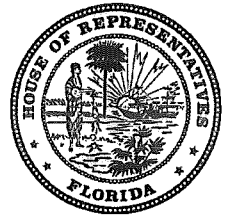




DON GAETZ
President of the Senate

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES



WILL WEATHERFORD
*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

MEMORANDUM

To: All Legislators

From: Senate President Don Gaetz
House Speaker Will Weatherford

Date: November 6, 2013

Subject: Doctor of the Day Program – 2014 Regular Session

The Legislative Clinic will continue to administer the Doctor of the Day Program for the 2014 Regular Session. You are invited to sponsor physicians who assist in providing medical services to the Senate and House during Session, with the support and cooperation of the Clinic. The attached information sheet, which will be provided to the participating physicians, explains their responsibilities and activities in detail. Also attached is a registration form to be completed by the physicians (who must be either Medical Doctors or Doctors of Osteopathy) you choose to sponsor.

You may start submitting your recommendations upon receipt of this information.

Additional information about the Doctor of the Day Program may be obtained from:

Office of Legislative Services
Takeshia Stokes
Room 874, Claude Pepper Building
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400
Telephone: (850) 717-0301
E-mail: stokes.takeshia@leg.state.fl.us

Attachments

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – LEGISLATIVE CLINIC

Doctor of the Day Program

The Doctor of the Day Program was founded in the 1960s by a former House member, Representative Walter Sackett, M.D., from Miami. He encouraged the Florida Medical Association to bring a physician to Tallahassee each day of the Regular Legislative Session. This program, which is now administered by the Legislative Clinic, provides a vital professional service to the members of the Florida Legislature and all legislative employees. The physicians of Florida have proudly provided this voluntary public service each year since the program's inception.

The 2014 Legislative Session begins March 4, 2014, and adjourns May 2, 2014.

Physicians will be responsible for their own hotel reservations and costs associated with serving as Doctor of the Day. To assist you, we will provide contact information for local hotels in the area. Please be sure to book your hotel reservation as soon as possible as hotels book quickly as session approaches. Also, when making reservations keep in mind that downtown parking is extremely scarce. It is for this reason that the DoubleTree Hotel is an ideal location as that facility has a parking garage for hotel guests.

On the specific day you are scheduled to serve as Doctor of the Day, please come to the Legislative Clinic (Room 313, Capitol) at 8:00 a.m. so the clinic nurses may brief you on the legislative activities for the day.

If you have chosen to serve as Doctor of the Day on a Monday or Friday, please understand that those may be slow days in terms of activity. During the first few weeks of session, Mondays and Fridays are often used as travel days for the members of the Legislature and therefore, it is possible that there will not be any scheduled committee meetings or full session. However, it is still very important to have a physician present in the Capitol on these days as the Capitol will have a number of staff present who may need medical assistance.

As mentioned, the Clinic is located in Room 313, on the third floor of the Capitol. Plan to be available until 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. each day, except Fridays, when you may be released from your duties after the noon hour. The House and Senate normally convene daily; however, legislative schedules are always subject to change and session may be cancelled at any time.

You will be introduced by either the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, depending on which Chamber you serve (if that Chamber is in "full session" that day); **therefore, it is very important that you are on the floor of either the House or Senate 15 minutes prior to session beginning.** You will be escorted to the House or Senate Chamber by staff from the Legislative Clinic. The clinic will provide you with a badge that says "Doctor of the Day" which serves as your "pass" to enter the chambers. If the House and Senate are not in session, you will be free to attend committee meetings and/or visit legislators' offices.

Within the House or Senate Chambers you may wish to sit with your local delegation. In addition to the professional services you will be providing, your trip to Tallahassee is an excellent opportunity to develop a comprehensive understanding of the legislative process. **It is important to note that the Doctor of the Day must observe the rules of the House and Senate, which include a prohibition against lobbying or in any way attempting to influence legislators' opinions while guests of either Chamber.** Dress code for Doctors of the Day is business dress; coat and tie are required for gentlemen.

The Legislative Clinic will provide you with a pager so clinic staff can stay in constant contact with you. You may be paged to see patients with either non-emergencies or true emergencies. In the event of an emergency, clinic staff will make every effort to get you from the Chamber floor. Please bring your prescription pad and DEA # with you, and remember to return the pager and badge to the clinic before you leave.

Phone numbers to have on hand:

Office of Legislative Services	(850) 717-0301
Legislative Clinic	(850) 488-5241
Tallahassee Memorial Hospital	(850) 431-1155
Capital Regional Medical Center	(850) 325-5000

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – LEGISLATIVE CLINIC DOCTOR OF THE DAY PROGRAM
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Registration Form – 2014 Regular Legislative Session

Name (Please indicate MD or DO)	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone Number	
Fax Number	
E-Mail Address	
Medical Specialty	
I prefer to serve in the	_____ HOUSE _____ SENATE
* I will be sponsored by:	*State Senator _____ *State Representative _____
Date Preferences: (Day, Date, Year)	First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

*** You MUST contact your legislator to request sponsorship prior to serving.**

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Tallahassee Hotels

Hotels

DoubleTree Hotel Tallahassee

101 S. Adams Street

(850) 224-5000

*walking distance to the Capitol

Comfort Suites

1026 Apalachee Parkway

(850) 224-3200

.9 miles from Capitol

Hotel Duval

415 N. Monroe Street

(850) 224-6000

.3 miles from Capitol

Holiday Inn Capitol View East

1355 Apalachee Parkway

(850) 877-3171

1.3 miles from Capitol

Governor's Inn

209 S. Adams Street

(850) 681-6855

*walking distance to Capitol

Best Western Pride Inn & Suites

2016 Apalachee Parkway

(850) 656-6312

2.2 miles from Capitol

Four Points Sheraton Tallahassee

316 West Tennessee Street

(850) 422-0071

.49 miles from Capitol

Quality Inn & Suites

2020 Apalachee Parkway

(850) 877-4437

2.2 miles from Capitol

Courtyard By Marriott

1018 Apalachee Parkway

(850) 222-8822

.9 miles from Capitol

Residence Inn By Marriott

Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol

600 West Gaines Street

(850) 329-9080

1 mile from Capitol

Hilton Garden Inn

1330 South Blairstone Rd

(850) 893-8300

1.5 miles from Capitol

ALOFT Hotel Tallahassee

200 North Monroe Street

(850) 513-0313

.26 miles from Capitol

*****When making hotel reservations be aware that downtown parking is very difficult during the legislative session and most spaces have time-limited parking meters. We strongly recommend you make your reservation at the DoubleTree so that you may park your vehicle in the facility's garage.**

Kleman Plaza, located on Duval Street, is also available for long term parking.