

2005 State Legislative Program Additions

RETINOBLASTOMA OCULAR DISEASE

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports eye pathology screening at birth and at each well-baby exam and urges the Legislature to pass legislation to assist in the detection of all ocular diseases that affect newborns, infants, and toddlers. 1/18/05

VIOLATION OF EVACUATION ORDERS

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports the strengthening of penalties for violation of mandatory evacuation orders. 1/18/05

SLOT MACHINES

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports legislative implementation of the Constitutional Amendment authorizing slot machines at existing pari-mutual facilities in ~~Miami-Dade~~ and (Revised 3/15/05) Broward County. The **Board further encourages** the legislature to enact legislation that protects local governments' ability to enter into agreements to mitigate the costs generated by additional gaming at existing pari-mutuel facilities. 2/1/05

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners opposes any legislation that places the implementation of the slot machine amendment in jeopardy, because it would create a non-competitive business environment to the pari-mutuel facilities in Broward County. (Revised 3/15/05)

RABIES RE-VACCINATION

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports legislation to revise the law addressing rabies revaccination of domestic animals, based on vaccine manufacturer's directions, in order to address over-vaccination. 2/1/05

REMOVAL OF EARLIER ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCESSING

The Board DELETED the Legislative proposal found at the top of page 3-2 of the Program, which reads as follows: To allow ballots received from absentee voters to be counted and processed as they are received by the Supervisor of Elections Office. 2/1/05

PROVIDER SERVICE NETWORK

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports legislation to extend the South Florida Community Care Provider Service Network, a Medicaid managed care option composed of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, Memorial Healthcare System, and the North Broward Hospital District, which authority expires in March, 2006. 3/1/05

ALIMONY

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners opposes legislation to allow for the modification of alimony based on evidence that the recipient is living with someone of the opposite sex. 4/12/05

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners opposes HB 561, and any legislation which accelerates the conversion of agriculture to development, increases urban sprawl, and weakens the county land use decision making authority. 4/12/05

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners opposes legislation which would allow for the potential recycling of hazardous materials. 4/12/05

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports SB 94 and HB 203, legislation to support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. 4/12/05

INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports legislation that integrates mental health and substance abuse funding and services. 4/19/05

MANAGED CARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports the delay in implementing Florida Statutes No. 2004-270 until all issues relating to Medicaid reform are resolved. 4/19/05

ACCESS TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports the continuation of the exemption of psychotropic medications from restricted formulas. 4/19/05.