2020 Legislative & Regulatory Update Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists

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2020 Legislative Review

A session like no other...

- No direct legislation impacting APRNs
- Limited legislation overall
- DANA Day in Dover 1/22/20 (pre-letter sent)
- HCR68 Recognizing National CRNA Week
- Session postponed on March 17th
- Resumed on May 26th via Zoom
- Session concluded on June 30th, 2020 marking the end of the 150th General Assembly

The Year of the Executive Order!

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Regulatory Issues

No new regulatory issues to report so far this year

Big win from 2019 – Radiation Control Regulations making clear that APRN practice is controlled by the Nursing Practice Act and not restricted by the radiation control regulations.

National Trends

- CRNA supervision requirements
- CRNA scope of practice limitations
- Liability protections for healthcare workers COVID
- Expansion of telehealth
- Licensing renewals
- Suspension of elective medical procedures

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On the lookout

Anesthesiologist Assistants

- AAs recognized in 14 states
- AAs practicing under delegation 2 states
- AAs prohibited 1 state
- AAs must be certified as a PA to practice 1 state
- In 2020 AA legislation defeated in 5 states and active in 1

On the lookout

Pain Management

South Dakota

- Authorizes CRNAs to collaborate with other health care providers in chronic pain practice
- Authorizes CRNAs to conduct an advanced comprehensive nursing assessment and to order and interpret diagnostic procedures

Oklahoma

- Pain clinic bill which restricted ownership to physicians only: FAILED
- Rad tech licensing bill which required physician supervision of rad techs: FAILED

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Election 2020 – Primary Highlights

Primary Losses

- SD13 Sen. Dave McBride (D) looses to Marie Pinkney (D)
- RD7 Rep. Ray Siegfried (D) looses to Larry Lambert (D)
- RD26 Rep. John Viola (D) looses to Madinah Wilson-Anton (D)
- RD27 Rep. Earl Jaques (D) looses to Eric Morrison (D)

Open Seats

- SD1 Sara McBride (D) v. Steven Washington (R)
- RD8 Rae Moore (D) v. Daniel Zitosfsky (R)

Races to Watch

- SD5 Catherine Cloutier (R) v. Kyle Evans Gay (D)
- SD7 Anthony Delcollo (R) v. Spiros Mantzavinos (D)
- SD14 Bruce Ennis (D) v. Craig Pugh (R)
- SD15 David Lawson (R) v. Jaci Hugg (D)

Thank You!

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