



# Illinois Pharmacy Legislative Day Briefing - 2025

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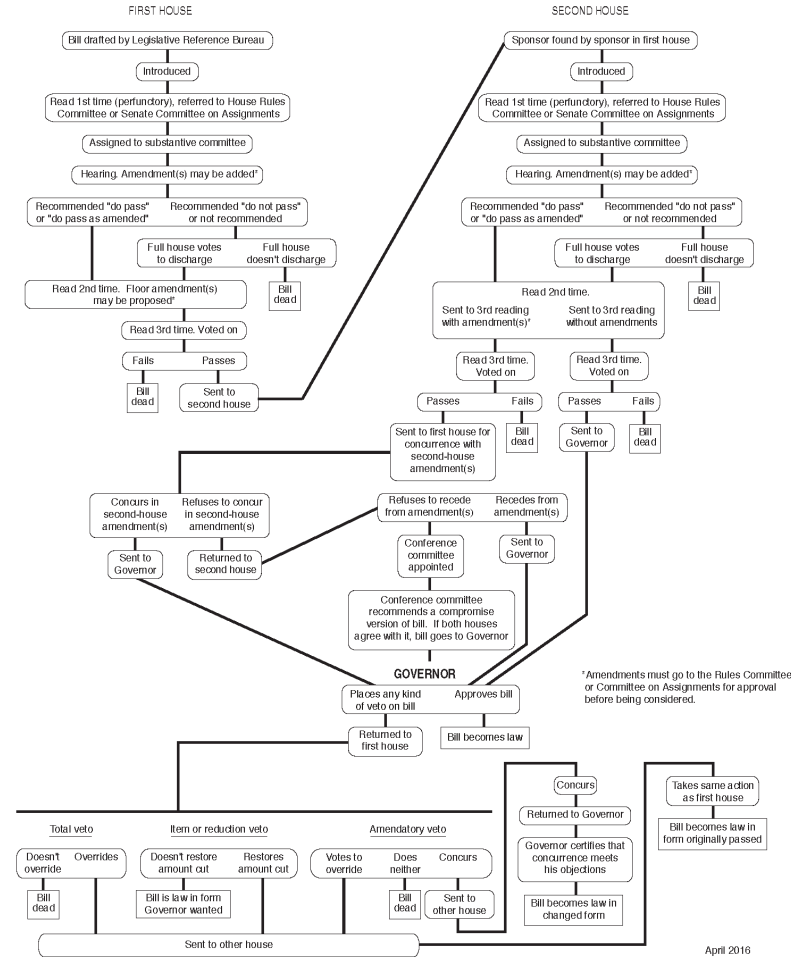
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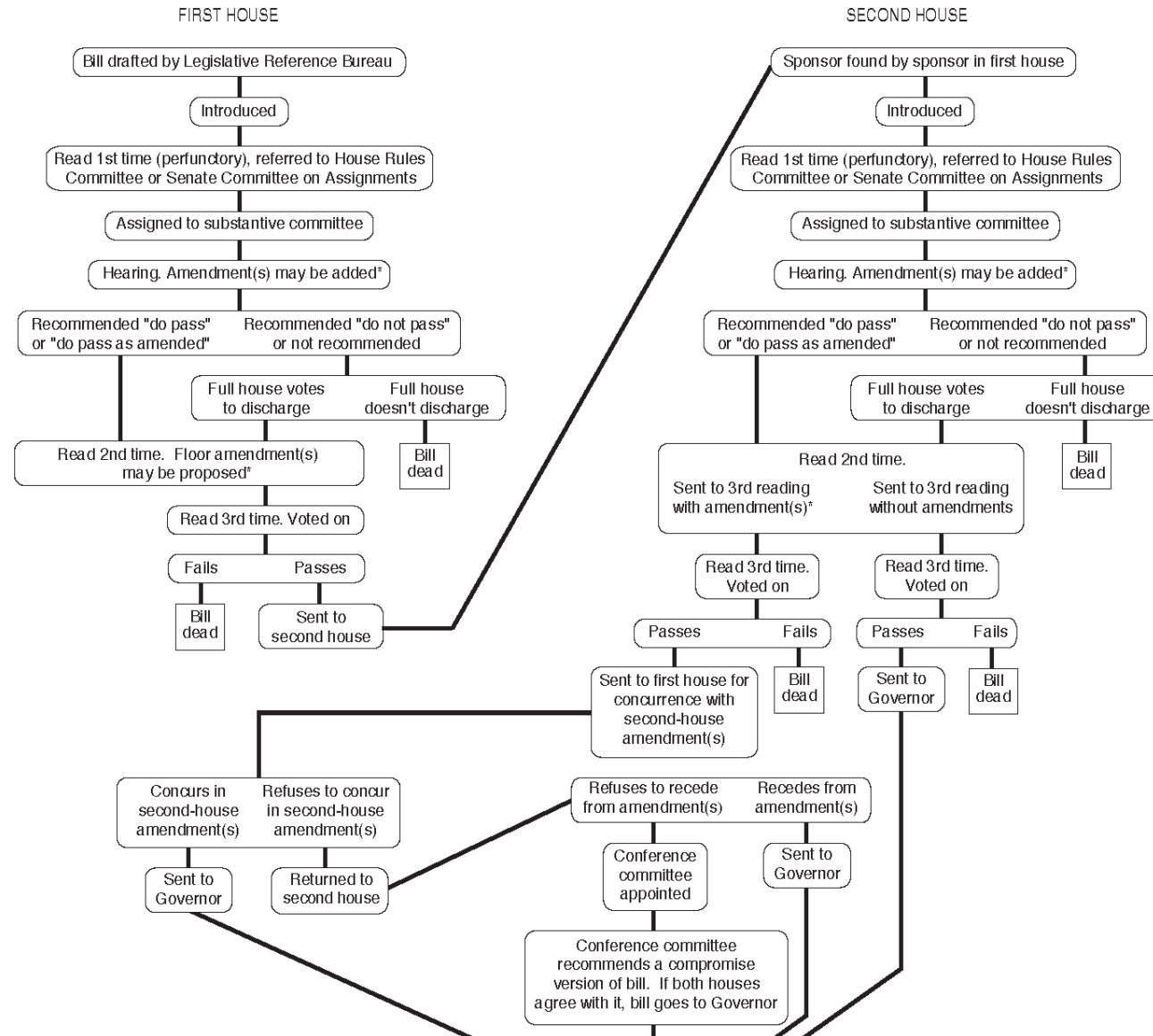


ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
**LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT**

