

## Q3 2022 South Dakota ENA Government Affairs Report

### State Update

- June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Ballot Measures
  - Amendment C: Being opposed by healthcare organizations (AHA, SDNA, Sanford, Avera, Monument Health). It is ultimately thought to block Medicare expansion. The amendment will eliminate an “every vote counts” in the state constitution and shred the majority rule tradition. **FAILED**

### Federal News

#### Priority Bills:

- Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (HR 1195/ S 4182)
  - Passed in the House 4/16/2021 with a 254-166 bipartisan vote. Need action in the Senate. Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. “No Silence on ED Violence” campaign. ENA Day on the Hill focus.
- The Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Devices (BLEEDing) Act (H.R. 7850/ S. 4269)
  - Provides grant funding to train citizens in anti-blood loss first-aid and for the purchase and maintenance of bleeding control kits and supplies in areas where people gather
- ENA Letter on Gun Safety Legislation. Safer Communities Act. Senators Murphy and Cornyn. Support background checks, “red flag” to remove guns from unsafe persons, more school security, CDC research for gun safety, banning bump devices to turn weapons into fully automatic weapons, and raise age of buying a semiautomatic weapon to age 21.

#### Action Alerts

- Safe Staffing in the ED: ENA support legislation requiring all hospitals to form staffing committees comprised of 55% direct care nurses. The committees would be tasked with developing unit-specific nurse staffing plans to ensure high-quality care focused on the medical needs of the patient. Factors the committee would consider include input from direct care RNs, the number of patients a hospital has, and the level of education, training, and experience of the registered nurses providing the care.
- Urge the Senate to pass S. 1974, the Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act
- S. 467 improve the screening and treatment of ED patients at-risk for suicide
- S. 926/ HR 2145 Support the Survivors’ Access to Supportive Care Act (SASCA) a bill that would help improve care and access to care of survivors of sexual assault
- INVEST in America Act. Children dying in hot cars language needs to be included in an upcoming infrastructure package. New cars to include safety devices to prevent children from being left behind in hot cars.

- Help Emergency Nurses to Get the PPE They Need. Tell Congress to Act Now! Emergency nurses need a coordinated Federal response to ensure equipment and supplies get where they are needed. Make the strategic national stockpile work for nurses!

EN 411

- Sign up on [ena.org](http://ena.org) for EN 411. This provides updates on GA happenings. This includes action alerts that are an easy way to take action and make your voice heard!

The next ENA State Government Affairs Chairpersons conference call is scheduled for Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. Central time.

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