



2015 Weekly Legislative E-Briefing

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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January 9, 2015
Chamber Policy
Positions for 2015
Legislative Session



WV
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2015 Legislative Schedule

Session Convenes
Wednesday, January
14

**Last day to introduce
bills in both Houses**
Monday, February 23

**Bills due out of
committees**
Sunday, March 1

**Last day to consider
bill on 3rd Reading**
(passage stage)
Wednesday, March 4

Session Adjourns
Saturday, March 14

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OF BUSINESS IN WEST VIRGINIA

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Join with business leaders from across the state on the eve of the convening of the 1st Regular Session of the 82nd Legislature to network with the members of the West Virginia Legislature.

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
5:30-7:30 pm

Reception with special hors d'oeuvre buffet
Charleston Town Center Marriott

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2015 Legislative Session WV Chamber's Policy Positions

This is the FINAL pre-session Legislative E-Briefing designed to give Chamber members an advance look at the Chamber's Policy Positions for the upcoming 60-day session. The session

convenes next Wednesday, January 14.

You can review the comprehensive position papers by [clicking here](#)



WV Chamber's 2015 Policy Positions Health

- **Workplace Wellness** - Absenteeism, due to illness and injuries, lead to lost productivity that affects the bottom line of all companies. It also contributes to an employee's health care costs. A significant way for West Virginia business, both small and large, to alleviate these situations and obtain tangible long-term benefits is to implement or expand workplace wellness programs. The Chamber advocates the development of a worksite wellness initiative in West Virginia that would involve the development of a new statewide wellness network of business groups and certified wellness health centers and clinics. The Chamber and this network would work together to create financial rewards to participating businesses,
- **Pseudoephedrine Availability** - Illegal drug abuse is a significant problem in West Virginia. One of the most commonly used drugs in the state is methamphetamines (meth), which is manufactured in underground "meth labs." Meth is made using readily available products including over-the-counter medications such as ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine. In 2014, the Legislature came very close to passing a bill that would mandate over-the-counter products used in the production of meth to require a doctor's prescription. The Chamber recognizes it will take multiple solutions to curb the use of illegal drugs in the state. While all ideas must be considered in addressing this epidemic, the Chamber believes the state must do more than focus on how to curb specific drug production including examining the complex reasons underlying substance abuse and its costs.

[Click here](#) for a comprehensive review of **ALL** the 2015 Position Papers.

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