2024 Legislative Recap



2024 Legislative Session **Overview**

2,575

Bills Introduced in the 86th West Virginia Legislature

279 269

Bills Completed

Legislative Action

Signed by the Governor

Bills Will Become Law Without Governor's Signature

8 Bills Were Vetoed



2024 State Legislative Agenda

- ✓ Improve Financial Stability for Hospitals
- ✓ Support Our Health Care Workforce
- ✓ Advance Affordable Prescriptions and Protect 340B Drug Pricing Program
- ✓ Ensure Access to Behavioral Health Services
- ✓ Protect Public Health
- ✓ Maintain Certificate of Need Program



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

275 Bills

Top 3 Hospital Bills Completed Legislative Action

- HB 5157 Updating and expanding the Facility Directed Payment Program (DPP)
 - SB 325 Preventing pharmaceutical companies from implementing policies that restrict hospitals' ability to utilize contract pharmacies under the federal 340B program
- SB 477 Providing anti-doxing protections for health care workers and first responders

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.



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