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FW: Hearing Notice - Joint Committee on Public Health - July 14th @ 1PM

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Good afternoon. Pretty exciting news.

If you are receiving this email it is because you have been involved in some capacity in our efforts to pass an NFG regulation at the local level. My apologies if you receive duplicate emails – that means you are on more than one email distribution list. Trying our best to get the word out to everyone. NOTE: I may have missed some key Needham folks. My apologies. Please forward.

This came sooner than I expected but as you will see in the email below, the NFG bill in the State House will be the subject of a Hearing next Monday.

We've made terrific progress on the local level – 17 municipalities have adopted an NFG regulation so far, covering more than 500,000 Massachusetts residents.

Several other municipalities are in some stage of considering NFG.

It's extremely important that we let our legislators know our position on this groundbreaking policy. Please consider in-person testimony if at all possible. And written testimony of you can't attend the hearing in person. I know we are not all able to pull that off!

If you have submitted something for a local hearing it is fine to re-submit that same letter/email for the state hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions, especially those of you who are municipal or state employees and concerned about "lobbying" versus "educating" our legislators. Since the hearing involves a specific state bill, or bills, there are some restrictions. We can all educate any time. And we can lobby on our own time.

Hope to see you all at the State House next week though I realize it is short notice and a big vacation week. If you can't attend in person please consider written testimony. Thank you!

Best regards,

Maureen

P.S. Please share as you deem appropriate. Any and all testimony welcome. In person, virtually, or in writing. Just wish it wasn't such short notice and that we had

more time to plan. So many out on vacation. Oh well...

From: Reynolds, Emily (SEN) <Emily.Reynolds@masenate.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 10:00 AM

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Good morning,

I am forwarding the public hearing notice for the tobacco free generation legislation. If you are interested, the notice has information so that you can testify orally during the hearing and/or submit written testimony. Please forward this on to any advocates that you think would be interested.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Emily

Emily L. Reynolds

(she/her/hers)

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**Date of Hearing:** Monday, July 14, 2025**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**Location:** A1

The Joint Committee on Public Health will conduct a hybrid public hearing in Hearing Room A1 on July 14, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on bills relating to children's health, tobacco, health information technology and professional licensure and scope of practice.

Individuals testifying should limit their remarks to 3 minutes. All panels should limit their testimony to a total of 6 minutes.

Please be advised that all written testimony submitted will be read by Committee Members and staff and may be made publicly available at the discretion of the Chairs. The committee may limit availability or redact testimony that includes sensitive personal information or information that may jeopardize the health, wellness, or safety of the testifier or others.

All matters filed in the House that are listed below are required to be reported on by September 8, 2025, subject to extensions consistent with House Rule 27.

The Committee will accept written and oral testimony in-person and virtually on the following bills:

Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor
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H2562	An Act to create a nicotine free generation	Vitolo, Tommy (HOU)
S1568	An Act to create a nicotine free generation	Lewis, Jason M. (SEN)
H2552	An Act relative to student heart health	Vargas, Andres X. (HOU)
H2538	An Act establishing a fetal alcohol spectrum disorders program	Sena, Danillo A. (HOU)
H2526	An Act relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools	Roy, Jeffrey N. (HOU)
H2520	An Act relative to improving asthma in schools	Rogers, David M. (HOU)
H2495	An Act relative to LSDs (Lysosomal Storage Disorders) in infants	McKenna, Joseph D. (HOU)
S1530	An Act improving newborn screening tests	Fattman, Ryan C. (SEN)
H2485	An Act concerning the cardiac health of children and student athletes	Livingstone, Jay D. (HOU)
H2482	An Act to ban internet tobacco sales	Linksy, David Paul (HOU)
H2481	An Act prohibiting the sale of dextromethorphan to minors	Linsky, David Paul (HOU)
S1617	An Act prohibiting the sale of dextromethorphan to minors	Rausch, Rebecca L. (SEN)
H2468	An Act for healthy kids, healthy futures	Kilcoyne, Meghan K. (HOU)

S1571	An Act for healthy kids, healthy futures	Lewis, Jason M. (SEN)
H2443	An Act to protect little lungs	Hawkins, James K. (HOU)
H2434	An Act improving pediatric cancer research	Giannino, Jessica Ann (HOU)
S1602	An Act improving pediatric cancer research	O'Connor, Patrick M. (SEN)
H2430	An Act including Krabbe Disease in newborn screening	Garry, Colleen M. (HOU)
H2419	An Act relative to local boards of health and the sale of legal tobacco products in the Commonwealth	Frost, Paul K. (HOU)
H2379	An Act relative to tobacco harm-reduction	Cahill, Daniel (HOU)
S1498	An Act relative to tobacco harm-reduction	Cronin, John J. (SEN)
H2361	An Act relative to ensuring quality healthcare for children	Arena-DeRosa, James C. (HOU)
S1636	An Act ensuring safer and secure communications with radiation limits through the Massachusetts Broadband Institute	Velis, John C. (SEN)
S1631	An Act relative to sudden cardiac arrest awareness	Velis, John C. (SEN)
S1624	An Act relative to personal health information portability and accessibility	Tarr, Bruce E. (SEN)
S1593	An Act supporting school-based substance use prevention through evidence-based positive social norms marketing	O'Connor, Patrick M. (SEN)

