

MSDC Advocacy Rankings

The Medical Society is frequently asked to support or oppose bills, resolutions, or proclamations introduced in the District Council. Due to the high number of health legislation introduced, the MSDC Board of Directors created a ranking system for bills at its February 25, 2019 meeting. This ranking makes clear where MSDC places legislation on its advocacy priority list, with “priority” rankings receiving the most attention, time, and effort.

Any MSDC member, MSDC committee, MSDC council, MSDC task force, or MSDC staff person can recommend the Board take one of these positions on an issue. However, it is ultimately the Board that decides where bills do or do not fit in the below ranking:

- **Priority Support:** The Society supports the legislation and considers it one of its highest legislative priorities
- **Support:** The Society lends its support to this legislation
- **Support with Suggested Changes:** The Society has suggested amendments or changes to legislation, and if those changes are included, the Society will give Support or Priority Support to the bill
- **No Position:** The Society does not take a position on this bill but is monitoring its progress
- **Priority Oppose:** The Society opposes the legislation and considers its prevention from becoming law one of the Society’s highest legislative priorities
- **Oppose:** The Society opposes this legislation
- **Oppose without Suggested Changes:** The Society opposes this bill unless suggested amendments or changes are adopted.