

## **Nurse Practitioners (NP) (2013 Reg)**

### **Summary of 2013 Legislative Session**

The legislative session ended March 16<sup>th</sup> at noon or 2 minutes thereafter in the House of Representatives where an omnibus tax bill was passed at the last minute. One thousand six hundred fifty-six (1656) bills, memorials and constitutional amendments were introduced in this 60-day legislative session. Though the session started very slowly as far as movement of bills through committees, three hundred sixty-one (361) bills passed both chambers and are on the governor's desk (or on the way up there – it takes days to prepare each bill through Enrolling and Endorsing). This number tracks very similarly to the 2011 60-day session where three hundred twenty-one (321) bills actually passed out of one thousand five hundred ninety-one (1591) bills that were introduced.

Overall it was a rather typical session in relationship to its share of controversial issues. HB77, a bill to require background checks at gun shows which initially banned certain assault type weapons, garnered large turnouts of both opponents and supporters. It is the first time in my two and half decades of work at the capitol to see many holstered and over the shoulder guns on New Mexico citizens. The bill failed on the Senate floor the last morning. Numerous bills attempted to repeal immigrant drivers' licenses, but it was only in the last two weeks that serious attempts to bring such a bill to the House floor almost succeeded. Other controversial legislation included a bill to allow discarded embryos to be used for stem cell research and several bills to change laws around women's' reproduction. All failed.

Legislation to create a statewide health insurance exchange (SB221) necessary to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed both chambers. The governor did sign this bill. Probably most discussed at the end of the session was the last minute omnibus tax package prepared by Senate Finance Chair John Arthur Smith and hurried through the whole Senate late Friday evening. On Saturday at 11:15 am the Senate amended a House tax bill to include the entire Senate bill. It was reluctantly passed by the House at 2 minutes passed noon on Saturday. The bill will lower the corporate tax rate to 5.9% from 7.6% over the next 5 years. It also fixes a mistake made last year in reducing pyramiding taxes. The really controversial issue is the removal of the hold harmless law for city and county gross receipts taxes on food and medical services. This will result in the reduction of millions of dollars of revenue to city and county governments. The governor signed this bill.

A bill to increase the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour the same amount as Albuquerque passed both chambers. The only exemption in this legislation is for employers with three or

less employees. The governor vetoed this bill. Another wage related bill places into law equal wages for women. This bill would greatly expand the time a woman has to file a wage discrimination law suit from the time she finds out the employer has paid males more for the same work. The governor signed this into law.

As is usual many bills were introduced to provide new or expanded funding for health and social service safety net programs. A few of those programs received additional funds including domestic violence, sexual assault, homeless programs, childcare programs, PreK expansion and home visiting programs as well as a few others. Many of these programs received drastic cuts over the three recession years and even this funding does not return them to adequate levels.

The Medicaid budget was increased by \$24.8 million or 2.7% to address the current eligible case load. The federal government will be covering 100% the 170,000 projected new recipients expected to join the Medicaid roles beginning January 2014. \$4.6 million was added to the Department of Health budget to increase the slots on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program.

The Education budget was increased by \$94 million (a 4.6% increase) to almost \$2.5 billion though many educators and superintends are concerned that the individual amount provided for each child (the SEG) may decline due to new revenues not included in the SEG, but provided only by an application process to the Public Education Department. Speaking of the Education Department, Hanna Skandera was *not* confirmed as secretary of the department despite 10 hours of hearings reviewing her credentials and philosophies about various education techniques.

Higher education received a \$32 million or 4.3% increase which will assist colleges and universities in implementing their new funding formula. The new formula places greater emphasis on graduation rates and certificate completion.

Several constitutional amendments passed in the last general election. The legislature is required by those amendments to create new statutes to implement their direction. The Public Regulation Commission (PRC) commissioners must now have ten years' experience or combined ten years education and experience in a related regulated industry. Another amendment approved by the voters required the creation of an independent superintendent of insurance who will now be appointed by a nine member panel. The Corporation Department of the PRC was moved to the Secretary of State's Office. After years of effort, the Public Defender Office is now a separate agency and the chief public defender will be appointed by an eleven member committee. All these bills were signed by the governor.