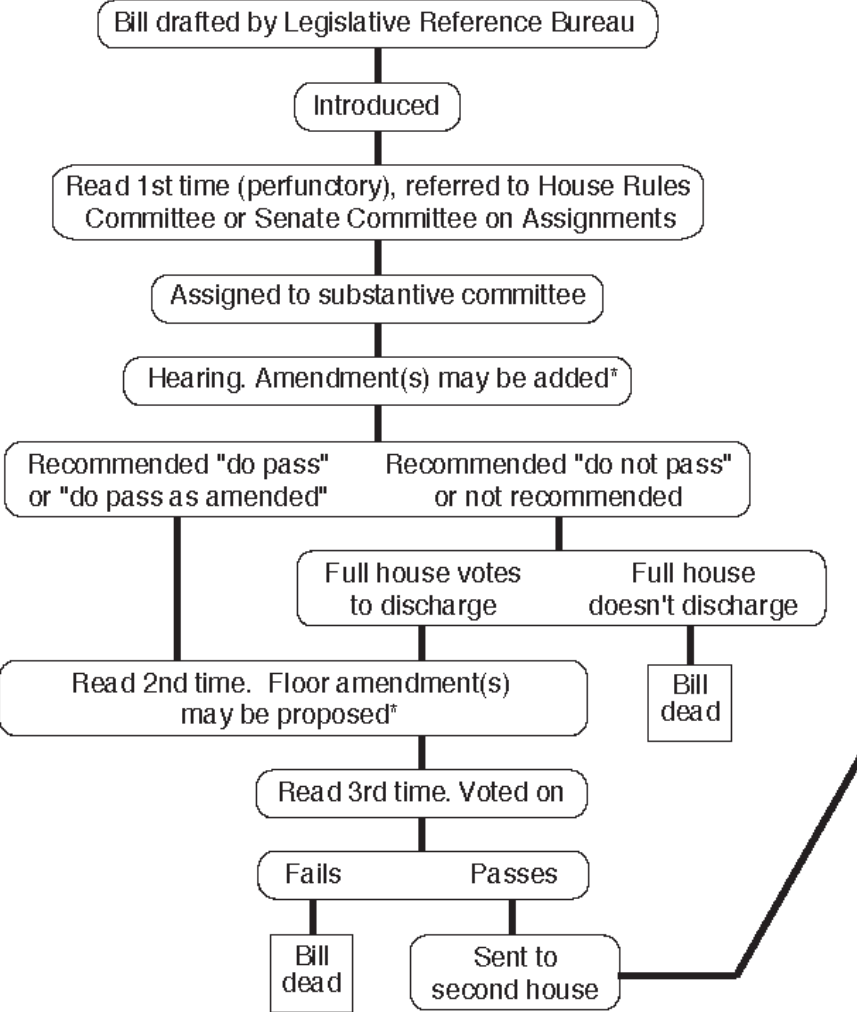


**How A Bill Becomes Law in Illinois**

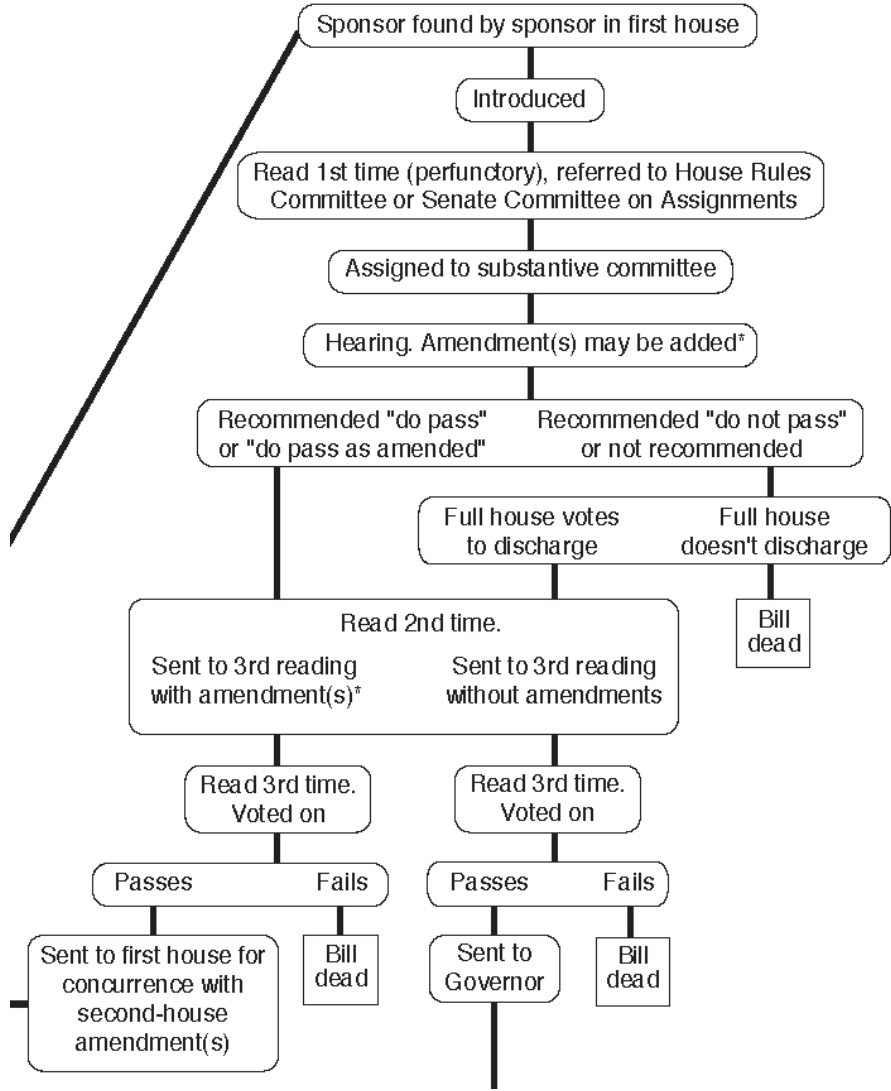


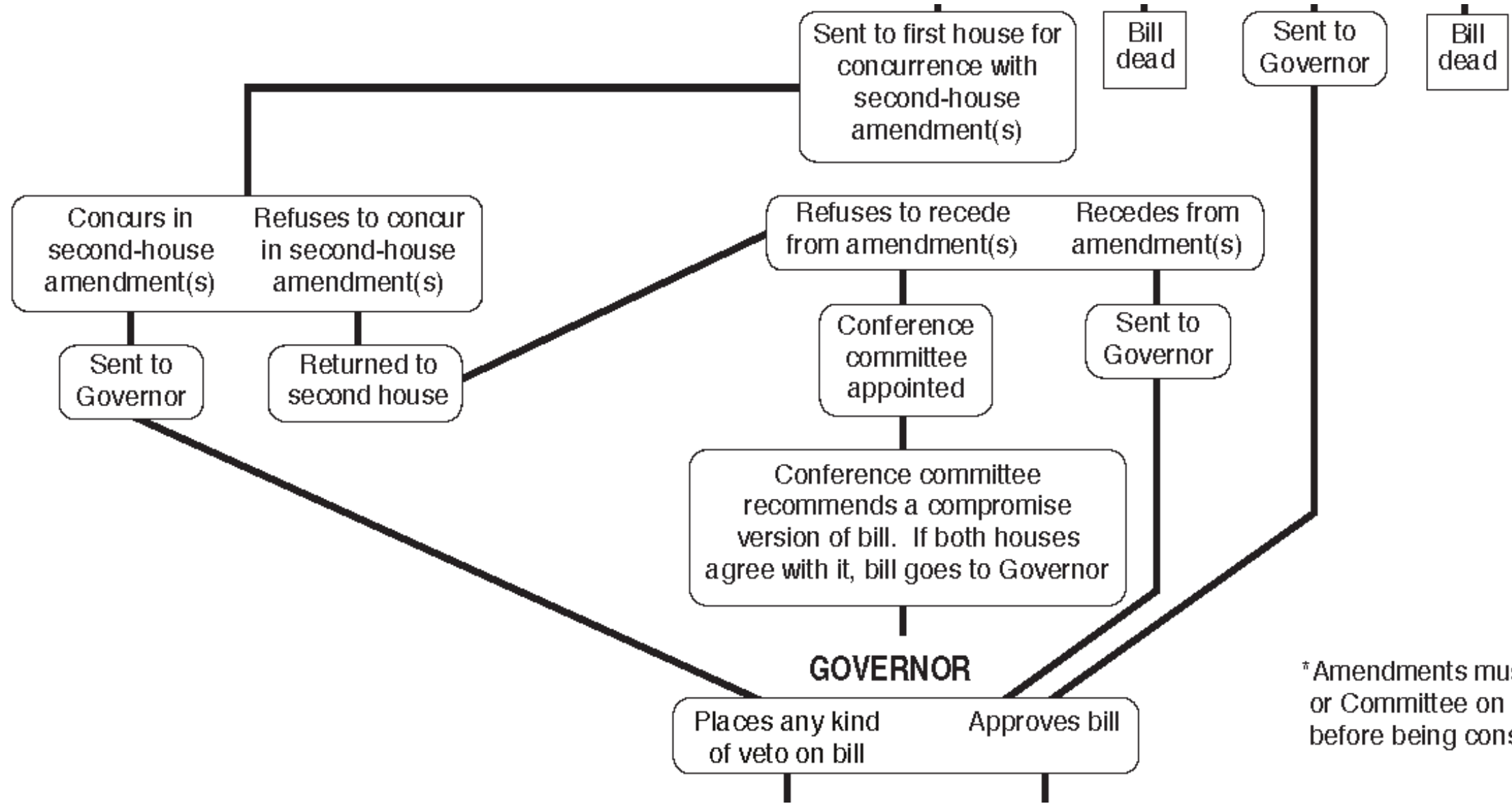


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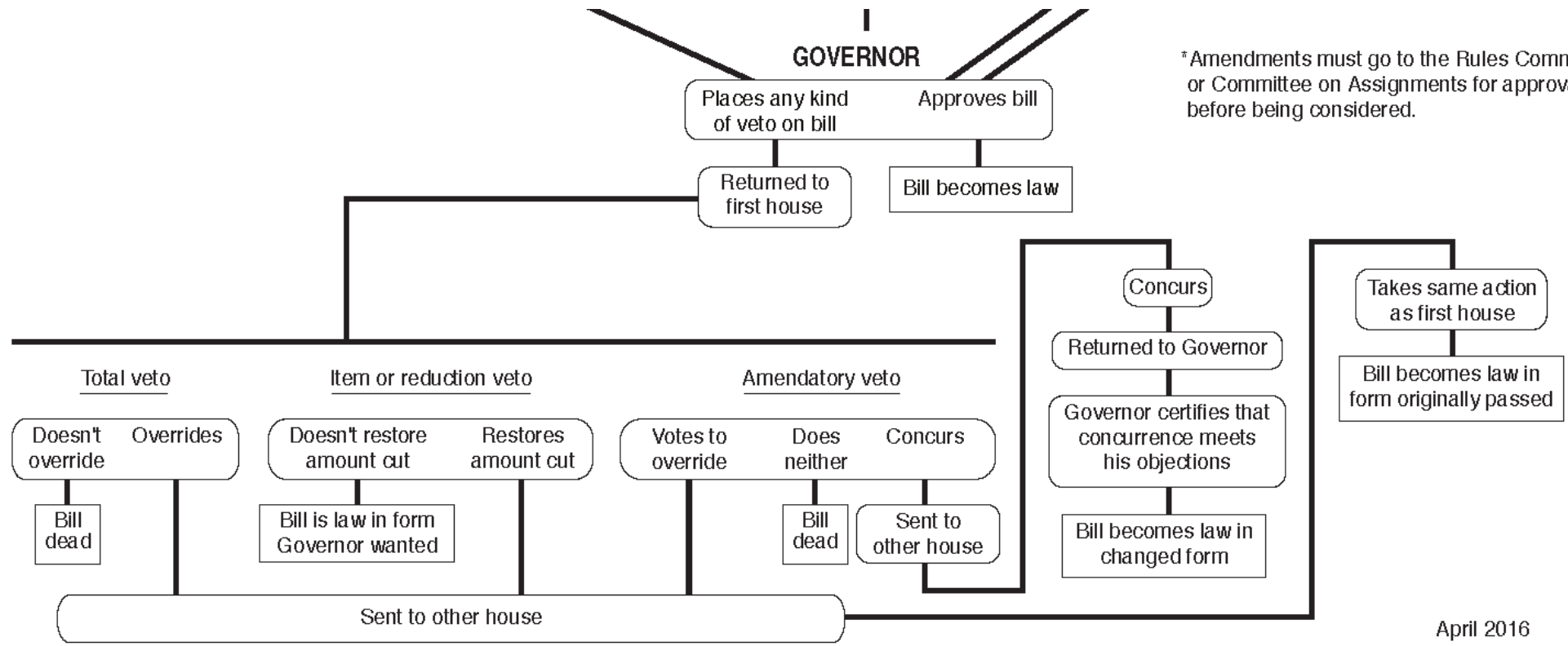


