

**MHAV Legislative Watch
2017 Session**

Bills that passed their originating chamber and remain active as of 2/12/17

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Bill Patron	Subject	Committee/Status	Comp. Bill or similar	Level	MHAV Position Comments
HB 1420 Farrell PASSED House	COPN Certificate of Public Need – repeals certain requirements for psychiatric beds	02/06/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health		B	
HB 1426 Garrett PASSED House	Alternative Transportation Model for emergency custody or involuntary admission process – DBHDS/stakeholders to develop model	02/06/17 Senate: Rereferred to Education and Health 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)	SB 1221	A	Support – MHAV included as stakeholder- Report by 10/1/17
HB 1483 Richard P. Bell PASSED House	Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend regulations governing licensure - To include specific definitions of "human services field," "Qualified Mental Health Professional - Adult (QMHP-A)," "Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP)," and "Qualified Paraprofessional in Mental Health (QPPMH)."	02/06/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)		B	
HB 1508 Hope PASSED House	Department of Behavioral Health; critical incident reports. ...Requires a written report setting forth the known facts of critical incidents or deaths of individuals receiving services in programs operated or licensed by the Department to the Director of the protection and advocacy system within 15 working days. Currently, reports are required only for critical incidents or deaths occurring at	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health	SB 894 Favola	A	Support

Level:

- A – MHAV Priority Legislation – Active watch
- B – Of Importance – Active watch
- C – General Interest – Inactive watch

- Active watch – MHAV will monitor closely
- Inactive watch – MHAV will monitor occasionally

	facilities operated by the Department.				
HB 1548 Farrell PASSED House	Advance directives; mental health treatment; capacity determinations.	02/06/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with amendments (15-Y 0-N)	SB 1511	A	Amended by sponsor to conform with intent of drafter. Generally support as amended.
HB 1549 Farrell PASSED House	Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; expands core services to be provided.	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health	SB 1005 Hanger, Deeds	A	Support conditioned on funding– Governor’s budget amendments phase in funding (Substitute still requires same day access but conditions additional services on funding)
HB 1551 Farrell PASSED House	Commitment hearings; sharing of records and information. – For research and data collection	02/01/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)	SB 1006 Hanger, Deeds	C	Monitor
HB 1767 Garrett PASSED House	Practice of telemedicine; prescribing.	01/24/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)	SB 1220	A	Support
HB 1777 Stolle PASSED House	Hospitals providing psychiatric services; denials of admission.	01/25/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/06/17 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)		B	Support No fiscal impact
HB 1784 R. Bell PASSED House	Forensic discharge planning services; local and regional correctional facilities.	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services 02/10/17 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services (14-Y 0-N)		A	Support (Directs the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive plan, by November 1, 2017, for the provision of forensic discharge planning services at local and regional correctional facilities for persons who have serious mental illnesses who are to be released from such facilities.)
HB 1910 Yost PASSED House	Definition of mental health service provider. Adds Physician Asst. to those who have duty to protect 3 rd parties from harm	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health		C	

HB 1921 Robinson PASSED House PASSED Senate	Assault and battery; health care providers; penalty.	01/27/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 02/06/17 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (11-Y 4-N) 02/08/17 Senate: Passed Senate (27-Y 12-N) 02/10/17 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1921ER)	SB 793	C	Concerns re: enhanced penalties for crisis behavior based on profession of victim
HB 1996 Hope PASSED House	Incompetent defendants; psychiatric treatment. Requires inmate ordered to inpatient treatment to be transferred ASAP and no later than 10 days from order.	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice		A	Support
HB 2095 Price PASSED House	Registration of peer recovery specialists and qualified mental health professionals. (Further professionalizes peer specialists.)	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (83-Y 12-N) 02/08/17 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed 02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health		A	Support – DMAS needs in order to comply with reimbursement criteria
HB 2183 Yost PASSED House	Medicaid; eligibility of incarcerated individuals. Would have the state suspend, rather than terminate, benefits while person is incarcerated.	02/06/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/09/17 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)		A	Support
HB 2184 Yost PASSED House	Evaluation of inmate; inpatient psychiatric hospital admission.	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice		A	Support – Would require that jail having custody of inmate ordered for mental health evaluation is responsible for ensuring they actually receive it.
HB 2237. Cline PASSED House	Office of the State Inspector General; extension of jurisdiction to agencies funded by state funds	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology		B	Intent to Expand OSIG jurisdiction to local departments of Social Services
HB 2331 Heretick PASSED House	Community services boards; preadmission screening; regional jail inmates.	<u>Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2</u> 01/26/17 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (9-Y 0-N) 02/03/17 House: Reported from Appropriations (20-Y 0-N) 02/04/17 House: Read first time	SB975	C	Tries to address problem in regional jails when closest CSB has to do preadmission screening for admission to hospital. Monitor