**Bill:** **HB62**  
**Sponsors:** Herrell (R51)  
**Title:** ELECTRONIC PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RENEWAL  
**Summary:** (Identical to SB79) Amends the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act to empower state agencies to promulgate rules that allow an applicant for a professional or occupational license to file electronically. Applies to a professional or occupational certificate, permit, registration or license, and includes renewals, reactivations and reinstatements.  
**Related:** 2013:SB79  
**History:**

03/25/2013—**G Signed by the Governor (HEM 16) (Laws 2013, Chapter 30).**

**Bill:** **HB115**  
**Sponsors:** Gallegos, Doreen (D52)  
**Title:** SAFE INJECTION PRACTICES FOR LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS  
**Summary:** (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Applicants for the issuance or renewal of specified health care provider licenses must attest to knowledge of and compliance with guidelines of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the prevention and transmission of infectious agents through safe and appropriate injection practices. Applies to all licensed providers through their respective licensing boards.  
**History:** 01/16/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
01/16/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB170**  
**Sponsors:** Herrell (R51); Keller (D17)  
**Title:** VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE FOR THE UNDERSERVED ACT  
**Summary:** HHGIC substitute for HB170 continues the intent of the original measure to authorize health practitioners licensed in other jurisdictions to provide voluntary services in underserved areas of New Mexico. However, the substitute provides for temporary licensure for the volunteer health professionals, whereas the original bill provides for exemption from New Mexico licensure requirements. Like the original, the substitute holds authorized volunteer health providers harmless from liability for volunteer services. Provides for temporary licensure of any health practitioner engaged in the voluntary provision of health care services, including veterinary services, provided that the practitioner:  
**History:** 01/22/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
01/22/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.  
02/12/2013—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted without recommendation by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB171**  
**Sponsors:** Easley (D50)  
**Title:** COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES  
**Summary:** HBIC substitute for HB171 continues to require coverage of telemedicine in individual or group health insurance contracts or plans issued pursuant to the Insurance Code, the Health Care Purchasing Act, the Health Maintenance Organization Law and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law.

## **Pocket vetoed**

**Bill:** **HB204**  
**Sponsors:** McMillan (R37)  
**Title:** NURSE EDUCATORS FUND EXPANSION  
**Summary:** Currently the Nurse Educators Fund is limited to nursing educators who are seeking higher education. The bill expands the purpose of the Nurse Educators Fund to allow registered nurses to obtain bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in order to qualify as nursing educators in New Mexico colleges and universities  
**History:** 01/23/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
01/23/2013—H Also referred to House Education.  
02/14/2013—H Reported Do Pass by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
02/25/2013—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Education.  
02/26/2013—H Removed from Speaker's table.

02/26/2013—H Placed on House Calendar.  
02/26/2013—H Opened for floor debate.  
02/26/2013—H Passed 70-0.  
02/26/2013—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Education.  
02/26/2013—S Also referred to Senate Finance.  
03/09/2013—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Education.  
03/11/2013—S Committee referrals changed.  
03/11/2013—S Referral withdrawn from Senate Finance.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB220**

**Sponsors:** Powdrell-Culbert (R44)

**Title:** MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CODE

**Summary:** This bill expands the class of health care practitioners permitted to certify that a person presents a likelihood of serious harm to that person or others for purposes of detention and transportation for emergency admission and evaluation under the Mental Health and Development Disabilities Code.

**History:** 01/23/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

01/23/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

02/14/2013—H Reported Do Pass by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB222**

**Sponsors:** McMillan (R37)

**Title:** HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SCOPE OF PRACTICE

**Summary:** Proposes a Scope of Practice Act to provide a consistent method for evaluating and considering proposed changes to the scope of practice of certain licensed health professions and making recommendations to the appropriate entities in the executive and legislative branches of state government.

**History:** 01/23/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

01/23/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

02/14/2013—H Reported Do Not Pass by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

02/14/2013—H Note: (As amended, but does not proceed to any further committees.).

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB260**

**Sponsors:** Kane (D15)

**Title:** EXEMPTS DOCTORS OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE FROM MEDICAL IMAGING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

**Summary:** Proposes to amend the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health and Safety Act to exempt from medical imaging licensure requirements all expanded-practice doctors of oriental medicine performing diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound or ultrasound procedure guidance.

03/04/2013—H Passed 64-0.

03/15/2013—S Passed 29-6.

03/16/2013—H House concurred with Senate amendments.

03/22/2013—H Enrolled and engrossed (House Msg dated 3/21/13; released 3/22/13).