SECOND HOUSE





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A photograph of the Michigan State Capitol building, featuring a prominent blue dome and classical architectural details. The building is set against a dramatic, cloudy sky with soft light filtering through. In the foreground, there are trees with sparse green leaves, a paved road, and some street infrastructure like traffic lights and signs. A large, semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "104th General Assembly" in a black serif font.

# 104<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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- Senate: 40 Democrats | 19 Republicans
- House: 78 Democrats | 40 Republicans
- Democrats have Super Majority in both chambers
- Bills filed, so far
  - Senate 2,524
  - House 3,961

6,485
- Usually monitoring over 300 bills/resolutions
- January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

# General Assembly Committees

## House

- Appropriations – Health & Human Services
- Health Care Availability & Access
- Health Care Licenses
- Human Services
- Insurance
- Labor and Commerce
- Prescription Drug Affordability
- Public Health
- Revenue & Finance

## Senate

- Appropriations – Health and Human
- Health and Human Services
- Insurance
- Licensed Activities
- Public Health
- Revenue

# Illinois Departments that impact Pharmacy

Department of  
Financial and  
Professional  
Regulation - DFPR

Department of  
Healthcare and  
Family Services -  
HFS

Department of  
Human Services -  
DHS


Department of  
Insurance -  
Insurance

Department of  
Public Health -  
DPH

Dept of Central  
Management  
Services - CMS

# If the General Assembly makes the laws, who makes the rules?

The Board of Pharmacy is made up of 8 pharmacists, 1 pharmacy technician, and 2 public members.



The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation makes the Rules for the Pharmacy Practice Act.



The Board may provide comments but they really don't do much of the work.



The Department staff does ask for input throughout the process from all interested parties.

# The formal rules process comes next!

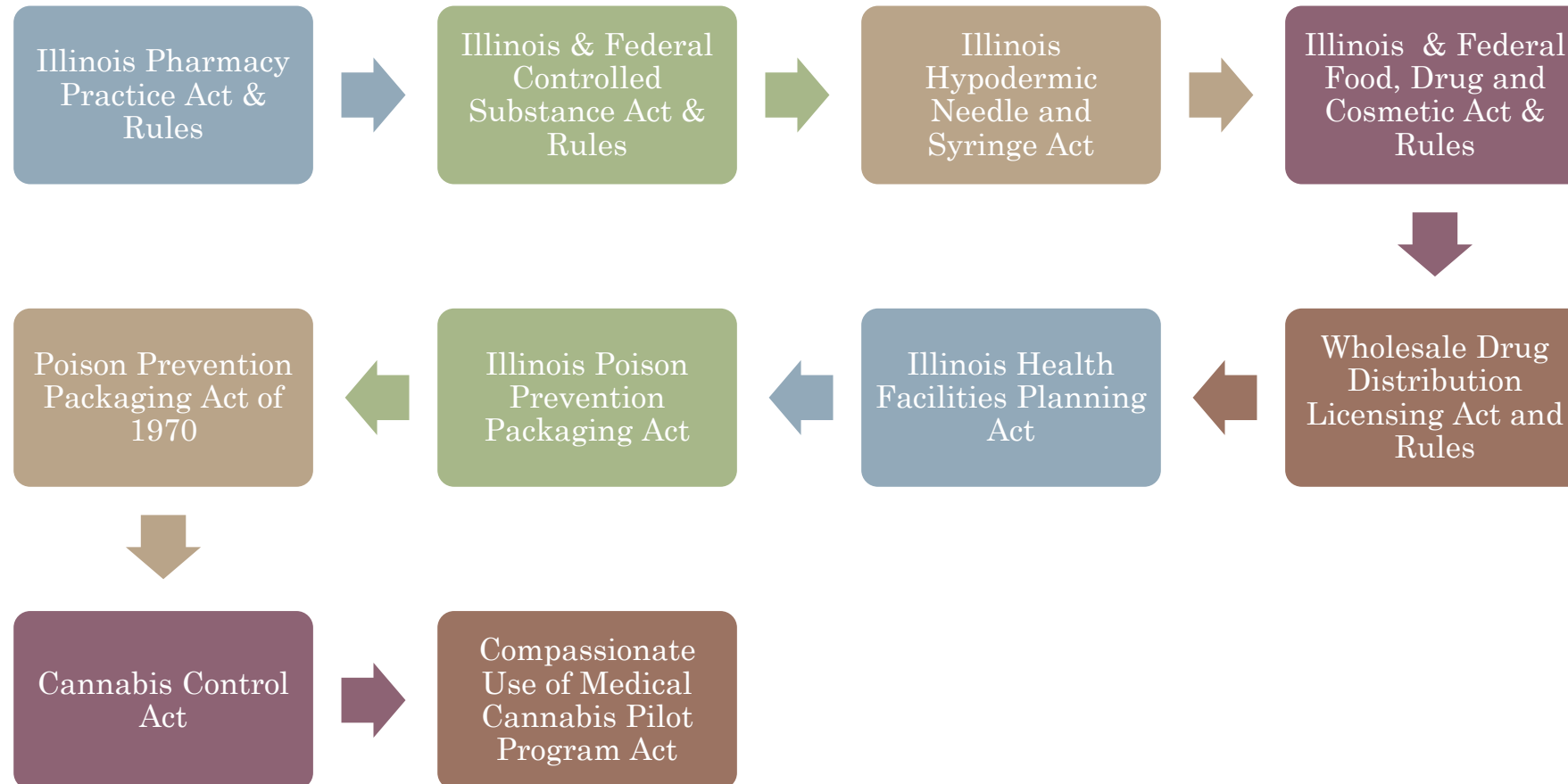
All Rules must be published in the Illinois Register in draft format and provide a 45-day public comment period.

The Department reviews all the comments and incorporates changes as it believes is appropriate.

Final Rules are sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

- 6 Senators (3 Dems & 3 Reps)
- 6 Representatives (3 Dems & 3 Reps)

# Pharmacy Related Statutes & Administrative Code





# 2025 Session







# PBM Reform: Ensuring Affordable and Accessible Healthcare in Illinois

- **Ban PBM Spread Pricing**
  - **Stop Hidden Markups:** Ensure cost transparency by prohibiting PBMs from charging health plans more than they reimburse pharmacies.
  - **Lower Costs:** Reduce inflated drug prices for employers and the state.
- **Fair Pharmacy Reimbursement**
  - **Mandate NADAC + Professional Fee:** Implement a transparent model for equitable pharmacy payments, promoting competition and sustainability.
- **Enforce Pricing Transparency**
  - **End Hidden Costs:** Require PBMs to disclose pricing practices and discounts to protect employers and consumers.
  - 100% of Rebates back to Employers/Plan Sponsors/Patients
- **Regulate Specialty Drug Classifications**
  - **Prevent Price Manipulation:** Define 'specialty drugs' based on evidence to stop PBMs from inflating costs and limiting patient access.
- **Increase Oversight of PBM Contracts**
  - **Ensure Market Fairness:** Prevent anti-competitive practices like patient steering and hidden markups through stronger regulatory oversight.

