

NASW 2008 Priority Bill List as of 2/4/08
(SB=Senate Bill; HB=House Bill)

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SB0003 - Dispensing of Drugs by Pharmacists - Author: Jeff Drozda

Senate passed on 3rd Reading (30-18). Awaiting assignment in House.

NASW Public Policy Agenda: Advocate for high quality, affordable health care and mental health.

NASW Social Work Speaks Policy: Family Planning and Reproductive Choice (p.144)

Digest: Provides that a pharmacist may not be required to dispense or sell a drug or medical device if the drug or medical device would be used to: (1) cause an abortion; or (2) cause the death of a person by means of assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing. Specifies certain actions that a pharmacist must take when refusing to dispense a drug or medical device. States that a pharmacy must have a policy in place to dispense or sell a drug or medical device that a pharmacist refuses to dispense or sell...

SB0335 Illegal Alien Matters - Authors: Mike Delph, Dennis K. Kruse, Phil Boots

Senate passed on 3rd Reading (37-11). Awaiting committee assignment in House.

NASW Public Policy Agenda: Encourage honor and support of cultural and ethnic diversity to strive to end discrimination and oppression.

NASW Social Work Speaks Policy: Immigrants and Refugees (p.223)

Digest: Requires the superintendent of the state police department (superintendent) to: (1) negotiate terms of a memorandum of understanding (memorandum) concerning a pilot project for the enforcement of federal immigration and customs laws; and (2) designate appropriate law enforcement officers to be trained under the memorandum. Requires: (1) the superintendent and governor, unless otherwise required by the applicable federal agency, to sign the memorandum on behalf of the state; and (2) the state police department to apply for federal funding, as available, for the costs associated with the training...

SJR0007 - Definition of Marriage - Authors: Phil Boots, Brandt Hershman, & Richard D. Bray

Senate passed on 3rd Reading (39-9). Awaiting committee assignment in House.

NASW Public Policy Agenda: Encourage respect and support for GLBT civil rights.

NASW Social Work Speaks Policy: Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues (p.245)

Digest: Provides that marriage in Indiana consists only of the union of one man and one woman. Provides that Indiana law may not be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.

HB1165 - Homelessness, Foster Youth, and Education - Author: Dennis T. Avery

House passed on 3rd Reading (92-0). Assigned to Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation. Scheduled for hearing on 2/6/08 at 1:30 PM Room 233.

NASW Public Policy Agenda: Support public policies that strengthen families and build communities.

NASW Social Work Speaks Policy: Homelessness (p.202) and Foster Care and Adoption (p.164)

Digest: Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority (authority) to: (1) oversee and encourage a regional homeless delivery system; (2) facilitate the dissemination of information to assist individuals and families in accessing local resources, programs, and services related to homelessness, housing, and community development; and (3) determine the number of homeless individuals, including homeless children, in Indiana, and the number of homeless in Indiana who are not residents of Indiana...

HB1001 - Property Tax Relief - Authors: William A. Crawford

House passed on 3rd Reading (93-1). Senate had 1st Reading and assigned to Tax and Fiscal Policy. Scheduled for Committee Hearing on 2/5/08 at 9:00 AM Room 431.

NASW Public Policy Agenda: Support public policies that strengthen families and build communities.

NASW Social Work Speaks Policy: Economic Policy (p.103) and Role of Government, Social Policy, and Social Work (p.316)

Digest: Eliminates: (1) school tuition support levies; (2) school transportation fund levies; (3) county medical assistance to wards fund levies; (4) family and children's fund levies; (5) children's psychiatric residential treatment services fund levies; (6) children with special health care needs county fund levies; (7) the state forestry fund levy; (8) the state fair fund levy; (9) the department of local government finance data base management levy; and (10) levies to pay for incarceration of juvenile delinquents in department of correction facilities.