



**Minnesota Laboratory Licensure Coalition
Minnesota State Legislature Laboratory Advocacy Day
Thursday, March 6, 2014
8:00 am – 11:00 am**

State Capitol Building – Room 237

PARKING: Public metered parking is available at Lot Q, north of the Capitol at Cedar Street and Sherburne Avenue; Lot AA, across from the State Office Building at Aurora Avenue and Rice Street; and the orange level of the Centennial Building Ramp at Cedar Street and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Public street metered parking is available along John Ireland Boulevard and Fuller Avenue, which are near the Transportation Building. For a map go to the following link. <http://www.gis.leg.mn/html/directions.html>

The Laboratory Licensure Bill is ready for action by the 2014 Minnesota Legislature. This year's session begins February 25 and is likely to be short, with a goal of completing work by mid-April. The bill was introduced in January 2013 and will have minor changes made in an amendment during the first committee hearing. The lead authors are Senator John Hoffman (Anoka) and Representative Will Morgan (Burnsville).

During past sessions, the laboratory community in Minnesota developed valuable contacts with state senators and representatives in support of the licensure effort. The opposition we expect during this session will come mostly from hospitals, the Minnesota Hospital Association, and the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB).

We will review the legislative background and the advocacy message in a morning briefing and then make visits to our state senators and representatives. We need participants from districts all over the state, but especially those whose legislators are on the health committees listed at the end of this flyer.

AGENDA

- 8:00 am Welcome and introductions (Rick Panning/Kathy Hansen)
- 8:15 am 2014 Licensure legislation (Rick Panning and Kathy Hansen)
- Rationale for licensure
 - Bill specifics / changes from 2013
 - Opposition
- 8:45 am Status of bill and legislative process (Vic Moore-lobbyist)
- Bill authors in House and Senate
 - Committee process
 - Talking points with legislators
- 9:30 am Visit legislators in office or talk with them outside of Senate or House chambers
Please make appointments by following the directions at the top of the next page.

If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Hansen at khansen3@fairview.org by Friday, February 21. If you cannot attend but would like to meet with your senator or representative at another time, please contact Vic Moore at vic.moore@comcast.net. He is willing to accompany you on your visit

How to contact and/or make an appointment with your representative/senator:

- Go to the Web site www.leg.state.mn.us
- At the bottom of the page, see Who Represents Me?
- Enter your address in the space given
- Click on the Web page beneath the picture of your state representative or senator. The Web pages vary, but they always have the location, phone number and email address.
- **Call early** to make an appointment to see your legislator in person. If they will not be available, you may meet with their legislative assistant, or leave information at their office and follow up with a call at a later date, or make an appointment on another day if that works for you.

Health Policy Committees

Senate		District	Home	Party	
Sheran	Kathy	19	Mankato	DFL	Chair, co-author
Wiklund	Melissa	50	Bloomington	DFL	Vice Chair, possible supporter
Benson	Michelle	31	Zimmerman	R	Ranking minority member, nonsupport
Eaton	Chris	40	Brooklyn Park	DFL	Supporter (nurse)
Hayden	Jeff	62	S. Minneapolis	DFL	supporter
Hoffman	John	36	Brooklyn Park	DFL	Chief author
Lourey	Tony	11	Mora	DFL	Co-author
Marty	John	66	Roseville	DFL	Co-author
Nelson	Carla	26	Rochester	R	nonsupport
Nienow	Sean	32	Cambridge	R	Co-author
Rosen	Julie	23	Fairmont	R	supporter

House		District	Home	Party	
Liebling	Tina	26A	Rochester	DFL	Chair, undecided
Moran	Rena	65A	St. Paul	DFL	Vice Chair, Co-author
Abeler	Jim	35A	Anoka	R	Co-author
Albright	Tony	55B	Prior Lake	R	undecided
Allen	Susan	62B	Minneapolis	DFL	Co-author
Benson	John	44B	Minnetonka	DFL	Co-author
Franson	Mary	8B	Alexandria	R	opposed
Fritz	Patti	24B	Faribault	DFL	Co-author
Gruenhagen	Glenn	18B	Glencoe	R	opposed
Huntley	Thomas	7A	Duluth	DFL	Co-author
Loeffler	Diane	60A	Minneapolis	DFL	Co-author
Mack	Tara	57A	Apple Valley	R	Ranking minority member, opposed
Morgan	Will	56B	Burnsville	DFL	Chief author
Mullery	Joe	59A	Minneapolis	DFL	undecided
Schoen	Dan	54A	Cottage Grove	R	Co-author
Schomacker	Joe	22A	Luverne	R	undecided
Ward	JoAnn	53A	Woodbury	DFL	Co-author
Zerwas	Nick	30A	Elk River	R	undecided
Johnson	Clark	19A	Mankato	DFL	supporter
Lohmer	Kathy	39B	Stillwater	R	opposed