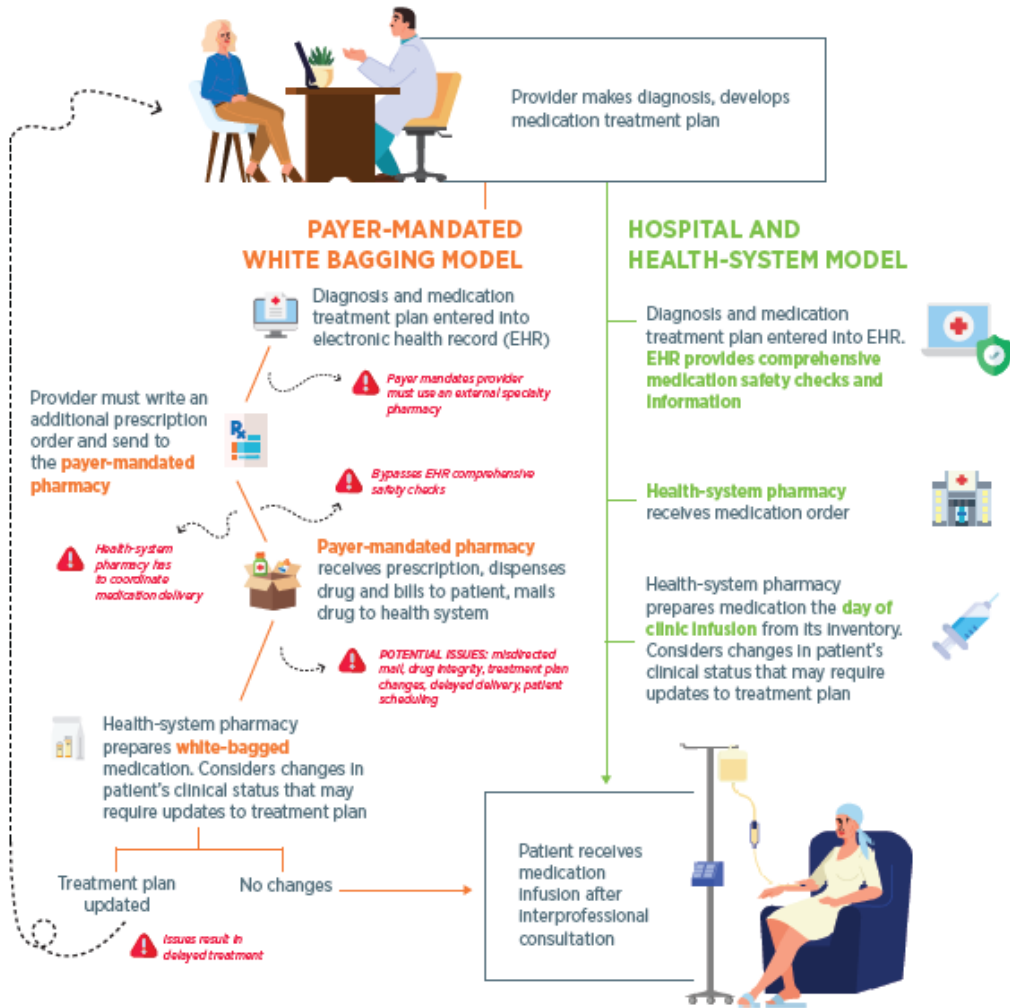
# SB1746 | White-bagging and Brown-bagging

- Senator Cristina Castro
  - Amends the Illinois Insurance Code
  - To ensure access to safe and effective drug therapies, a health benefit plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025 that provides prescription drug coverage through a medical or pharmacy health benefit or its contracted pharmacy benefit manager shall not mandate white-bagging and brown-bagging
  - Approach: Delays in care, unnecessary patient and healthcare provider coordination, and decreased patient satisfaction
  - STATUS: Assigned to Insurance (S)



**White bagging** occurs when payers require a narrow network of plan-selected pharmacies to dispense clinician-administered drugs and bill a patient's prescription medication plan. White bagging is a risk-prone process that should only be considered when determined by the provider to be necessary and appropriate to support patient care.

### How Does White Bagging Work?



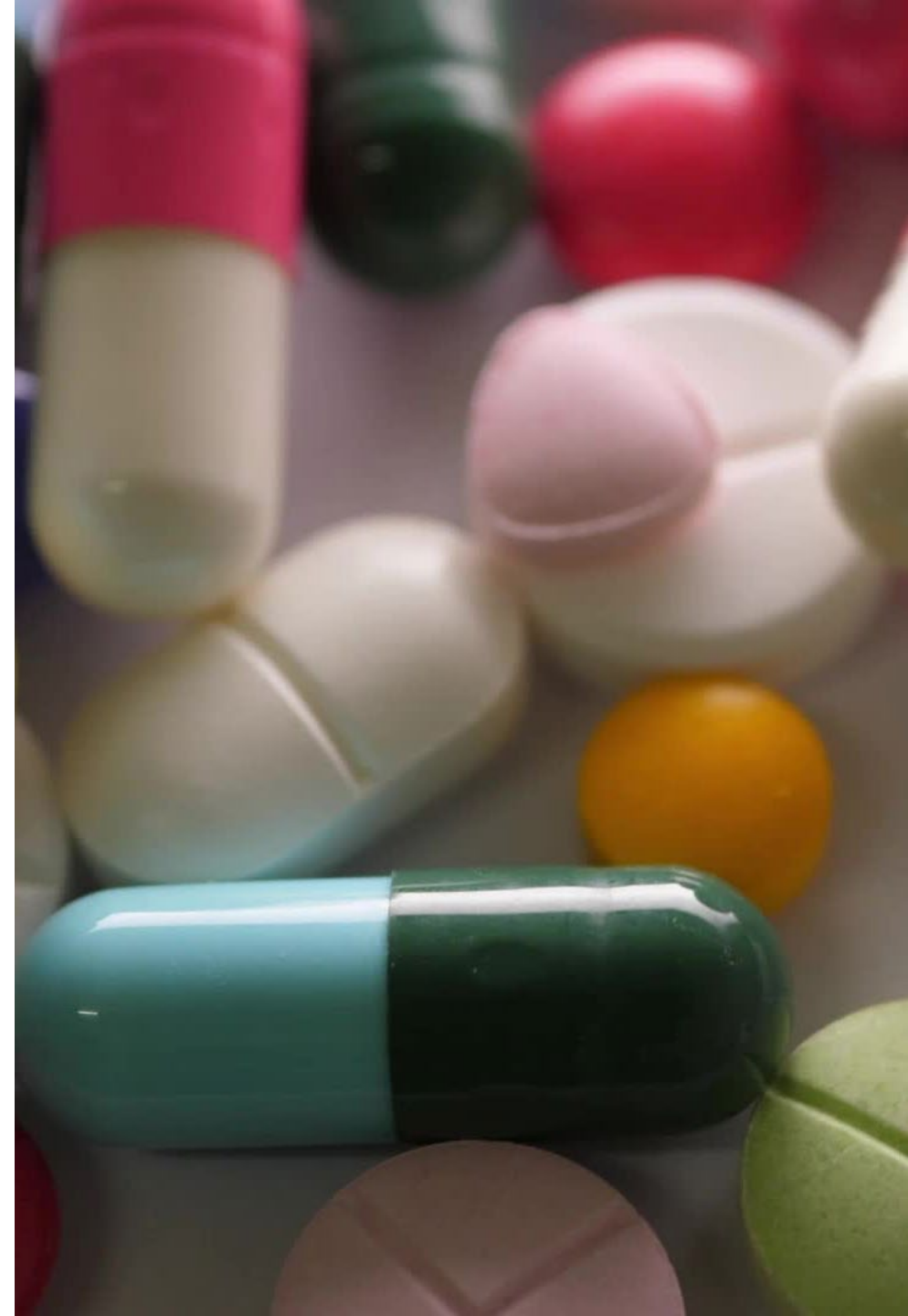
# HB1272, HB3134, SB1971 | Importation

- Representatives Huynh & West and Senator Ventura
  - Creates the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program Act.
  - Requires IDPH to establish the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program.
  - Provides that the Department shall implement the program by: contracting with one or more prescription drug wholesalers and Canadian suppliers to import prescription drugs and provide prescription drug cost savings to consumers in this State.
  - **STATUS: Assigned to Appropriations-Health and Human Services Committee (H – HB1272); others in Assignments/Rules**

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# HB1443 / SB66 | Health Care Availability

- Representative Nabeela Syed | Senator Robert Peters
- Creates the Health Care Availability and Access Board Act
- Establishes the Health Care Availability and Access Board to protect State residents, State and local governments, commercial health plans, health care providers, pharmacies licensed in the State, and other stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products.
- **STATUS: Assigned to Health Care Availability & Accessibility Committee (H) | Assignments (S)**

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# HB 3350 SB 2385 | PATIENT ACCESS 340B PHARMACY

- Representative Anna Moeller and Senators David Koehler, Michael W. Halpin and Javier L. Cervantes
  - Creates the Patient Access to Pharmacy Protection Act
  - Provides that no person, including a pharmaceutical manufacturer may
    - Deny, restrict, prohibit, condition, or otherwise interfere with, either directly or indirectly, the acquisition of a 340B drug by, or delivery of a 340B drug to, a 340B covered entity or a 340B contract pharmacy authorized to receive 340B drugs on behalf of the 340B covered entity unless such receipt is prohibited by federal law.
    - Impose any restriction on the ability of a 340B covered entity to contract with or designate a 340B contract pharmacy including restrictions relating to the number, location, ownership, or type of 340B contract pharmacy.
    - Require or compel a 340B covered entity or 340B contract pharmacy to submit or otherwise provide ingredient cost or pricing data pertinent to 340B drugs unless required by State or federal law; institute requirements in any way relating to how a 340B covered entity manages its inventory of 340B drugs that are not required by a State or federal agency, including requirements relating to the frequency or scope of audits of inventory management systems of a 340B covered entity or a 340B contract pharmacy; or submit data or information that is not required by State or federal law as a condition for a 340B covered entity, its 340B contract pharmacy, or a location otherwise authorized by a 340B covered entity to receive 340B drugs.
  - STATUS: **Referred to Rules and Referred to Assignments**

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Activate Your Voice



# Voices in Advocacy

Illinois State  
Medical Society

Illinois Nurses  
Association

Illinois Trial  
Lawyers  
Association

Pharmaceutical  
Research and  
Manufacturers  
Association

Insurance  
Companies  
Pharmacy Benefit  
Managers

- Illinois Retail Merchants Association
- Illinois Pharmacists Association
- Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists



Attend Legislative Day



Supporting a Pro-Pharmacy candidate



Working for a campaign



Hosting a store visit



Writing a legislator

Ways to  
Activate  
your voice

# Meeting with a Legislator

- Introduce yourself and state why you are there;
- Mention mutual friends/contacts;
- Emphasize key points that personally concern you;
- Keep the discussion brief;
- Expect questions and be responsive, not argumentative;
- Take a brief synopsis of your key points and supportive material to leave as a reminder;
- Be enthusiastic and show you care about the issue;
- If possible, get a commitment of support; and
- Follow up with a thank you letter, even if you were not successful.





