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MONTHLY STATE TRACKER UPDATE

May 5, 2017

In the Home Stretch:

Thank you to those State Trackers and BOG Legislative Representatives who were able to join our April conference call. For some states, we are finished with this year's session, with even more states adjourning in the month of May. Thank you for your diligence on behalf of the specialty!

Trending now:

- **Hearing Aid Dispenser Scope of Practice:** The AAO-HNS and its state BOG societies have communicated opposition to California SB 198, which would allow hearing aid dispensers to perform cerumen management and tympanometry. A committee hearing on the bill has been indefinitely postponed due to the tireless efforts of our CA leaders!
- **Cosmetic Taxes:** The cosmetic tax provisions in the Ohio budget have been removed.
- **APRN Scope of Practice:** APRN scope of practice expansion bills are being monitored in Florida and North Carolina.
- **Endoscopy Reform:** An endoscopy reform bill is being monitored in New York.
- **Vibration/Hearing Loss:** At this time, the AAO-HNS is remaining neutral on AB 1421 in California. The Academy was approached for comment by the bill's sponsor.

Definition of the Month:

- **Adjournment/Sine Die:** As the legislative session comes to a close in your state, you will often see an "adjournment date" on the calendar. This indicates the very last day the legislature will meet. An adjournment sine die means that the date to reconvene for the next session has not yet been set.

Next Conference Call:

Our next call will be held **Wednesday, May 24, at 8:00 pm EDT.**

Note: This may be our last monthly conference call for the 2017 session. A June call may be added, if needed. The handful of states with year-long sessions will still be monitored. Monthly calls will resume in December to prepare for the 2018 sessions.

Upcoming Dates:

- 5/4/2017: Hawaii Legislature Adjourns
- 5/5/2017: Florida Legislature Adjourns
- 5/10/2017: Colorado Legislature Adjourns
- 5/12/2017: Missouri Legislature Adjourns
- 5/15/2017: Kansas Legislature Adjourns (projected)
- 5/22/2017: Minnesota Legislature Adjourns (projected)
- 5/26/2017: Oklahoma Legislature Adjourns
- 5/29/2017: Texas Legislature Adjourns
- 5/31/2017: Alabama Legislature Adjourns (projected)
- 5/31/2017: Illinois Legislature Adjourns (projected)