**BILL TRACKER – IDAHO LEGISLATURE 2013**

**February 15, 2013**

**HOUSE BILLS**

**H0016** – **Prescription tracking.** Legally authorizes pharmacists and practitioners to provide unsolicited controlled substances database information to other pharmacists and practitioners. A federal grant will provide the $20,000 needed to create the necessary software program. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Health & Welfare. Passed by the House on 30 Jan., and referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. Out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation on 6 Feb. Passed 33-0-2 on 8 Feb. Returned from Senate passed 11 Feb. Signed by Senate 13 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0016.htm>

**H0054** – **Health Insurance Exchange.** Allows insurance brokers to assist clients within the exchange and to participate in the health insurance exchange regardless of whether the exchange is state-based, federally operated, or a partnership exchange. No fiscal impact. Introduced on 25 Jan. Printed and referred to House Business Committee 28 Jan. Passed 65-4-1 on 13 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0054.htm>

**H0062** – **Sales tax exemptions.** Would exempt from paying Idaho State Sales Tax any Pregnancy Resource Clinic that operates under the license and direction of a licensed physician and does not perform abortions. The state sales tax revenue would decrease by less than $10,000 per year. Introduced on 25 Jan. Referred to Revenue and Taxation Committee on 28 Jan. Out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation on 6 Feb. Passed 58-12-0 on 12 Feb. Introduced in Senate and referred to Local Government & Taxation Committee 13 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0062.htm>

**H0098 – Medical indigency.** Clarifies indigent health care laws by amending definitions and clarifying details about the submission of medical records and claims. Estimated $1.8 million to the General Fund. Introduced 6 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 7 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0098.htm>

**H0099 – Uniform controlled substances.** Would eliminate the period each year that Idaho’s controlled substance schedules are incomplete by incorporating federal schedules of controlled substances. No fiscal impact. Introduced 6 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 7 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0099.htm>

**H0119 – Seatbelt use.** Would allow the police to cite 14-18 year olds not wearing seatbelts with a primary violation. Anyone 19 years old and older will still receive a secondary violation for not wearing a seatbelt after be cited with a separate primary violation. No fiscal impact. Introduced 7 Feb. Referred to Transportation & Defense Committee on 8 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0119.htm>

**H0126 – Assault & Battery of health care workers.** Would extend to health care providers the same current felony charges for assaulting health care workers. No fiscal impact. Introduced on 8 Feb. Referred to Judiciary, Rules & Administration 11 Feb. [http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0126.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0126.htm%20%20)

**H0134 – Investments by hospitals.** Would allow public hospital districts and county hospitals to invest funds generated from their operational revenues in prime commercial paper, bonds, debentures, or notes; but not to invest funds generated through ad valorem taxes, assessments or levies. No fiscal impact to the General Fund. Introduced 11 Feb. Printed and referred to Local Government 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0134.htm>

**H0178 – Immunization Board.** Would extend the authority of the Immunization Board to sunset on

July 1, 2015. Introduced 13 Feb. [http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0178.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0178.htm%20%20)

**H0179** – **Health Insurance Exchange.** Would establish a state-based health insurance exchange that includes legislative oversight. No fiscal impact to the General Fund, and the exchange is to be self-sustaining after the first year of operation. Introduced 13 Feb. [http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0179.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/H0179.htm%20)

**HCR006** – **Prescription Monitoring Program.** Calls for cooperation among various health Boards, state and local governments, law enforcement, and professional associations and asks them to use the Board of Pharmacy Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to educate, prevent and treat drug abuse in Idaho. The Office of Drug Policy shall develop a state response to prescription drug abuse in Idaho. No fiscal impact. Introduced 12 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 13 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/HCR006.htm>

**SENATE BILLS**

**S1010** – **Medicaid/Behavioral Health Services**. Amends existing law to revise provisions of behavioral health services for Medicaid participants to facilitate managed care payments. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Health & Welfare. On the Senate’s Health & Welfare Committee agenda 4 Feb. at 3:00 p.m. Out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation on 5 Feb. Passed 33-0-2 on 8 Feb. Referred to House Health & Welfare Committee on 11 Feb. [http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1010.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1010.htm%20)