## Meeting with a Legislator

- Do not be rude or threaten.
- Do not pretend to have greater political influence than you really have.
- Do not promise something you can't deliver.
- Do not be self-righteous or all-knowing.
- Do not be vague about the issue (research your member's position and present facts to support or refute it).
- Do not forget to thank the member for past favors.
- Do not bring up past campaign contributions or present a check during your meeting. (This should be done at events specifically for fundraising.)



It's Easier Than You Think!

# What Can You Expect When You Attend Legislative Day?

- A. Mass confusion
- B. Organized Chaos
- C. Guided Excellence
- D. All of the above
- E. Some of the above
- F. Some of all of the above



# What Can You Expect When You Attend Legislative Day?



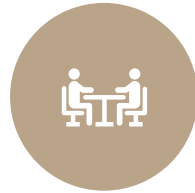
ICHP and IPhA strive to make appointments for you!



We do place you in groups with an experienced leader.



We provide you with lunch.



We provide nametags and handouts in folders with talking point sheets to leave behinds with your legislators.




We will provide you our talking points for the focus pieces of legislation.



We present an orientation before you head to the Capitol.

# So where can You make a difference?

By knowing who your State Senator and Representative is at all times and getting to know them as soon as they are elected.



By visiting with your State Senator and Representative every year or more frequently if possible.



By being a member of a State pharmacy association that has boots on the ground in Springfield.



By knowing if your State Senator or Representative is a member of a committee that hears pharmacy related bills or is a member of JCAR.



# Virtual Advocacy



Check who is your Senator and Representative



Elected Official



Review materials for Illinois Pharmacy Legislative Day



Legislative Day



Log onto the IPhA Advocacy Center



Advocacy Center



Place phone call or send email

Governor Pritzker  
Senator/Representative



Post on Social Media



Encourage 10 Peers and Patients to Advocate!

# Social Media | Critical Need for PBM Reform

Hashtags: #CriticalPBMReform #ProtectPatients #SaveLocalPharmacies

## Facebook & LinkedIn:

- **Post 1:**

" ! Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) exploit opaque practices that inflate drug prices and limit patient access. It's time for #CriticalPBMReform to protect Illinois families and save our local pharmacies. #ProtectPatients"

- **Post 2:**

" 🚫 More than 80 pharmacies closed in Illinois last year due to unfair PBM practices. We can't afford to lose more. Let's stand together for #CriticalPBMReform to ensure a fair marketplace and protect patient access. #SaveLocalPharmacies"

## Twitter:

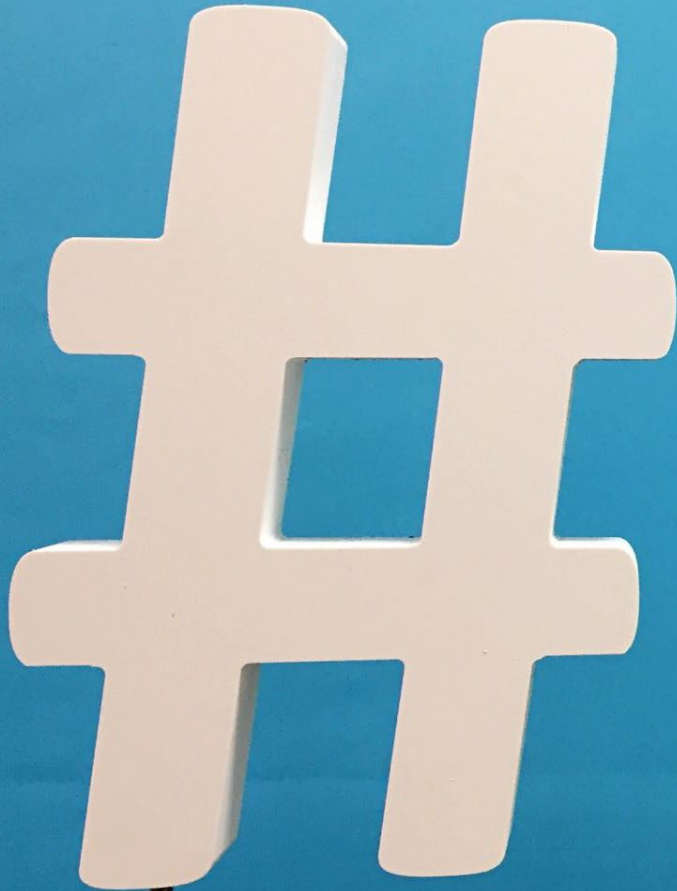
- **Tweet 1:**

"PBMs are driving up drug prices & closing local pharmacies. We need #CriticalPBMReform to protect Illinois patients! #SaveLocalPharmacies"

- **Tweet 2:**

"80+ pharmacy closures in IL last year due to PBMs. Let's act NOW for #CriticalPBMReform. #ProtectPatients"

# Social Media | Advocating for Proven PBM Reform



- **Hashtags:** #PBMReform #ILPharmacyAdvocacy #PatientAccess #FairPharmacyPractices
- **Facebook & LinkedIn:**
  - **Post 1:**  
"🔴 Illinois bills SB66, HB1272, HB1443, SB1971, and HB3134 aim to lower medication costs, but at what cost? These unproven methods threaten patient access and community pharmacies. Let's advocate for #PBMReform – a proven strategy that enhances transparency, reduces costs, and protects patients. #ILPharmacyAdvocacy"
  - **Post 2:**  
"📌 Comprehensive PBM reform means cost savings, enhanced transparency, and improved patient access! States like Ohio and Kentucky have already seen success. It's time Illinois follows suit. #PBMReform #ILPharmacyAdvocacy #FairPharmacyPractices"
- **Twitter:**
  - **Tweet 1:**  
"Unproven IL bills threaten patient access & community pharmacies. Let's advocate for #PBMReform to ensure fair pharmacy practices! #ILPharmacyAdvocacy"
  - **Tweet 2:**  
"Comprehensive #PBMReform works! Cost savings, transparency, & patient access. Illinois, it's time to act. #ILPharmacyAdvocacy #FairPharmacyPractices"

# Social Media | White Bagging

Hashtags: #EndWhiteBagging #PatientSafety #StopPatientDelays

## Facebook & LinkedIn:

- **Post 1:**

"🚫 White bagging delays treatment, fragments care coordination, and jeopardizes patient safety. It's time to prioritize patient-centered care. Say NO to white bagging! #EndWhiteBagging #PatientSafety"

- **Post 2:**

"🚫 White bagging = Delayed care, fragmented medical records, and increased medication errors. Patients deserve better! Let's raise awareness and advocate for safe pharmacy practices. #StopPatientDelays #EndWhiteBagging"

