

ADVOCACY DASHBOARD

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Oppose			
Legislation/Issues	Synopsis	Resources	New This Week/Upcoming Dates
SB 5- Civil Actions- Punitive Damage Awards	Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with wantonness, fraud, or malice; requiring a trier of fact to consider a defendant's liability for punitive damages concurrently with all other issues presented in the action; requiring a trier of fact to determine the amount of punitive damages to be awarded based on certain factors under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	SB 5 MHA's Issue Paper on Medical Liability	Senate Judicial Proceedings Hearing- January 16
SB 30- Health Care Malpractice Qualified Expert - Limitation on Testimony in Personal Injury Claims - Repeal	Repealing the requirement that a health care provider who attests in a certificate of a qualified expert or who testifies in relation to a proceeding before an arbitration panel or a court concerning compliance with or departure from standards of care devote no more than 20% of the provider's professional activities to activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims.	SB 30 MHA's Issue Paper on Medical Liability	Senate Judicial Proceedings Hearing- January 16
SB 36- Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages	Increasing the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in certain wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2018; and providing that a jury may be informed of certain limitations on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions.	SB 36 MHA's Issue Paper on Medical Liability	Senate Judicial Proceedings Hearing- January 16
HB 41- Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions	Requiring a nonprofit hospital to include an itemization of all tax exemptions received by the hospital in the hospital's annual community benefit report.	HB 41	House Health & Government Operations Hearing- January 23