

Hello PT Direct Access Advocates,

We have an update on our Direct Access Legislation that we wanted to pass along to everyone to keep you all in the loop. On the first day of the legislative session (which was Tuesday April 5th) all of the bills that have been filed are “read in” and then sent to a committee. Our Senate bill (SB25) was sent to the Senate Health Committee and our House bill (HB50) was sent to the House Health Committee. The legislature then adjourned until March 19th so that they could work on the gas tax bill in a special session called by the governor.

We learned toward the end of last week that the Chair of the House Health Committee requested our bill be reassigned to the House Insurance Committee because she had a conflict of interest. Our lobbyist’s assessment of this development is that it is not a negative change and may actually work to our advantage. The biggest impact is that we have been putting energy toward lobbying the House Health Committee members and now we need to change our focus to a different group of legislators who serve on the House Insurance Committee. Our Senate bill remains in the Senate Health Committee and we need to keep lobbying that group of legislators.

Below is a list all of the legislators on the House Insurance. The counties that each of the legislator’s district falls into is also listed. If you live in one of those counties please reach out to these legislators and ask them to support our bill. If you would like help in how/what to communicate to them please contact your Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) member. Below is also a link that lists the GAC members and the parts of the state they are responsible for.

And then here is the list of each House Insurance Committee member and the counties their district falls into:

Kyle South	Fayette, Jefferson, Lamar, Tuscaloosa
Jamie Kiel	Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale
Kerry Rich	DeKalb, Marshall
Corley Ellis	Shelby
Jimmy Martin	Autauga, Chilton
David Faulkner	Jefferson
Anthony Daniels	Madison
Louise Alexander	Jefferson
Chris England	Tuscaloosa
Brett Easterbrook	Choctaw, Clarke, Washington
Chip Brown	Mobile

Thank you for your continued support for the very important cause.

John Cormier,
GAC Vice-Chair