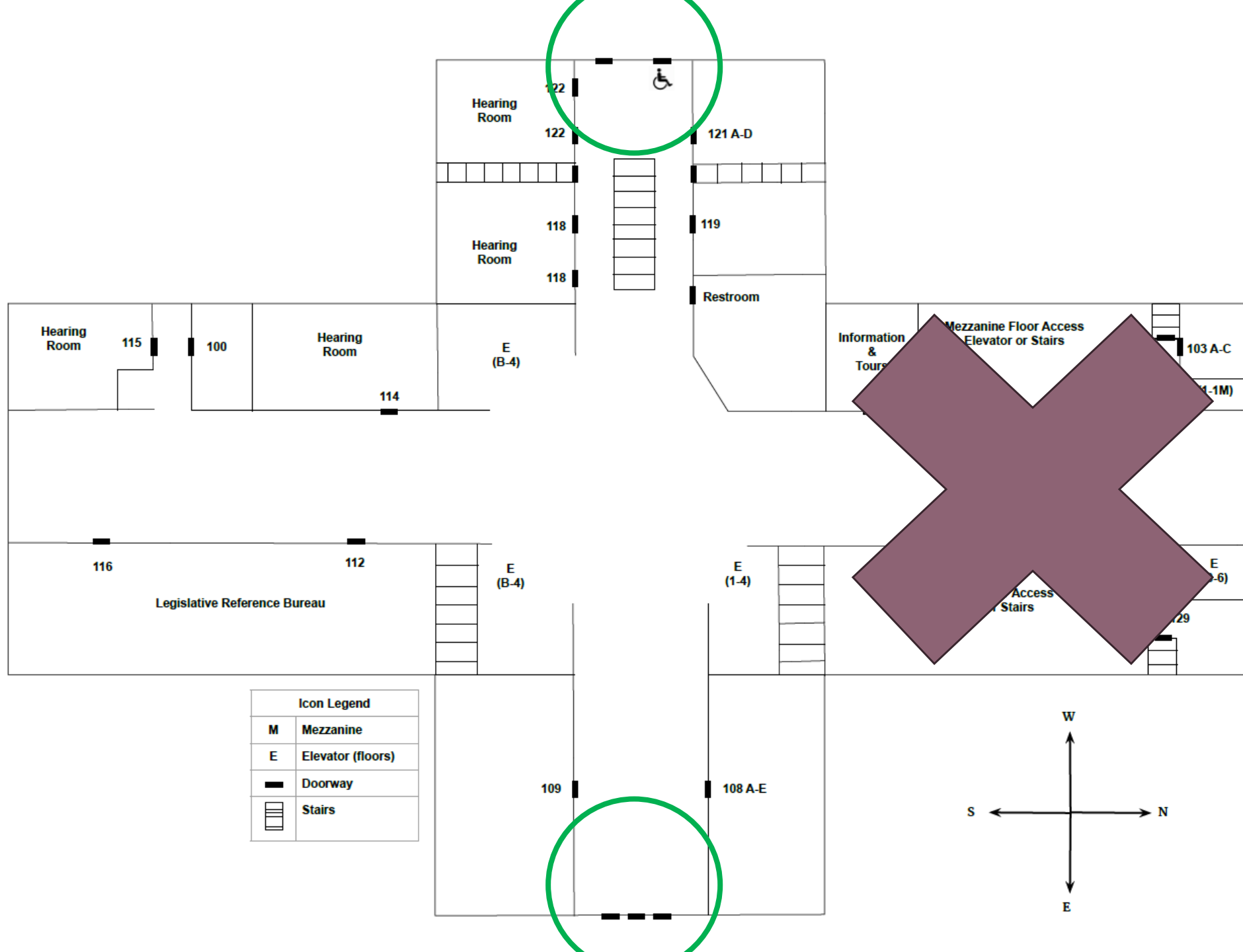
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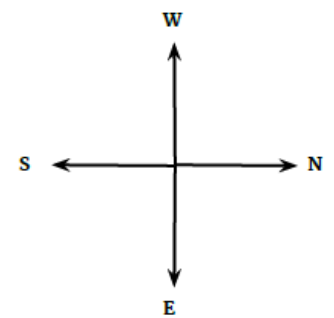
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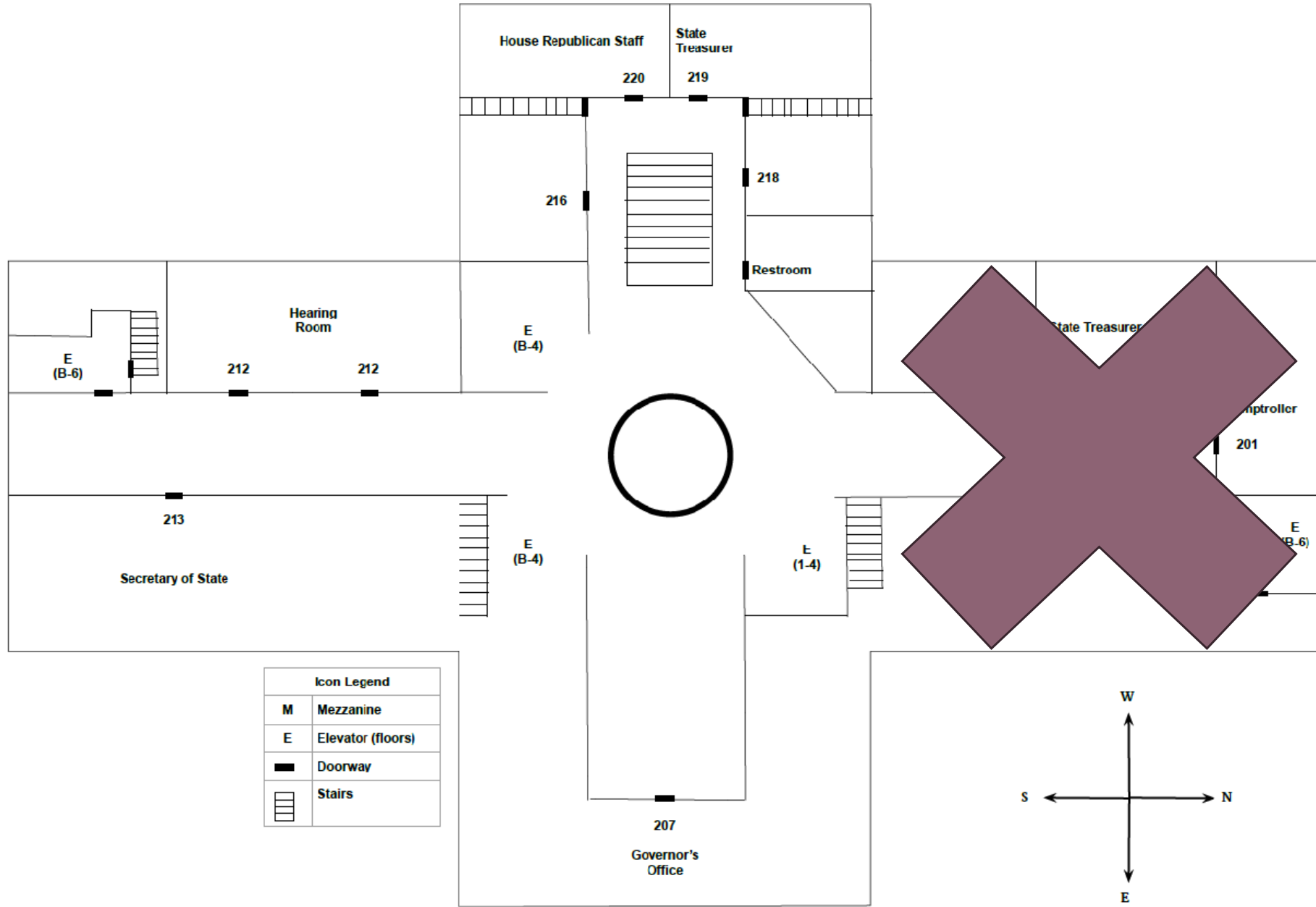
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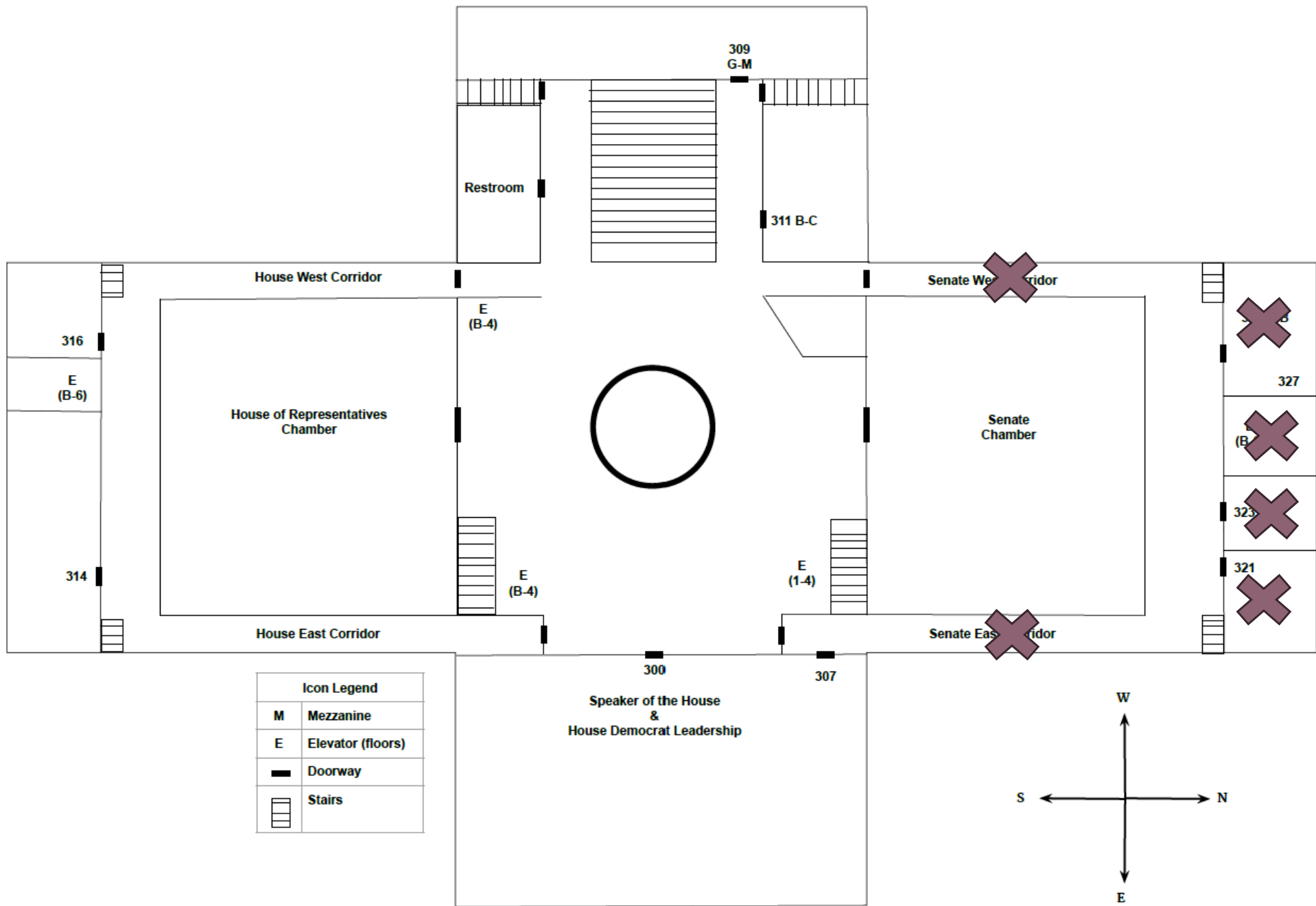
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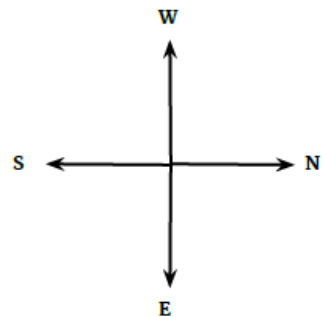
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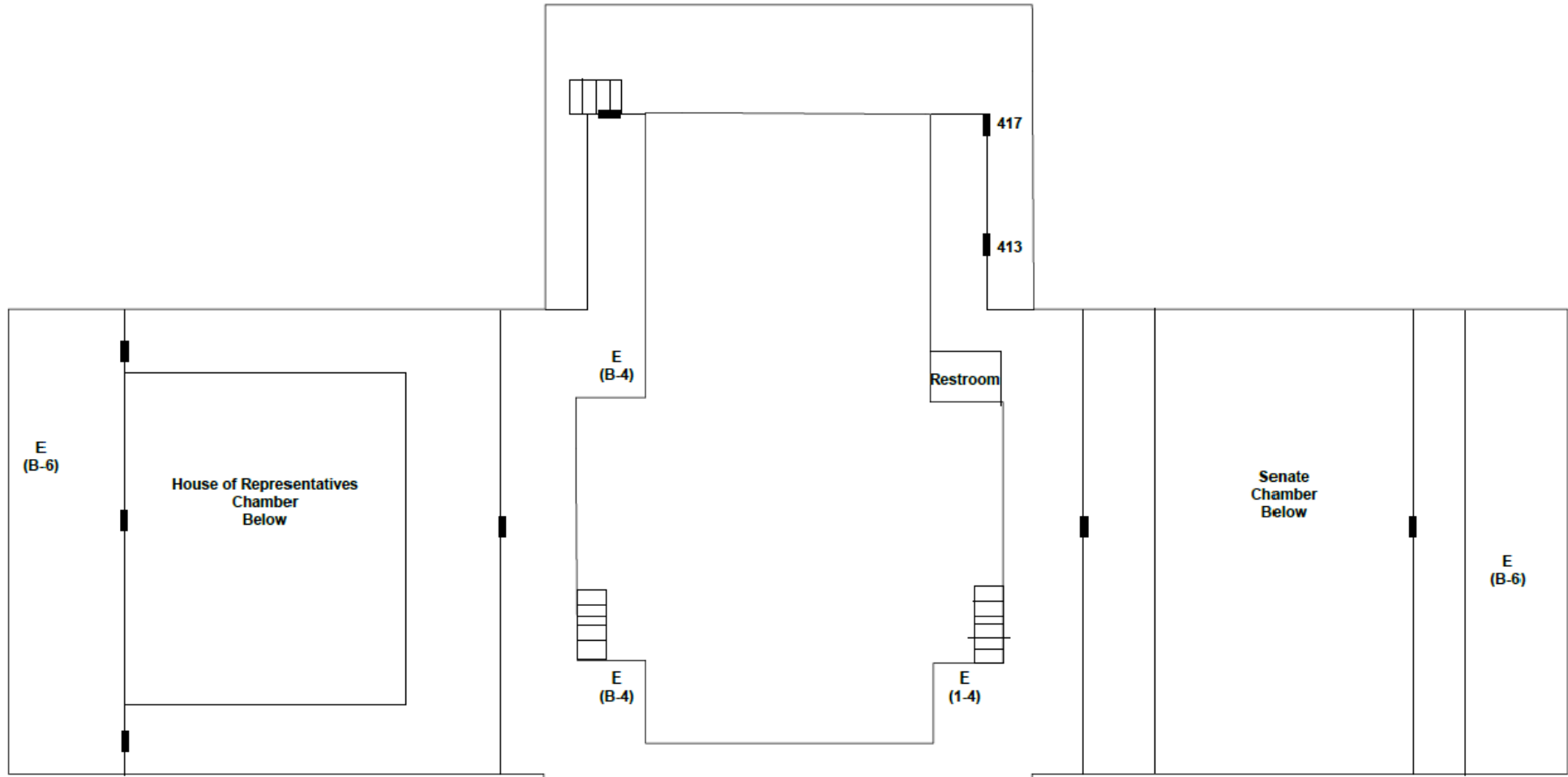




