

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 532  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “Program” and substitute “Task Force”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “providers;” in line 9 and substitute “establishing an Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Task Force in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to designate the chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Task Force;”; in line 9, strike “Department” and substitute “Task Force”; in line 10, strike “and to gather certain data” and substitute “; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations to the Department about certain osteoporosis initiatives; authorizing the Task Force to hold public hearings and solicit information from certain persons”; in line 11, strike “make a certain evaluation and to”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 12 down through “members;” in line 14; in line 16, strike “requiring the Department to seek a certain federal waiver;” and substitute “requiring the Task Force to carry out its responsibilities to the extent funding is available;”; in line 18, strike “program” and substitute “Task Force”; in line 27, strike “13-1610” and substitute “13-1606”; and in line 28, strike “Program” and substitute “Task Force”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 7, strike “PROGRAM” and substitute “TASK FORCE”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 32, inclusive.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 18, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) THERE IS AN OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION TASK FORCE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 16 MEMBERS:

(1) THE DEPARTMENT’S OSTEOPOROSIS COORDINATOR; AND

(Over)

(2) THE FOLLOWING 15 MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

(I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION;

(II) NINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REPRESENTING THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONS:

1. RADIOLOGY;

2. ORTHOPEDICS;

3. NURSING;

4. PHYSICAL THERAPY;

5. RHEUMATOLOGY;

6. NUTRITION;

7. SOCIAL WORK;

8. GERIATRICS; AND

9. PHARMACY;

(III) TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS;

(IV) ONE PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR;

(V) ONE EXPERT IN BONE AND OSTEOPOROSIS RESEARCH, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT; AND

(VI) ONE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER, OR THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER'S DESIGNEE.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

(E) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE IS A QUORUM.

(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY:

(1) AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS CONCERNING OSTEOPOROSIS NATIONWIDE;

(2) THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS ABOUT OSTEOPOROSIS;

(3) THE NEEDS OF OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS, AND THE FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;

(4) THE NEEDS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, NURSES, AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;

(5) THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;

(6) THE EXISTENCE OF OSTEOPOROSIS TREATMENT GROUPS, SUPPORT GROUPS, AND REHABILITATION SERVICES; AND

(7) THE AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF BONE DENSITY TESTING EQUIPMENT.

(G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT:

(Over)

(1) ANY LEGISLATION OR REGULATION THAT MAY BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 19 and 20, inclusive; in line 21, strike “(1)” and substitute “(2)”; in the same line, strike “DEVELOP” and substitute “DEVELOPING”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 26 down through “(IV)” in line 27; in line 29, strike “(V)” and substitute “(IV)”; in line 31, strike “(VI)” and substitute “(V)”; in line 32, strike “(VII)” and substitute “(VI)”; and in line 33, strike “(VIII)” and substitute “(VII)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 1, strike “(IX)” and substitute “(VIII)”; in lines 4, 8, and 11, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; in the same lines, in each instance, strike “DEVELOP” and substitute “DEVELOPING”; in line 10, strike “(1)” and substitute “(2)”; in the same line, strike the second “AND”; in line 11, strike “MAINTAIN” and substitute “MAINTAINING”; in line 14, strike “DISSEMINATE” and substitute “DISSEMINATING”; and in line 21, after “STATE” insert “; AND”.

(6) GATHERING APPROPRIATE DATA TO TRACK THE INCIDENCE OF OSTEOPOROSIS IN THE STATE.

(H) THE TASK FORCE MAY HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR GROUP AS THE TASK FORCE DEEMS NECESSARY”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 5 through line 2 on page 6, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 5, inclusive; in line 6, strike “13-1607.” and substitute “13-1603.”; strike beginning with the colon in line 7 down through “(2)” in line 10; in line 10, strike “ITS” and substitute “THE”; and strike beginning with the comma in line 10 down through “SUBTITLE,” in line 11 and substitute “OF THE TASK FORCE”.

On pages 6 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 6 through line 1 on page 8, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 2, strike “13-1609.” and substitute “13-1604.”; in line 3, strike “(A)”; in line 6, strike “THIS SUBTITLE” and substitute “AN OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 10, inclusive, and substitute “13-1605.”; and after line 10, insert:

“THE TASK FORCE SHALL CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THE EXTENT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE.

13-1606.”.