



Minnesota ACEP Policy and Legislative Update

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Updates & Reviews

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Status of the 2025 Legislature

As we enter week 3 of the 2025 legislative session, we still have no resolution to the power struggle in the MN House of Representatives. With another Supreme Court ruling, the January 28 special election for the House seat in District 40b was moved to mid-March. The Supreme Court also ruled that 68 is a majority on the House floor and not the current 67 held by the Republicans.

So, without the DFL in the chamber for the 68th vote, the House can't do any business. The MN Secretary of State opens the floor sessions and then adjourns them immediately for no quorum of 68.

With that in mind, the House Republicans have filed another lawsuit in the MN Supreme Court, to ask the court if the Secretary of State must consider Republican motions on the floor. Again, this is an issue that will lead to another delay in how the MN House will function.

On the Senate side, business continues as usual, working under a power-sharing agreement. Last week, the open Senate seat left by Senator Dziejdzic's death was filled by Doran Clark in District 60. He was sworn in and will be the 34th majority vote in the MN Senate. On Monday, the MN Senate DFL removed the power-sharing agreement on a 34-33 vote, and the DFL will now control all committees.

MN Emergency Physicians Day at the Capitol

Planning for the day on the hill is in full swing. This year, MNACEP is coordinating with the residency programs to ensure a very large and coordinated messaging platform around issues facing all of you day to day. The event will be held at Capitol Ridge Hotel in Saint Paul, with legislative visits planned after breakfast with some key legislators. It's not too late to register. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Commissioner of Commerce Meeting

Last week, Dr. Rob Thomas, Mark, and I met with Deputy Commissioner Dreier and her staff to discuss the insurance liability issue and our proposed legislative initiative to begin and address the issue. The conversation went well, and I shared draft legislation with them after getting permission from Senator Mann. We have also shared the draft legislation with the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) and Minnesota Medical Association to garner support. We will circulate the language to this group once we have a bill number and the legislation is introduced. I also asked the Commissioner's staff to consider any other short- and longer-term solutions we could consider.

Legislative/Executive Branch Meetings

Mark, Dr. Thomas, and I continue to meet with legislators to discuss the liability issue. Mark and I also met with the Governor's staff to discuss the issue and get it on his radar as we go through the 2025 session. I expressed the desire to have some members of the MNACEP Board meet with the Governor on this issue.

The MNACEP 2025 Legislative Agenda

- 1. Amendment to MN Statute 621.02. The Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association was created to provide insurance coverage to any person or entity unable to obtain insurance through ordinary methods if the insurance is required by statute. After some digging into this idea, we found that it did not offer the solutions needed.*
- 2. Injured Patient and Family Compensation Fund in Minnesota. We have been working on the details of developing an Injured Patient and Family Compensation Fund in Minnesota. Wisconsin has a model like this in place now that has really helped to control liability insurance premiums. Senator Mann has drafted the legislation, and we have reviewed that language. We are waiting for the legislation to be introduced into the MN Senate so a hearing can be held. Stay tuned for details on legislative outreach on this issue.*

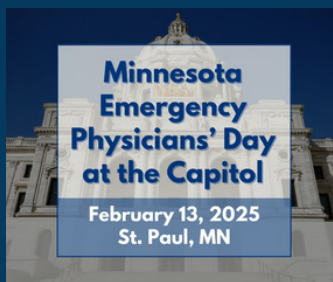
3. **Workforce Support Coalition.** We continue to represent MNACEP in bi-weekly meetings with a large group of healthcare systems and professional societies focused on more significant joint efforts around hospital boarding, transportation, workplace safety, workforce funding, and medical education. Recent conversations have revolved around the Minnesota Nurses Association letting legislators know they will be introducing staffing ratios again this session and feel they have bipartisan support.

4. **Health Care Funding:** We have also been involved in conversations with the MHA on their proposal to draw down additional Federal funding for Medicaid in our state. The proposal is being drafted and should be introduced into the Legislature in the next few weeks. The proposal has broad support across the State from legislators and hospital CEOs.

5. **Immunity from criminal liability for health care providers when providing health treatment and services establishment.** Senator Mann introduced this legislation last week into the Minnesota Senate. Below is the text of the proposed legislation.

Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a health professional who is licensed or registered by the state to provide health treatment and services within the professional's scope of practice and in accordance with state law. **Subdivision 2. Immunity from criminal liability.** (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a health care provider providing health treatment and services shall be immune from criminal liability for any harm or damages alleged to arise from an act or omission relating to the provision of health treatment and services, except as provided in paragraph (b). (b) Nothing in this section limits any liability for gross negligence or wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct. (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, repeal, or alter any other immunity, defense, limitation of liability, or procedure available or required under any other law or contract.

Upcoming Events



Emergency Physicians' Day at the Capitol

Join us at the Capitol to make some noise and be seen. With you and your colleagues, we will begin the day with a review of important legislation, advocacy tips and tricks, and meet with legislators to impart your knowledge with and make a difference.

February 13, 2025 Minnesota Senate Building | State Capitol

The event is free to attend, but registration is required

[Register Today](#)

Advocacy Resources

The 2025 legislative session is here and we have a number of resources available for our members to continue to make an impact

Advocacy Alerts

New Action Alerts Receive instant alerts via text to allow you to take immediate action if MNACEP needs your voice to take a stand and be heard during the Legislative Session.

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Committee & Task Force Involvement



MNACEP has a number of committees and task forces available to our members to help guide the direction of our chapter, create resources, and generate ideas. If you are interested in our Policy and Advocacy Committee's current work and want to get involved, contact us today!

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