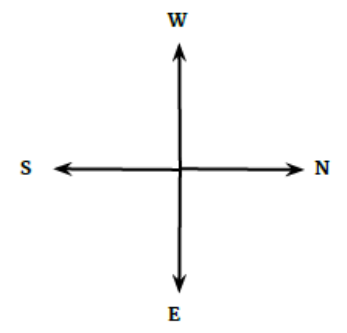
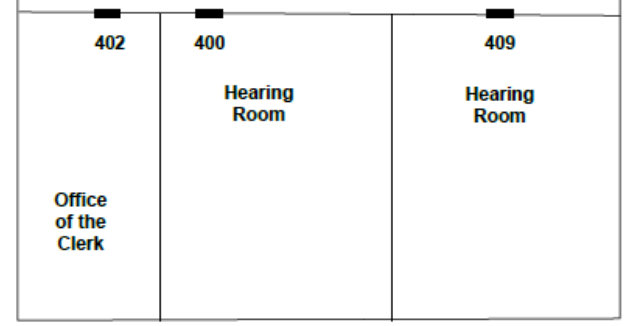


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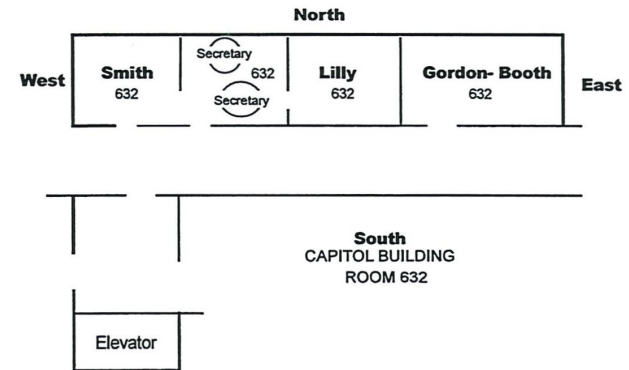
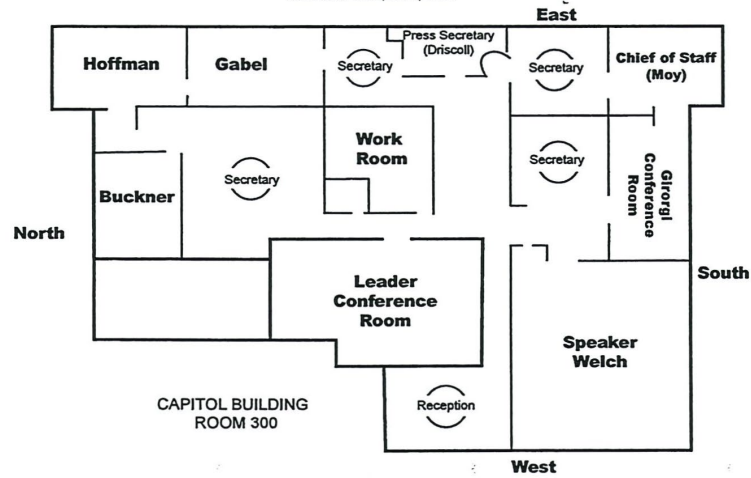
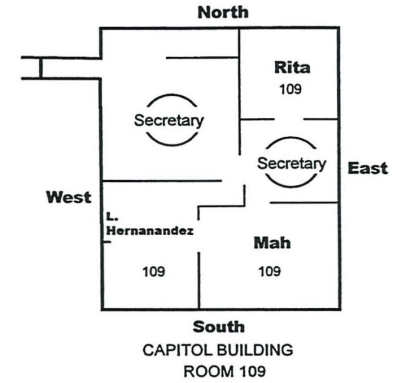
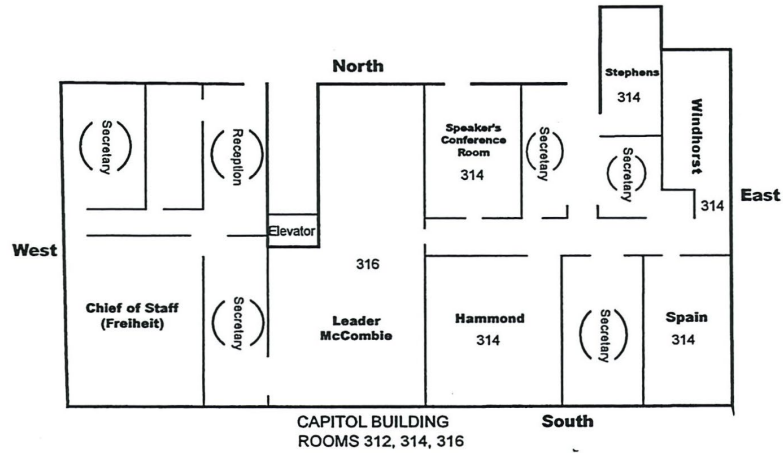


