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**Subject: Agenda Item 14 – Update, Discussion and Possible Action on  
Recommendations Regarding Potential Mobile Clinic Legislative Proposal**

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Previous Legislation: Senate Bill [349](#) (Bates) Optometry: Mobile Optometric Facilities

Senator Bates introduced SB 349 in 2015 which would have created guidelines for mobile optometric facilities, in order to help secure the availability of quality vision care services for patients who receive care in remote or underserved areas. This bill would have established standards for the operation of mobile optometric facilities, including physical requirements, ownership limitations, and record-keeping protocols. The bill did not make it out of Senate Committee on Business and Professions.

Workgroup History and Update:

During the November 2015 Board Meeting, the Board created a workgroup and delegated it to work with stakeholders on this issue and present legislation next session. The Board President appointed Ms. Rachel Michelin and Dr. Lilian Wang, OD to the workgroup. The workgroup held its first meeting with stakeholders in April 2016. The workgroup heard several concerns related to the initial bill language and decided the best option was continue working with stakeholders to draft new language rather than work to fix the previous bill.

During its October 14, 2016 meeting, the Legislation and Regulation Committee discussed this topic and received feedback from various stake holders around the country about the different facets of mobile clinics.

Legislation and Regulation Committee Recommendations:

After thoughtful discussion, the committee made the following recommendations for the Board's consideration:

- Discuss mobile clinics among the full Board to help determine the direction that should be taken;
- Include mobile clinics in the Board's Strategic Plan;
- Research a possible pilot program to narrow the focus of possible legislation; and,
- Direct staff to look for possible authors in case the Board decides to introduce 2017 legislation