HB 2462 Bell PASSED House	Inpatient psychiatric hospital admission; defendant found incompetent.	02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Same as HB2330, SB895, SB935	B	Department bill, clarification – Support
HJ 548 Bell PASSED House	National Suicide Prevention Week.	01/25/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules	SJ 251	C	Support
SB 894 Favola PASSED Senate	Department of Behavioral Health; critical incident reports ...Requires a written report setting forth the known facts of critical incidents or deaths of individuals receiving services in programs operated or licensed by the Department to the Director of the protection and advocacy system within 15 working days. Currently, reports are required only for critical incidents or deaths occurring at facilities operated by the Department.	01/31/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with amendments (22-Y 0-N)	HB 1508 Hope	A	Support
SB 935 Lucas PASSED Senate	Inpatient psychiatric hospital admission; defendant found incompetent.	01/30/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 02/07/17 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health 02/08/17 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 0-N)	SB 895 Marsden	B	Department bill, clarification - Support
SB 940 Cosgrove PASSED Senate (incorporated SB 933)	Mental health screening of prisoners at local correctional facilities.	02/06/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 02/07/17 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health 02/13/17 House: Reported from Courts of Justice (20-Y 0-N) 02/13/17 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations		A	Support with amendments
SB 941 Cogrove PASSED Senate	Develop a Plan for forensic discharge planning services; local and regional correctional facilities.	01/30/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N)		A	Support

SB 975 Lucas PASSED Senate	Community services boards; preadmission screening; regional jail inmates.	02/08/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with amendment (22-Y 0-N)	HB2331	C	Tries to address problem in regional jails when closest CSB has to do preadmission screening for admission to hospital. Monitor
SB 1005 Hanger, Deeds PASSED Senate	Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; services to be provided.	02/08/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (21-Y 0-N) 02/09/17 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations 02/09/17 House: Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources	HB 1549 Farrell	A	Support conditioned on funding– Governor’s budget amendments phase in funding (Substitute still requires same day access but conditions additional services on funding)
SB 1006 Hanger, Deeds PASSED Senate	Commitment hearings; sharing of records and information. – For research and data collection	01/31/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 02/07/17 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health 02/08/17 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (6-Y 0-N)	HB 1551 Farrell	C	Monitor
SB 1008 Hanger PASSED Senate	Criminal history records checks; barrier crimes. Clarifies/adds to list of barrier crimes for employment in nursing homes, day care centers, etc. Adds pending or finding of NGRI to the list.	02/03/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 02/08/17 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal Law		A	Oppose
SB 1009 Dunnavant PASSED Senate	Practice of telemedicine; prescribing.	01/30/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N)	SB1220 Related to HJ 568 (Study)	A	Support impact statement
SB 1020 Barker PASSED Senate	Registration of peer recovery specialists and qualified mental health professionals.	02/03/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	Same as HB 2095	A	Support – DMAS needs in order to comply with reimbursement criteria
SB 1063 Deeds PASSED Senate (as amended) No funding for staff	State Board of Corrections; membership; powers and duties; inmate death investigations.	02/13/17 House: Reported from Courts of Justice (20-Y 0-N) 02/13/17 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations 02/10/17 House: Assigned App. sub: Public Safety	Related to HB 1782, SB 942	A	Support with wording amendments

SB 1064 Deeds PASSED Senate Left in House committee (Will go to Joint Subcommittee – “Deeds Commission” for study)	Mental health awareness training; law-enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical.	02/03/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 02/07/17 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health 02/08/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote	Same as HB 1480	A	Support in concept - MH training added to required DCJS training standards for ALL officers, emergency personnel, firefighters
SB 1221 Barker PASSED Senate	Emergency custody or involuntary admission process; alternative transportation model.	01/31/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N)	HB 1426	A	Support – MHAV included as stakeholder- Report by 10/1/17
SB 1222 Barker PASSED Senate	Acute psychiatric patient registry.	02/09/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	HB 1918	C	Will monitor. [Senate amendments make the bill active only if funds are appropriated in the 2017 session]
SB 1233 Chafin FAILED (Deeds Commission to study)	Temporary detention; certified evaluators.	Referred to Committee on Education and Health 02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance with letter (16-Y 0-N)		A	Concerns. Need clarification. Expands who can do the evaluations for temporary detention orders to hospital staff. Currently, only approved CSB evaluators are authorized.
SB 1408. DeSteph FAILED; letter	Step therapy protocols; disclosures	<u>Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor</u> <u>01/23/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor with letter (9-Y 6-N)</u>	HB1755	B	Support
SB 1442 Deeds PASSED Senate	Department of Criminal Justice Services; behavioral health screening in jails.	<u>02/08/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice</u> <u>02/08/17 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health</u> 02/13/17 House: Reported from Courts of Justice (20-Y 0-N) 02/13/17 House: Referred to	Similar to SB940, HB1783 HB1548	A	Support with amendments

		Committee on Appropriations			
SB 1511 Deeds PASSED Senate	Advance directives; mental health treatment; capacity determinations	02/08/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 02/09/17 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with amendments (22-Y 0-N)	HB1548	A	Amended by sponsor to conform with intent of drafter. Generally support as amended.
SJ 251 Hanger PASSED Senate	National Suicide Prevention Week.	02/09/17 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	HJ 548	C	Support
SJ 279 Deeds PASSED Senate	Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the Twenty-First Century.	02/09/17 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	HJ637	A	Extends life of the Subcommittee – Amendments clarify that means through December 2018.