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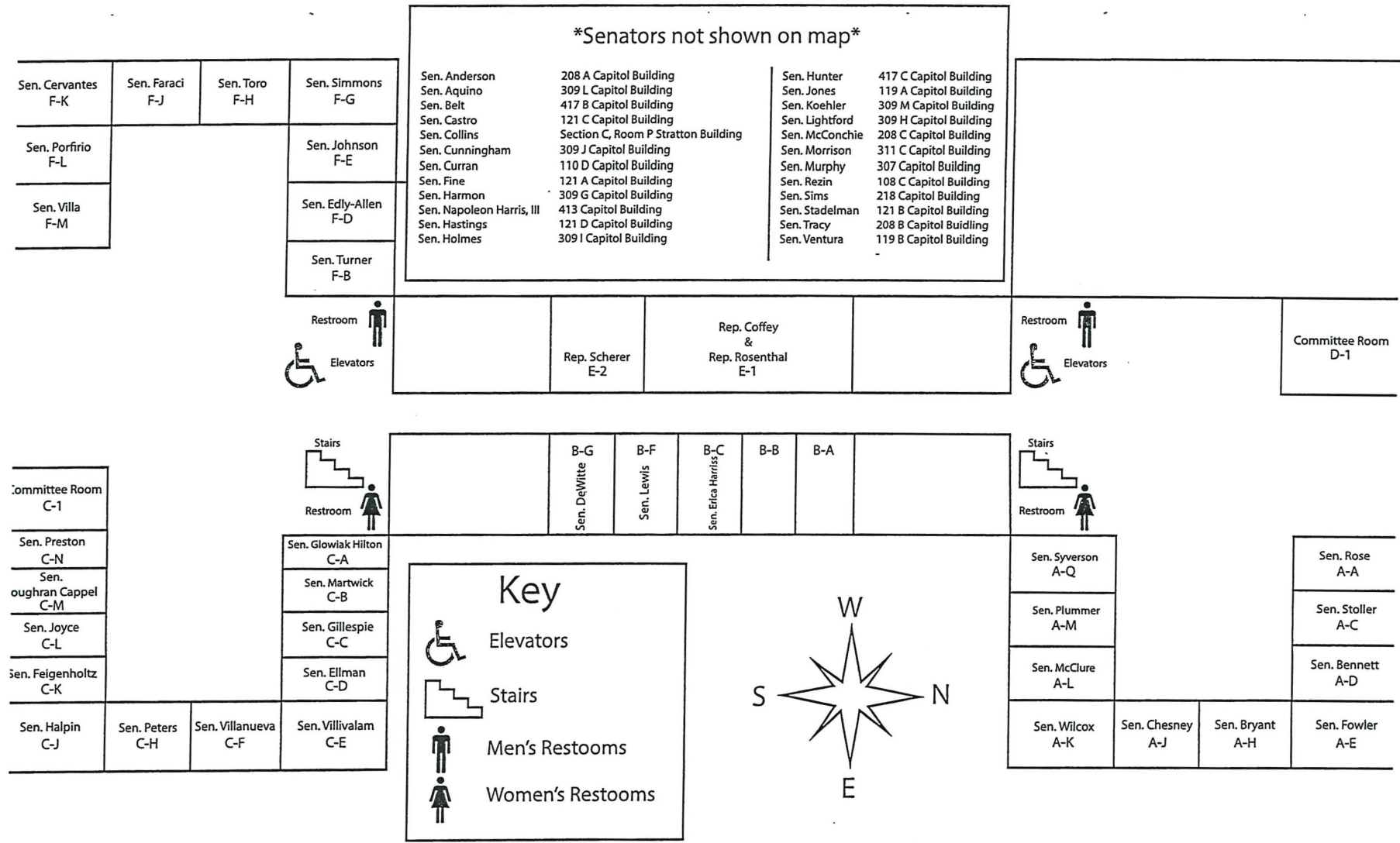




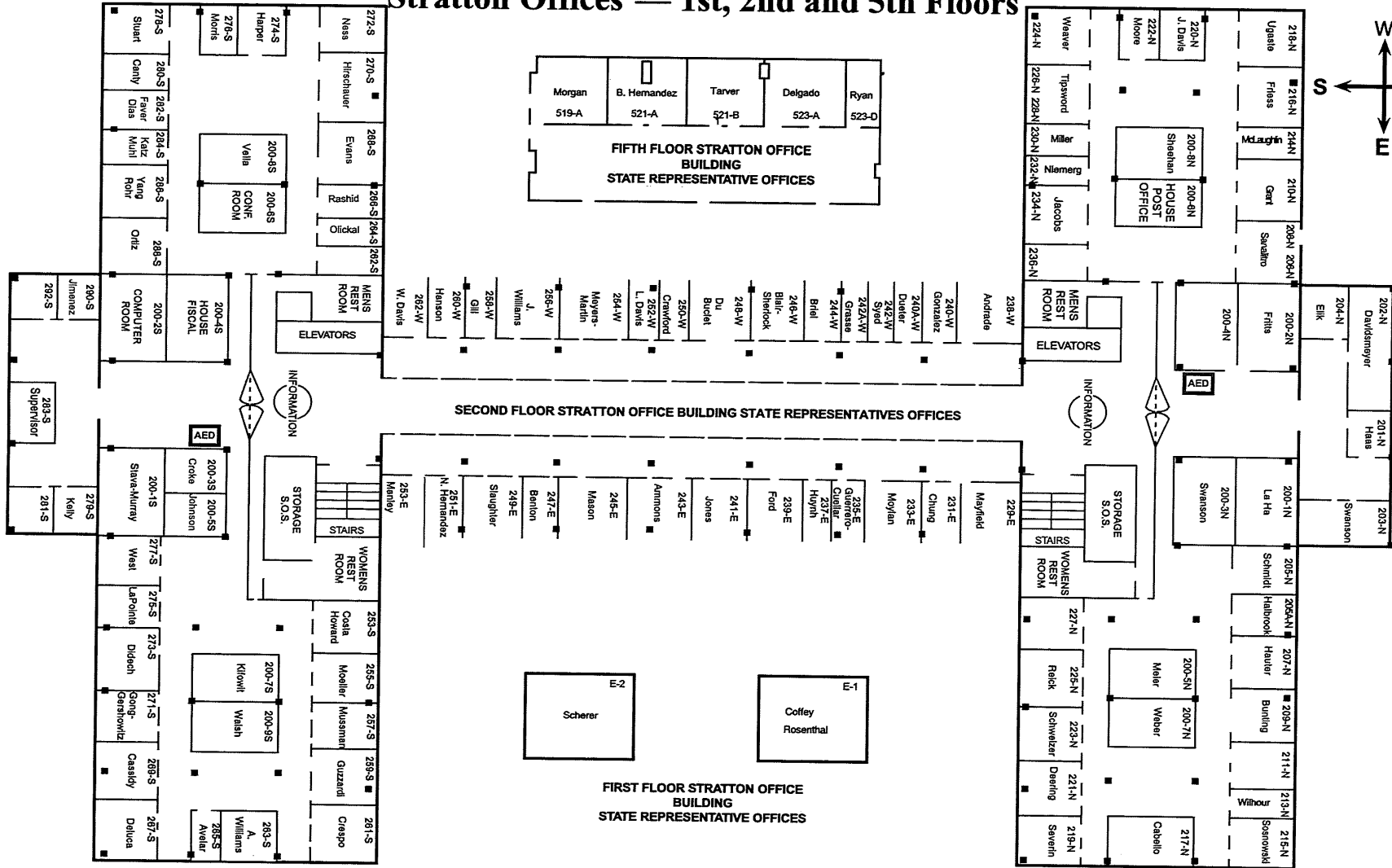
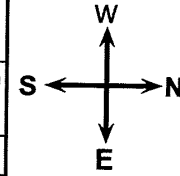
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# Stratton Building- First Floor



# Stratton Offices — 1st, 2nd and 5th Floors



# Senate/House Committees | Afternoon

## Senate

- 3:30 PM – Judiciary
  - Location: 400 Capitol Building
- 3:30 PM - Local Government
  - Location: 409 Capitol
- 5:00 PM - Appropriations - Health and Human Services
  - Location: 212 Capitol

## House

- 4:00 PM - Higher Education
  - Location: Room 122B Capitol
- 4:00 PM - Appropriations-Pensions
  - Location: Room 114 Capitol
- 4:00 PM - Appropriations-Public Safety
  - Location: Room 115 Capitol

A large crowd of healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses in white coats, are gathered for a protest. Many are holding signs that read "SAVE Neighborhood PHARMACIES" and "PBM MIDDLEMEN ARE STEALING FROM ILLINOIS". A statue of a man in a suit is visible in the foreground on the right. The scene is set outdoors, likely in front of a government building.

See YOU on February 26th!

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