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ROLL CALL

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee Nominations will announce the slate of officers to be considered for the 2013-2014 Elections. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor. Upon the close of nominations, the elections will take place.

MINUTES Approval of the June 12, 2013 Open Board Minutes

Approval of the April 19, 2013 Physician Assistant
Advisory Committee Public Minutes

Approval of the May 17, 2013 Physician Assistant
Advisory Committee Public Minutes

Approval of the December 13, 2012
Electrologists' Advisory Committee Public
Minutes

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NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATION

S2828 - Seeks to permit court to order involuntary outpatient treatment in any county; concerns patient compliance with taking medication.

The Executive Committee recommends taking no position on this proposal.

S2832 - Seeks to require hospitals and birthing facilities to provide new mothers with information about pertussis vaccines for adults.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Board support the concepts of the proposed legislation, however, it is opposed to the bill because it believes that it is unnecessary to mandate requirements that are part of the appropriate standards of care which are already in existence. Additionally, the Committee notes that many of the Hospitals in the State already have many of these requirements well established within their facilities as a comprehensive healthcare model and as such, this legislation is unnecessary.

S2833 - Seeks to increase penalties for improper prescribing of drugs.

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The Executive Committee recommends opposing this bill. The effect of passage would eliminate the review and discretion which currently resides with the Board in determining the penalties. The Board bases the penalties on each individual case under terms already sanctionable under the uniform enforcement act. This bill would remove the discretion of Board in determining mitigation factors under the specifics of the case being reviewed.

S2840 - Seeks to provide confidentiality for emergency services peer.

The Executive Committee recommends taking no position on this proposal.

S2842 - Seeks to provide for similar requirements for minor and adult patients in medical marijuana program.

The Executive Committee does not recommend support for this bill. If this legislation passed, the requirements requiring written review of the record by a pediatrician and psychiatrist assures the adequate protection of the public, in particular the minor patients. The Committee did not believe that the parents would be able to provide the appropriate objective, medical decision making needed to support the use by a minor in a medical marijuana program. If this legislation passes, it would eviscerate those protections currently in place.

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S2843 - “Autumn Joy Stillbirth research and Dignity Act”; seeks to require DOH to establish protocols for stillbirths, establishes stillbirth research database.

The Executive Committee supports the concepts and goals of the proposed legislation, although it did observe that it would create a number of additional requirements on the licensed physician, as well as the Department of Health, which may be too burdensome on the regulated community in particular for an unfunded mandate. The Committee also noted that it appears to posit the Department of Health to become a quasi research agency in order to effectuate the goals of the proposed bill.

S 2875 - Seeks to require prescribers and pharmacists to check the prescription monitoring program prior to prescribing and dispensing Schedule II drugs.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled.

INFORMATIONAL

The Scholastic Student-Athlete Safety Act (S1912/A3048) was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2013. Among other things, the bill directs the Commissioners of Education and Health in consultation with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, the American Heart Association,

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and the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, to develop a Student-Athlete Cardiac Screening professional development module, by the 2013-14 school year, to increase the assessment skills of health care practitioners who perform student-athlete physical examinations and screenings.

The bill requires the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing to post the Student-Athlete Cardiac Screening professional development module and the pamphlet providing information about sudden cardiac death prepared by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, the American Heart Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41 on their respective websites.

PUBLIC COMMENT