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Legislative Report Highlights Current Issues in Illinois Medical Liability

Every year, the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) releases an end-of-session legislative report, a deep-dive into its efforts to prevent harmful medically-related state legislation from advancing.



[The just-released report](#) touts ISMS' accomplishments in lobbying for physicians, including the following medical liability issues:

- Prevented trial lawyers from repealing the *Medical Studies Act* and removing the confidentiality of hospital peer review meetings.
- Stopped proposals to inappropriately expand the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's authority and to automatically suspend physician licenses, preserving due process in medical discipline.
- Introduced legislation that would repeal a recent trial-lawyer supported bill which reduced the size of juries in civil cases.

[Read an "at a glance" version of the report](#) and stay tuned to *ISMIE News* for updates on important medical liability developments in Illinois.

Ensure Your Patients' Privacy is Protected, Not Exposed

Emails, texts, laptops, portals, tablets ... it's obvious that personal health information is spreading across an ever-growing range of media and devices. This makes encryption an essential tool for keeping your records and communications secure.

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- Individual Physicians
- Partnership/Corporation or Clinic Option
- Ambulatory Surgical Facility
- Allied Health Personnel
- Part-Time Rating

If a new physician is joining your practice, make sure he or she utilizes these most recent versions. Questions? Contact the Underwriting Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3350 or [by email](#).

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