

## 2012 General Assembly

### New Bills of Interest

*January 30 to February 3*

Here are selected new bills filed in the General Assembly last week. The list is organized by topic. Highlights include:

- [HB 4](#) Omnibus Rx drug abuse bill: require online Rx tracking; specify duties of AG  
[HB 350](#) Human trafficking “next steps:” add victims fund, wage theft provisions, more  
[SB 137](#) Medicaid managed care: set Rx drug copayments at \$1, \$2 and \$3

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	<a href="#">HB 354</a>	Burch	Require physician to be certified before testifying as an expert witnesses; details
Comm Dev	<a href="#">HB 341</a>	Kerr	Business trusts: provide that corporation sole shareholder status is insufficient standing to pierce veil of entity; more re dissolution
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 347</a>	Collins	Extend reasonable time to repair in car lemon law in case of war, invasion, civil unrest, fire, flood or natural disaster
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 362</a>	Smart	Create Asset Resolution Corporation connected to KY Higher Ed Student Loan Corp to provide “debt resolution services” for student loan debt
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 363</a>	Denham	Allow local governments to collect solid waste taxes and fees through Department of Revenue; allow 20% add on; allow offset by money owed debtor
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 365</a>	Denham	Allow KY Higher Ed Student Loan Corp to establish administrative garnishment; limit to 10% of disposable pay
Criminal	<a href="#">HB 345</a>	Denham	Strangulation bill: include a loss of consciousness within the definition of “physical injury”

Employment	<a href="#">HB 343</a>	Riggs	Silica exposure: require physical impairment as essential element in civil action based on exposure; make applicable to action pending on effective date
Employment	<a href="#">HB 350</a>	Overly	Human trafficking: create victims fund; require asset forfeiture by offenders; create offense of theft of labor by force or threat; create civil cause of action
Employment	<a href="#">HB 355</a>	Yonts	Clarify that the 18 day time period for wage payment begins on the last day of the pay period
Family	<a href="#">HB 364</a>	Yonts	Out of home child placement: conduct study of child welfare delivery; provide “gatekeeper” to assess level of care and conduct utilization review; more
Family	<a href="#">SB 126</a>	Denton	Social worker licensing: exempt employees of tax-exempt organizations; more
Health	<a href="#">HB 4</a>	Stumbo	Rx drug abuse: require KASPER tracking; specify duties of AG; require professional license to operate pain clinic; allow anonymous complaints; more
Health	<a href="#">HB 349</a>	Thompson	Pharmacy audits: subject Medicaid managed care organizations to audits conducted by the Department of Insurance; more
Health	<a href="#">HB 361</a>	Henley	Establish medical review panel for use in civil litigation relating to long-term-care facilities; provide for utilization of panel results; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 125</a>	Denton	Prohibit pharmacy benefit manager from using maximum allowable cost for multi-source drug prior to expiration of generic exclusivity; more
Health	<a href="#">SB 129</a>	P. Clark	Gatewood Galbraith Memorial Medical Marijuana Act: make marijuana a prescription drug; limit possession to small amounts; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 133</a>	Stine	“Complete streets:” require consideration of bicycle and pedestrian ways in planning and development of transportation facilities
Health	<a href="#">SB 137</a>	Denton	Set Medicaid managed care drug copayments at \$1, \$2 and \$3; exempt Passport; require MCOs to contract with individual pharmacies; more
Health	<a href="#">SB 138</a>	Denton	Give providers of services to children with severe emotional disabilities the right to a hearing before termination of their contract
Juvenile	<a href="#">HCR 129</a>	Tilley	Task Force on Unified Juvenile Code: study status offenses, community resources, alternatives to detention, age of criminal responsibility; more
Utilities	<a href="#">SB 135</a>	Hornback	Eliminate PSC jurisdiction over rates for basic phone service after 60 months; limit ability to investigate telecom issues on its own motion; more re rates