

2023 Legislative Recap

2023 Legislative Session Overview

2,317

Bills Introduced in the 86th
West Virginia Legislature

333

Bills Completed
Legislative Action

326

Signed by the
Governor

6 Bills Will Become
Law Without
Governor's Signature

1 Bill Was Vetoed



WVHA 2023 State Legislative Agenda

- ✓ Protect Hospital Fiscal Status and Access to Care
- ✓ Modernize Prior Authorization Process
- ✓ Improve Hospital Delivery System
- ✓ Improve Health Care Workforce Supply, Recruitment and Retention
- ✓ Minimize Hospital And Health Care Regulations In State Government
- ✓ Protect Public Health

Help "Tell the Hospital Story"






- Showcase efforts to care for your community
- Educate policymakers about opportunities and challenges hospitals face
- Improve the public's perception of hospitals and health care
- Reinforce and support WVHA State and Federal Public Policy Priorities



WVHA Tracked Approximately

250 Bills

Top 5 Hospital Bills Completed Legislative Action

-  SB 268 - Relating to PEIA inpatient rates and addressing state agency structural matters
-  HB 2759 - Expanding the Physician Payment Improvement Program
-  SB 267 - Streamlining the Prior Authorization process for hospitals and health care practitioners
-  HB 2993 - Establishing licensure for Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) model
-  HB 3166 - Permitting a hospital to hold a patient experiencing a psychiatric emergency for up to 72 hours

The WVHA and Interim Period



Advocacy is at the core of the WVHA mission to support hospitals to achieve a strong, healthy West Virginia. While most of the attention is focused on the State Capitol during session, the reality is most of the work occurs outside the confines of the 60-day legislative session. Efforts will continue as hospitals and WVHA will be active throughout the year continuing to build solid relationships with administration officials, legislators, and their staff, as we advocate on behalf of hospitals during interim committee meetings.

Some of the areas of focus will be on working with hospital finance teams to review Medicaid payments and the various supplemental payment programs in place, and revisiting SB 669 – relating to anti-doxxing and protecting our health care workers, among many other topics.