03/22/2013—H Signed by Officers of House (House Msg dated 3/21/13; released 3/22/13).

03/22/2013—S Signed by Officers of Senate (House Msg dated 3/21/13; released 3/22/13).

## **Pocket Vetoed**

**Bill:** **HB343**

**Sponsors:** Dodge (D63)

**Title:** AUTHORITY FOR NONPROFITS TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

**Summary:** This bill allows certain nonprofit entities (defined as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit by the IRS and who receives at least 50 percent of its annual operating budget through public funds) to participate in the State Employees Group Benefits Self-Insurance Plan under the Group Benefits Act.

## **Pocket Vetoed**

**Bill:** **HB375**

**Sponsors:** Sandoval (D17)

**Title:** EXPANDS DEDUCTIBLE SERVICES OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

**Summary:** Allows health care practitioners to deduct receipts from copayments or deductibles by an insured or managed health care plan enrollee. This is in addition to the existing deduction for receipts from managed health care providers or health care insurers for covered services provided to insureds or enrollees.

**History:** 01/31/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
01/31/2013—H Also referred to House Taxation & Revenue.  
02/21/2013—H Reported Do Pass by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB393**

**Sponsors:** McMillan (R37)

**Title:** ALLOWS PRACTITIONERS TO ISSUE "DRUG ORDERS"

**Summary:** Authorizes pharmacists to sell or dispose of a dangerous drug on a practitioner's drug order.

**History:** 02/01/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

04/03/2013—**G Signed by the Governor (HEM 31) (Laws 2013, Chapter 157).**

**Bill:** **HB398**

**Sponsors:** Martinez, Rudolpho (D39)

**Title:** RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORK FORCE PROGRAM

**Summary:** (Identical to SB400) Appropriates \$165,000 (GF) to the Department of Health to expand a successful health professional work force program developed in southwestern New Mexico.

**Related:** 2013:SB400

**History:** 02/01/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

02/01/2013—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.

03/04/2013—H Reported Do Pass by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB406**

**Sponsors:** Jeff (D5)

**Title:** EXPANDS DEDUCTION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**Summary:** Expands the gross receipts tax deduction at 7-9-77.1 for health care services in two ways. First, all receipts of listed health care practitioners from providing medical and other health care services are made deductible, not just those paid for by Medicare. Second, receipts of hospices or nursing homes from providing health or other palliative care services become deductible if paid for by Medicaid as well as by Medicare.

**History:** 02/04/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

02/04/2013—H Also referred to House Taxation & Revenue.

02/25/2013—H Reported Do Pass by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB414**

**Sponsors:** Cote (D53)

**Title:** ADVANCED PRACTICE RNS, CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

**Summary:** Updates sections of existing statutes to authorize advanced practice registered nurses, certified nurse-midwives and physician assistants to approve certain certificates and perform other duties now required of physicians. State and local government agencies must conform rules to the expanded scope of the health providers' practice.

**History:** 02/04/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

03/10/2013—H Passed 66-1.

03/10/2013—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **HB433**

**Sponsors:** Taylor, T. (R1)

**Title:** NURSES ADMINISTERING ANESTHETICS

**Summary:** Includes Advanced Practice Registered Nurses under the Nursing Practice Act; allows properly credentialed Registered Nurses to administer anesthetics under certain circumstances; eliminates Board of Nursing's registration requirement for nurses practicing under the Nurse Licensure Compact and the need for the board to adopt rules on prescriptive formulary for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

**History:** 02/05/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
02/05/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

## Withdrawn

**Bill:** **HB564**  
**Sponsors:** Taylor, T. (R1)  
**Title:** INSURANCE NAVIGATOR LICENSING ACT  
**Summary:** Proposes the Insurance Navigator Licensing Act; requires licensing and continuing education for insurance navigators; provides for rulemaking and reporting to the Superintendent of Insurance.  
**History:** 02/13/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Business & Industry.  
02/13/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

**Bill:** **HB612**  
**Sponsors:** Trujillo, J. (D45)  
**Title:** CUTS GROSS RECEIPTS TAX RATE; ELIMINATES CERTAIN HEALTH CARE EXCEPTIONS  
**Summary:** (For the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee) Reduces the rate of the gross receipts and compensating taxes by one-eighth percent for each of five years, beginning July 1, 2015. By July 1, 2019, the rates would be 4.5 per cent.  
**History:** 02/14/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
02/14/2013—H Also referred to House Taxation & Revenue.  
02/28/2013—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.

