



## Minnesota ACEP Policy and Legislative Update

*Stay up-to-date with the latest policy and advocacy efforts from Minnesota ACEP.*

### Minnesota ACEP Chapter Lobbyists



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### Updates & Reviews

#### **Special Elections in 2025**

*As we all watched for legal challenges and chaos in the Federal election we seemed to have our own issues in Minnesota this past November.*

*In District 40B, the Shoreview, North Oaks, and Arden Hills, the election was called due to the elected candidate being found to have not resided in the district and had rented an apartment he never stayed in. That candidate resigned and the seat opened. Five Democrats and one Republican have filed for the seat, that triggered a primary election to be held on January 14 ahead of the general election on January 28. That district is expected to stay DFL.*

*In Senate District 60, the special election was called due to the death of Senator Kari Dziedzic, the former majority leader of the MN Senate. Ten Democrats and three Republicans filed for that seat.*

*Neither of the current House members filed for the seat. This special election will also have a primary on January 14 with a Special election on January 28.*

*With these two upcoming special elections, there remain two additional potential special elections. In House District 54A, the Scott County race where 20 ballots were lost and the winning margin of 14 votes has been challenged in court by the House Republicans. The current winning candidate, Brad Tabke, wants the election certified so he can be allowed on the House floor when the legislative session begins. This case is now in the hands of the judge who is expected to rule soon. The other potential special election is in Senate District 47 (Woodbury) where Senator Nicole Mitchell appeared in court recently as a settlement conference began related to her burglary charge. From these legal negotiations numerous things could happen including Mitchell continuing her term, a voluntary resignation as part of a settlement, or removal from office if she is convicted of a felony.*

*With all this in mind, as I write this pre-session update, the legislature will start on January 14 with a 33-33 tie in the Senate, and a 67-65 Republican majority in the House. Either way the legislature will begin on January 14 as we await these special elections and court rulings.*

## **MNACEP PAC Events**

*I would like to thank everyone that continues to support and contribute to the MNACEP PAC fund. This fund allows our Board and Policy and Advocacy Committee members to attend important legislative events. These events allow our professional society to interact with key legislators and staff outside of the State Capitol grounds and outside of the regular legislative session. Over the last month, Dr. Thomas, our Policy Chair, and Dr. Herold, our President, joined me at a few key legislative fundraising events. At those events we were able to have conversations about some of our key 2025 initiatives.*

## **The MNACEP 2025 Legislative Agenda**

*At the direction of both the MNACEP Board and the Policy and Advocacy Committee we are working on a few pieces of legislation to start the 2025 legislative session:*

### **1. Amendment to MN Statute 621.02.**

*The Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association is created to provide insurance coverage to any person or entity unable to obtain insurance through ordinary methods if the insurance is required by statute, ordinance, or otherwise required by law, or is necessary to earn a livelihood or conduct a business and serves a public purpose.*

*This language is currently in MN law. The MNACEP Policy Committee is looking at how we can further directly guarantee the need to provide insurance coverage to emergency physicians.*

### **2. Development of Effective Liability Reform.**

*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. We have been reaching out to legislators who may have begun to draft legislation like this already. We feel that item 1 is an easier lift to try and provide some immediate relief to our members as we work on item 2. The one catch to item 2 is that Wisconsin has liability caps of \$750,000. More to come on this important issue.*

### 3. Workforce Support Coalition.

We continue to represent MNACEP on bi-weekly meetings with a large group of health care systems and professional societies focused on some larger joint efforts around hospital boarding, transportation, work-place safety, workforce funding and medical education. This group is still working on legislation for the 2025 session.

### 4. Health Care Funding.

We have also been involved with conversations with both the MMA and MHA on opportunities to increase Medicaid funding. Although we have not seen specific legislation drafted yet we do expect bills to be introduced. At that time, we can share with the Board for feedback and to take a position on any proposed legislation.

**The Minnesota Legislative Session begins Tuesday, January 14, 2025.**

## 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 Committees and Task Forces**

BUILDING A BETTER ASSOCIATION

Get involved today

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!

Get Involved

## Upcoming Events



**EMERGENCY MEDICINE SUMMIT**

### 2025 Emergency Medicine Summit

The MN ACEP chapter will be holding our 2025 Emergency Medicine Summit on January 14 in Edina, MN. This annual event will also include our Annual Membership Meeting along with a robust agenda. We hope you will join us and take advantage of this excellent educational and networking opportunity!

Register

January 14, 2025 The Westin Edina Galleria  
Edina, MN [Agenda](#)



## 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](#)

*Together, we can lead as a proactive and influential presence in the field of emergency medicine in Minnesota.*



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