



ACTION ALERT

From the AACU State Society Network and the Indiana Urologic Association

Dear Indiana Urologists:

THE ISSUE

The AACU State Society Network and Indiana Urological Association alerts you to legislation burdensome to your practice and interferes with patient care. Senator Patricia Miller (R) and Dave Frizzell (R) introduced House Bill 1231 (identical to Senate Bill 218) which prohibits a urologist from ordering anatomic pathology services for a patient, having the laboratory bill the physician, and allowing the physician to bill the patient or the patient's third-party payer **for any cost incurred by the physician.**

In addition, this bill would inflict severe penalties on physicians found guilty of violating this law. It allows the Indiana licensing board to revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license or certification of a health care provider who intentionally violates the provisions of the bill.

Once again government is moving to obstruct your business practice, and interfering with the services that you provide to your patients.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Contact Representative Patrick Bauer, Speaker of the Indiana House and encourage him to stop this piece of legislation.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

The AACU and IUA want you to take action by:

Patrick Bauer, Speaker of the Indiana House and encourage him to stop this piece of legislation.

Indiana House Speaker Pat Bauer

Indiana House of Representatives

200 W. Washington St.

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2786

http://www.in.gov/surveytool/public/survey.php?name=bauer_comments_form_1

Use the talking points below as a basis for your letter. Write, email or contact him by February 6, 2009.

TALKING POINTS

- Physicians should be allowed to charge a minimal fee in association with providing services to the patient.

- The minimal fee for the in-house anatomic pathology services allows the urologist to process the results quickly and diagnose the patient's ailment sooner
- The American Medical Association's Code of Ethics allows for a nominal processing fee for this type of medical service
- Physicians order tests for patients because it is required, not to turn a profit
- These charges are legitimate for lab work performed

Feel free to contact me, the AACU State Affairs Manager, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Matt Swentkofske
State Affairs Manager
AACU
Phone: (847) 517-7224
Fax: (847) 517-7225
Email: statesociety@acuweb.org
www.acuweb.org