



THE HOSPITAL & HEALTHSYSTEM ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TO: Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
FROM: Scott A. Bishop, Senior Vice President, State Legislative Services
SUBJECT: House Bill 1907

Issue: The House may soon act on legislation addressing further reform of Pennsylvania's medical liability laws.

Background: Pennsylvania is consistently identified as having one of the worst legal climates in the nation. The high legal costs paid by employers, health care providers, and governments stunt economic growth, job creation, and access to medical care.

House Bill 1907 expands the existing limits on punitive damages in Act 13 of 2002 to include long-term care facilities.

HAP Position: Please support House Bill 1907 without amendments.

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