## DEAD

**Bill:** **HB624**  
**Sponsors:** McMillan (R37); Ivey-Soto (D15)  
**Title:** PAIN RELIEF ACT STANDARDS  
**Summary:** Establishes additional guidelines for pain management prescribing, dispensing and administration to prevent overprescribing and abuse of pain medication under the Pain Relief Act. Requires boards subject to this act, in consultation with the newly named Overdose Prevention and Pain Management Advisory Council, to establish new rules for the application of the act by July 1, 2014. Changes the composition and number of the council. Defines "prescription drug monitoring program."  
**Related:** 2013:SB641  
**History:** 02/14/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
02/14/2013—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

## DEAD

**Bill:** **HJM25**  
**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)  
**Title:** CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS  
**Summary:** Requests that the Board of Optometry, Board of Nursing, Board of Dental Health Care, Board of Pharmacy, Medical Board, Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Board of Podiatry and Board of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine all establish and adopt continuing education requirements for licensees and for persons the boards certify.  
**History:** 01/28/2013—H Introduced and referred to House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
02/07/2013—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Health, Government & Indian Affairs.  
02/11/2013—H Removed from Speaker's table.  
02/11/2013—H Placed on House Calendar.  
02/11/2013—H Opened for floor debate.  
02/11/2013—H Passed 63-2.  
02/11/2013—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Rules.  
02/11/2013—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.  
03/09/2013—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules.  
03/12/2013—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

**Bill:** **SB6**  
**Sponsors:** Cisneros (D6); Espinoza (R59)  
**Title:** ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT - EMPLOYER REQUIREMENT CHANGE  
**Summary:** (For the interim Health and Human Services Committee) Makes a change in definitions in the Anesthesiologist Assistants Act to reflect that, in order to qualify as such under the act, neither anesthesiologists nor an anesthesiologist assistant are required to be employees of the UNM Medical School.

**History:** 12/18/2012—S Prefiled in the Senate.  
01/15/2013—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.  
01/15/2013—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

## **DEAD**

**Bill:** **SB57**  
**Sponsors:** Beffort (R19)  
**Title:** UNM HEALTH CENTER NURSING ENROLLMENT FUNDS  
**Summary:** (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Appropriates \$2,881,700 (GF) to the University of New Mexico's board of regents for use in FYs 2014 and 2015 to increase enrollment in the UNM Health Sciences Center's primary care nursing education program by 24 students each year.  
**History:** 01/15/2013—S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.  
01/15/2013—S Also referred to Senate Finance.  
02/08/2013—S Reported without recommendation by Senate Education.

**Bill:** **SB58**  
**Sponsors:** Beffort (R19)  
**Title:** MANDATORY REPORTS TO IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY  
**Summary:** Amends the Immunization Act to require health care providers to report immunization to the Immunization Registry. Under existing law, reporting is discretionary and this bill makes it mandatory for all physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers to report immunizations to the registry. The only exception to the reporting requirement is when the patient, or the patient's guardian if the patient is a minor, refuses to allow the information to be reported.

**History:**  
**04/01/2013—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2013, Chapter 93).**

**Bill:** **SB79**  
**Sponsors:** Rue (R23)  
**Title:** ELECTRONIC PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RENEWAL  
**Summary:** (Identical to HB62) Amends the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act to empower state agencies to promulgate rules that permit an applicant for a professional or occupational license to file electronically. Applies to a professional or occupational certificate, permit, registration or license, and includes renewals, reactivations and reinstatements.  
**Related:** 2013:HB62

**History:**  
03/22/2013—H Signed by Officers of House (Senate Msg dated 3/21/13).  
**03/30/2013—G Signed by the Governor (SEM 33, 3/29/13) (Laws 2013, Chapter 68).**

**Bill:** **SB221**  
**Sponsors:** Ortiz y Pino (D12)  
**Title:** HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE ACT  
**Summary:** SCORC substitute for SPAC substitutes for SB221 and SB589 continues as a measure to create the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange. The measure contains elements of both earlier bills, but tracks more closely with SB589.  
**Related:** 2012:SB6; 2013:HB168; 2013:SB589

**History:**  
**03/28/2013—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2013, Chapter 54) (Sub for SB221 and SB589).**

**Bill:** **SB271**  
**Sponsors:** Papen (D38)  
**Title:** EMERGENCY EVALUATIONS BY INDEPENDENTLY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS  
**Summary:** SJC substitute for SPAC substitute for SB271 continues the intent of the original measure and the SPAC substitute to expand the number of professionals who may perform an emergency mental health evaluation under the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. The SJC measure requires evaluators to be affiliated with a community mental health center or core service agency.