S1586	An Act relative to smoking cessation agents	Moore, Michael O. (SEN)
S1573	An Act relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus	Lovely, Joan B. (SEN)
S1567	An Act to protect youth from the harms of tobacco and e-cigarette products	Lewis, Jason M. (SEN)
S1554	An Act to reduce lung cancer deaths	Keenan, John F. (SEN)
S1553	An Act relative to the determination of need of new technology	Keenan, John F. (SEN)
S1552	An Act relative to expanding the newborn screening panel	Keenan, John F. (SEN)
S1528	An Act repealing the state menthol ban	Fattman, Ryan C. (SEN)
S1507	An Act regarding the pediatric palliative care program	DiDomenico, Sal N. (SEN)
S1492	An Act relative to newborn infant safe sleep practices	Crighton, Brendan P. (SEN)
H2514	An Act relative to the definition of disclosure, apology and early offer programs	Plouffe, Bridget (HOU)
H2480	An Act regarding registered nurse first assistants	Linsky, David Paul (HOU)
H1400	An Act relative to maintenance of certification	Philips, Edward R. (HOU)
H2407	An Act relative to the definition of podiatry	Donato, Paul J. (HOU)

S1510	An Act relative to the definition of podiatry	Dooner, Kelly A. (SEN)
S1542	An Act relative to the definition of podiatry	Friedman, Cindy F. (SEN)
H2470	An Act relative to the continuing education of podiatrists	Kushmerek, Michael P. (HOU)
S247	An Act relative to the continuing education of podiatrists	Keenan, John F. (SEN)
H2380	An Act relative to updating the licensure of optometrists	Chan, Tackey (HOU)
S1592	An Act relative to updating the licensure of optometrists	Moore, Michael O. (SEN)

*****INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION / TESTIMONY*****

LINK TO PRE-REGISTER TO TESTIFY: Persons who wish to testify in person or virtually or submit written testimony may do so by completing this form linked [here \(https://forms.gle/YUTcgm9wxnehNtnR7\)](https://forms.gle/YUTcgm9wxnehNtnR7)

DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER: Persons planning to testify virtually must sign up no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025**. Individuals and groups testifying in person are strongly encouraged to register using the form above prior to the deadline. **Registration by the deadline is required for those who wish to testify virtually** during the live hearing and encouraged for those who wish to testify in person. Persons who do not have a Google account or do not wish to use the Google form can submit testimony and/or sign up to testify by emailing JointCommittee.PublicHealth@malegislature.gov. Please indicate whether you plan to testify in person or virtually. Participants who indicate that they plan to testify virtually will receive an invitation to the hearing with instructions via email after the deadline closes.

SAME DAY SIGN-UP FOR IN-PERSON TESTIMONY ONLY – IF TIME ALLOWS: Individuals who miss the deadline to pre-register for testimony may appear on the day of the hearing and sign-up to speak in person on forms provided by committee staff outside of the hearing room. Time permitting, when all pre-registered individuals have been called to testify, the Chairs will then call any individuals who sign-up on the day of the hearing.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: If you would like to provide written testimony, please include the bill number in the subject line of the email, as well as your name, address, phone number, and organization, if any, on the submitted testimony. Written testimony is encouraged and will continue to be accepted after the hearing until the relevant bill is acted upon. Such testimony may be submitted via email to JointCommittee.PublicHealth@malegislature.gov or physically mailed to the House Chair:

Chair Marjorie C. Decker

Joint Committee on Public Health

ATTN: Ramla Hagi

24 Beacon St., Room 130

Boston, MA 02133

Please include "Public Health Committee Testimony, [Relevant Bill Number]" in the subject line of the email. Those who plan to submit only written testimony may do so before or after the signup deadline.

ORDER OF TESTIMONY: The Chairs, at their discretion, will determine the order of testimony during the course of the hearing. It is the responsibility of the individuals registered to testify to be prepared to speak when called upon by the Chairs. In the event that an individual is called by the Chairs and that person is not logged into the Teams platform, the Chairs will move on and call the next individual or panel.

This hearing will be recorded and archived for later viewing. Those who do not plan to testify but want to watch the public hearing may view the livestream under the Hearings & Events section of the [legislative website](#).

If you have any questions, you may email Ramla.Hagi@mahouse.gov and Matthew.Murphy@masenate.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Murphy, J.D.

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Thanks for sharing, Maureen! Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend in-person on Monday. I'd like to submit a written testimony – who should I send it to when finished?

Best,

Aida



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