

6. H1578/S838: An Act strengthening the penalty for assault or assault and battery on an emergency medical technician ambulance operator, ambulance attendant or health care provider

Sponsors: Rep. Paul Tucker & Sen. Michael Brady

Summary: Bill increases penalty to include imprisonment in a state prison up to five years and strikes out "treating or transporting" to make more universal i.e. not just during those times.

7. H3487/S1213: An Act relative to safe patient handling in certain health facilities

Sponsors: Rep. Claire Cronin & Sen. Harriet Chandler

Summary: Amends GL c.111 (Public Health) by adding new provisions that regulate the lifting of patients in both acute care and long-term care facilities. In particular, the bill defines a lift team as health care facility employees specially trained to handle patient lifts, transfers and repositioning using lifting equipment when appropriate and precluded from performing other duties, and establishes 35 pounds as the maximum recommended weight lift limit established by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The bill further requires each health care facility to establish a safe patient handling committee to design and recommend the process for implementing a safe patient handling program. By December 30, 2020, health care facilities must complete the acquisition of safe patient handling equipment. In addition, the development of architectural plans for constructing or remodeling a health care facility or a unit of a health care facility must incorporate patient handling equipment and the construction design needed to accommodate such equipment.

8. S683 - An Act establishing Medicare for all in Massachusetts

Sponsor: Sen. James Eldridge(D)

Summary: This substantial bill establishes a new chapter 175L, the Massachusetts Health Care Trust, in the General Laws, which would create a single-payer system for health care in Massachusetts. The bill establishes a Massachusetts Health Care Trust, which will be the single-payer body responsible for the collection and disbursement of funds required to provide health care services for every resident of the Commonwealth.

9. S2178 An Act relative to the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Day

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr (R)

Summary: Amends Chapter 6 of the general laws to add a new section "The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the fifteenth day of June as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Day"

10. S997/HR 2056 - United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2019

Sponsor: Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D) Rep. Cheri Bustos (D)

Summary: Amends GI Bill to recognize that service in the US Cadet Nurse Service Corps between 7/1/1943 and 12/31/1948 constituted active military service and those who served receive honorary veteran status including **only burial benefits (headstone)** and medals or other commendations.

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2020 Health Policy Committee Legislative Program

Healthcare Reform Efforts: Applying a Health Equity and Social Justice Lens

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

UMass Center at Tower Square in Springfield

Featured Speakers:



Raeann
LeBlanc,
PhD, DNP



Representative Lindsay
N. Sabadosa

Christine Schrauf, PhD, RN, MBA



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Save the Dates – We hope you can JOIN US!

March 2, 2020

ANAMASS Lobby Day
Massachusetts State House
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March 25, 2020

Healthcare Reform Efforts: Applying a Health Equity and Social Justice Lens
UMASS Center, Springfield, MA
[Program Flyer](#)

April 17, 2020

Spring Conference
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Beyond the Hand Sanitizer
***Will include update on Coronavirus by Sheila Davis, DNP, RN CEO of Partners
In Health and specialist in Infectious Diseases***
Waltham Woods Conference Center

May 8, 2020

ANA Massachusetts Annual Awards Dinner
Royal Sonata Boston, Cambridge, MA

May 20, 2020

Nurses Night at Boston Red Sox
Fenway Park * Boston, MA
[TICKETS ON SALE NOW](#)
Discount pricing of \$20/ticket ends 2/28/20



June 5, 2020

Approver Unit Symposium
Curry College * Milton, MA

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IS CHANGING.
SO ARE WE.**

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