**History:**  
**03/27/2013—G Signed by the Governor (SEM 27) (Laws 2013, Chapter 39).**

**Bill:** SB296  
**Sponsors:** Papen (D38)  
**Title:** REQUIREMENTS FOR REVIEW OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE  
**Summary:** This bill amends the Public Assistance Act, the Insurance Code Health Insurance Contract section and Group and Blanket Health Insurance Contract section, the Drug Device and Cosmetic Act, the Health Maintenance Organization Law and the Non-Profit Health Care Plan Law to require certain practitioners, providers and contractors beginning on January 1, 2014 to accept the uniform prior authorization form that will be developed collaboratively by the Department of Insurance and the Board of Pharmacy.

**History:**

**04/04/2013—G Signed by the Governor (SEM 44) (Laws 2013, Chapter 170).**

**Bill:** SB342  
**Sponsors:** Morales (D28)  
**Title:** EXEMPTS NURSES AND NURSE-MIDWIVES FROM MEDICAL IMAGING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health and Safety Act to exempt from medical imaging licensure requirements registered nurses and certified nurse-midwives who have demonstrated competency within their scope of practice.

**History:**

**04/02/2013—G Signed by the Governor (SEM 40) (Laws 2013, Chapter 116).**

**Bill:** SB343  
**Sponsors:** O'Neill (D13)  
**Title:** OPIOID TREATMENT TAX CREDIT  
**Summary:** SFC Substitute for SB0343 retains the original bill's intent but adds definitions, corrects some technical flaws and limits the tax credit to a three-year window starting January 1, 2014.

**Related:** 2011:SB544

**History:** 01/30/2013—S Introduced and referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.

01/30/2013—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

02/15/2013—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Corporations & Transportation.

03/10/2013—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Finance.

**DEAD**

**Bill:** SB366  
**Sponsors:** Ivey-Soto (D15); Maestas (D16)  
**Title:** PHARMACIST AUTHORITY TO DISPENSE 90-DAY PRESCRIPTION SUPPLIES  
**Summary:** Authorizes a pharmacist to dispense up to a 90-day supply of a prescription drug by combining valid refills - unless doing so is specifically prohibited on the prescription.

**History:**

02/26/2013—S Passed 35-0.

03/16/2013—H Laid on the table temporarily..

**DEAD**

**Bill:** SB400  
**Sponsors:** Morales (D28)  
**Title:** RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORK FORCE PROGRAM  
**Summary:** (Identical to HB0398) Appropriates \$165,000 (GF) to the Department of Health to expand a successful health professional work force program developed in southwestern New Mexico.

**Related:** 2013:HB398

**History:** 02/01/2013—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.

02/01/2013—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

02/13/2013—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Public Affairs.

**DEAD**

**Bill:** SB469  
**Sponsors:** Ryan (R10)  
**Title:** LIMITING VENUE FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS  
**Summary:** Requires that venue for a medical malpractice lawsuit is in the county in which the patient received



medical treatment that is the basis for the malpractice claim. Alternatively, the suit may be brought in the county in which the principal place of business of the health care provider or any of multiple providers, are located at the time the malpractice suit is filed. Venue cannot be expanded by the appointment of a person bringing suit by or on behalf of a patient or a patient's estate.

**History:** 02/08/2013—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.  
02/08/2013—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Bill:** **SB641**

**Sponsors:** Ivey-Soto (D15)

**Title:** PAIN RELIEF ACT STANDARDS

**Summary:** (Duplicates 2013 HB 624) Establishes additional guidelines for pain management prescribing, dispensing and administration to prevent overprescribing and abuse of pain medication under the Pain Relief Act. Requires boards subject to this act, in consultation with the newly named Overdose Prevention and Pain Management Advisory Council, to establish new rules for the application of the act by July 1, 2014. Changes the composition and number of the council. Defines "prescription drug monitoring program."

**Related:** 2013:HB624

**History:** 02/14/2013—S Introduced and referred to Senate Public Affairs.

02/14/2013—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

**DEAD**