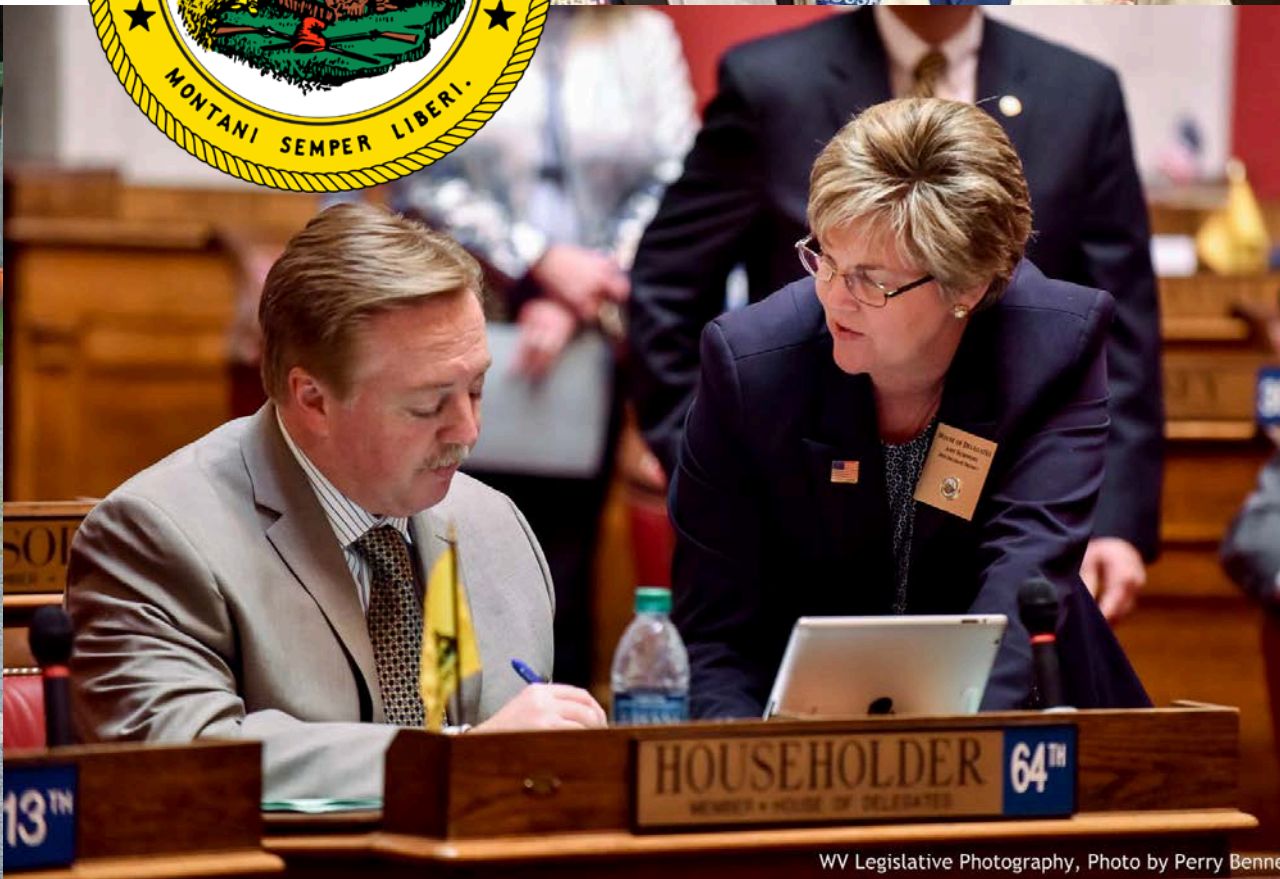
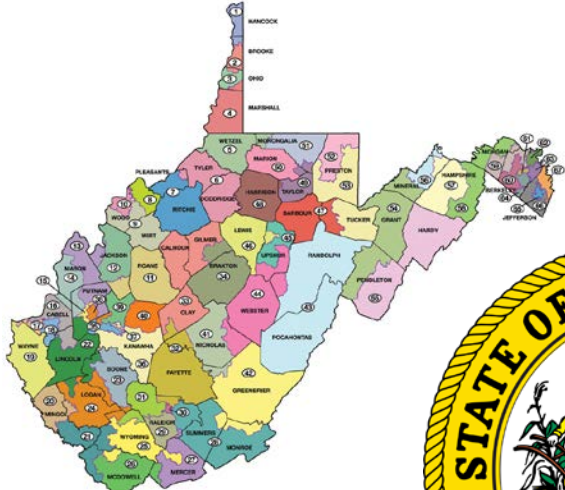


Lung Cancer in West Virginia: A Legislative Prospective

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Legislative Process

- Clearly defined goal and bill idea or bill draft
- Know your legislators and be familiar with the leadership structures in both the House and Senate
- Begin conversations and education 6 -12 months in advance and NOT during the session
 - 1 page fact sheet follow up during session
- Organize coalitions and supporters
- Role of lobbyists and experts
- Timing



Recent Activity

- Cigarette Excise Tax raised from 55¢ to \$1.20 per pack in 2016
- \$3 million dollar tobacco prevention funding zeroed
- Ban the Tan bill passed 2017
- 2nd hand smoking bill 2018
- Dense breast tissue insurance change 2018
- Office of Drug Control Policy



Recent Activity

- Improvements to access and treatment
 - Direct primary care model
 - Removed barriers for NPs to practice
 - Medicaid improvements
 - Palliative Care Coalition
 - Cancer pain control



Future Policy Considerations

- Continue to ask for tobacco excise tax increases and state funding
- Tobacco 21 and/or how it is sold
- Smoke free laws (state or local)
- Reduce more barriers of Medicaid for treatment
- Surprise billing
- CON process for early detection through mobile screening