**S1011** – **Immunization.** Amends existing law to clarify terminology regarding removal of information from the immunization registry (IRIS) for those who opt out. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Health & Welfare. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1011.htm>

**S1012** – **Immunization registry.** Amends existing law to revise terminology, to provide for both adults and children in the immunization registry, to provide for a health data exchange in disclosure of information, to revise a provision relating to removal of information from the registry and to revise a provision relating to disclosure of confidential information. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Health and Welfare. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1012.htm>

**S1019** – **Nurses’ criminal history checks.** Adopts the FBI auditors’ recommendations for changes in the Board’s existing statutory authority to conduct criminal background checks of applicants for a nursing license, and improves and clarifies the Board’s grounds for denying or disciplining a nursing license. There is no fiscal impact. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Commerce & Human Resources 18 Jan. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1019.htm>

**S1020** – **Nurses/fines for violations.** Gives the Board the authority to impose disciplinary fines against nurses who have violated Board statutes or rules. Collecting these fines may add $5,000 - $10,000 per year to the Board’s dedicated fund account. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Commerce & Human Resources 18 Jan. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1020.htm>

**S1023** – **Behavioral health services.** Makes changes to the Behavioral Health System of Care (BHSC) in Idaho. A Regional Behavioral Health Board (RBHB) and a State Planning Council on Behavioral Health will be created. Introduced on 17 Jan. Referred to Commerce & Human Resources. [http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1023.htm](file:///C:\Users\Andy\Downloads\Jan%2025%20Legislative%20Update.docx)

**S1042 – Health Insurance Exchange.** Establishes a state-created, market-driven health insurance exchange to aid individuals and small employers in selecting and purchasing health benefit plans, to enhance their options and access to affordable health care insurance. No fiscal impact. Introduced 30 Jan. Referred to Commerce & Human Resources Committee on 31 Jan. Out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation on 8 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1042.htm>

**S1053** – **SNAP Benefits.** Requests that the Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare issue SNAP benefits, which are currently issued one day of the month, over a 10-day period. The cost for implementation and the first year of operation is estimated to be $683,200, which will be paid for by federal funds already received by the state. In subsequent years the state and federal governments would each pay for one-half of the $231,000 yearly costs. Introduced 5 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare Committee 6 Feb. [http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1053.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1053.htm%20%20)

**S1059** – **State prisons/venereal disease.** Would make examinations and tests for HIV and venereal diseases optional for inmates who are being released from the Idaho prison system. Fiscal impact would vary, but it is expected to save money. Referred to Judiciary & Rules Committee 8 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1059.htm>

**S1063 – Medical consent/natural death act.** Seeks to address an ambiguity created by SB1348a (<http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2012/S1348.htm>) from the 2012 legislative session that could be interpreted to require inappropriate and costly care in non-end-of-life situations. No fiscal impact. Introduced 7 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 8 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1063.htm>

**S1071** – **Organ donations.** Would allow law enforcement officers, EMS personnel and firefighters to notify organ procurement organizations when they are at the scene of an accident rather than after transporting the deceased individual. No fiscal impact. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1071.htm>

**S1072** – **Organ donation contribution fund.** Would allow people renewing their driver’s licenses to make a $2 donation to support organ donations. No fiscal impact to the General Fund. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1072.htm>

**S1073** – **Immunization Registry.** Eliminates the need for S1011 and is similar to SB1012, but clarifies that enrollment in IRIS is optional. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to Health & Welfare 12 Feb.

[http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1073.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1073.htm%20)

**S1099 – Firearm suppressors.** Would deregulate firearm suppressors and suppressor manufacturers in Idaho and would prohibit federal regulation of certain suppressors. Fiscal impact is undetermined. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to State Affairs on 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1099.htm>

**S1100 – Health care sharing ministries.** Would prevent the state of Idaho from defining health care sharing ministries as insurance companies. No fiscal impact. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to Commerce & Human Resources 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/S1100.htm>

**SCR112 – Marijuana use.** Affirms the Legislature’s opposition to the legalization of marijuana in Idaho. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to State Affairs 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/SCR112.htm>

**SJM101 – Marijuana**. Calls upon the President, Congress, and the Dept. of Justice to uphold federal drug-free policy in all states. Introduced 11 Feb. Referred to State Affairs 12 Feb. <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/SJM101.htm>