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Last Items Reviewed						
HB 982	HR 355	HCR 140	HSR 8	HCSR 2		
SB 509	SR 180	SCR 83	SSR 3	SCSR 0	Acts 792	
Total = 2,262				Items on Watch List = 81		

### House of Representatives

#### **Bills**

[HB 25](#) D. McCormick [R-1, Oil City] Civil Law & Procedure  
Provides for liability relative to the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations. (08-01-2024)

01-24-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-18-2024	Reported favorably (12-0).
03-19-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
03-20-2024	Amended, then passed House (79-24); sent to the Senate.
03-25-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
03-26-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-A.
05-07-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
05-14-2024	Amended, then involuntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the civil liability law, to protect any person from civil damages when they refuse to mandate a COVID-19 immunization for any employee or customer. Further, no state agency shall take any adverse licensing action against a person solely for refusing to mandate a COVID-19 immunization for any employee or customer. House Floor Amendment No. 1502 changed "COVID-19 immunization" to any "experimental or emergency use authorization immunization." Senate Committee Amendment No. 3100 made two technical clarifications.*

[HB 46](#) K. Edmonston [R-88, Gonzales] Education  
Provides that no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of enrollment or attendance at any public or nonpublic school. (08-01-2024)

01-30-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-27-2024	Reported favorably (13-1).

04-02-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-03-2024	Passed House (74-28); sent to the Senate; Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-08-2024	Referred to Committee on Education.
05-16-2024	Reported favorably.
05-20-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-21-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-23-2024	Passed Senate (26-9); returned to the House.
05-28-2024	Received from the Senate without amendments; Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 674</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the education law, more specifically the immunization requirements, to prohibit any requirement for a COVID-19 immunization as a condition of initial enrollment or continuing attendance at any public or nonpublic educational institution.*

**HB 47**      K. Edmonston [R-88, Gonzales]      Education  
Requires that communication issued about immunization requirements include exemption information and exemptions not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school. (08-01-2024)

01-30-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-27-2024	Reported favorably (13-0).
04-02-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-03-2024	Amended, then passed House (76-28); sent to the Senate; received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-08-2024	Referred to Committee on Education.
05-08-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-13-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-14-2024	Reported with Bureau amendments; amendments adopted; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-21-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
05-28-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (26-10); Returned to the House.
05-29-2024	House rejected Senate amendments (94-0); Referred to Conference Committee; House members: Edmonston, Schlegel, Ventrella; Senate members: Edmonds, Jackson-Andrews; Miguez.
05-31-2024	Report of Conference Committee received; House adopted Conference Committee Report (69-27).
06-02-2024	Senate adopted Conference Committee Report (25-10).
06-03-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 675</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the education law, more specifically the exemption from immunization sections, to require the institution to provide information about such exemptions and how to submit such requests. House Floor Amendment No. 2318 inserts a requirement that a written request from a parent for an exemption to an immunization shall include written evidence the student has been examined by a physician. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3312 added mask mandates to the bill as well as an exemption for distance learners. Senate Bureau Amendment No. 3350 corrected the citation for the mask mandate in the Senate committee amendment. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3987 deleted the mask mandates in the Senate committee and Bureau amendments.*

<u><b>HB 54</b></u>	C. Newell [D-99, New Orleans]	Judiciary
Provides relative to the regulation of cannabis. (See Act)		
02-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-18-2024	Voluntarily deferred.	
05-01-2024	Amended, then reported favorably by substitute (8-6).	
05-06-2024	Became HB 978 (see that bill for future activity).	

*This bill seeks to establish a regulatory regime for the regulation of cannabis and cannabis products. The bill adds a new chapter to the agriculture law as well as to the alcoholic beverage law. The first new chapter authorizes the state agriculture department to regulate the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of cannabis and cannabis products. The department shall issue a maximum of 10 production facility permits for the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of cannabis and cannabis products. The second new chapter authorizes the office of alcohol and tobacco control to regulate the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products. The office shall issue a maximum of 40 cannabis retailer permits. Cannabis retailers are subject to several limitations, including age limits for customers, quantity limits per person and the absence of online sales. Both regulators shall initiate their rule promulgation process no later than December 1, 2024. House Committee Amendment No. 3300 transferred the regulatory authority for the production facilities from the agriculture department to the health department. All other aspects of the regulatory structure remain the same.*

<u><b>HB 56</b></u>	C. Newell [D-99, New Orleans]	Administration of Criminal Justice
Provides relative to exceptions to abortion. (08-01-2024)		
02-02-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-30-2024	Voluntarily deferred.	
05-07-2024	Amended, then involuntarily deferred (3-9).	
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	

*This bill seeks to amend the criminal law, more specifically those related to abortion, to clarify the exemptions from the definition of abortion include the treatment of a patient whose pregnancy has ended or is in the process of ending due to miscarriage, or a patient who has been diagnosed with a medical condition which renders the pregnancy nonviable. The second section of the bill seeks to amend the public health law relative to abortion, to repeat the same clarifications as exemptions to the definition of abortion.*

<a href="#"><u>HB 64</u></a>	J. Stagni [R-92, Kenner]	Administration of Criminal Justice
Prohibits the retail sale of nitrous oxide. (08-01-2024)		
02-06-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
03-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (13-0).	
03-25-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.	
03-26-2024	Amended, then passed House (104-0); reengrossed; sent to the Senate.	
03-27-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.	
04-02-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-C.	
04-09-2024	Reported favorably.	
04-15-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.	
04-16-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.	
05-14-2024	Passed Senate (38-0); returned to the House.	
05-15-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments.	
05-20-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.	
05-21-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.	
05-23-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 248</u></b> ; effective 08-01-2024.	

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, more specifically the section on dangerous chemical substances including nitrous oxide. The proposed amendments preserve legitimate industrial and medical uses for the substance, make unlawful any other use or transaction with the substance, and increase the criminal penalties to include incarceration for up to one year and a fine of up to \$2,500. House Committee Amendment No. 1045 (a) adds automotive use to the list of legitimate uses of nitrous oxide; (b) extends application of the bill to include businesses; and (c) requires the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control (ATC) to promulgate rules to enforce the provisions of this section. House Committee Amendment No. 1528 enhanced the incarceration penalty to be with or without hard labor. House Floor Amendment No. 1117 made technical amendments on behalf of the Legislative Bureau.*

<a href="#"><u>HB 109</u></a>	S. Mack [R-95, Livingston]	House & Governmental Affairs
Provides relative to the review of agency rules. (08-01-2024)		
02-20-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-09-2024	Reported favorably (10-0).	
04-10-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.	
04-15-2024	Amended, then passed House (100-0); sent to the Senate.	
04-16-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.	
04-17-2024	Referred to Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs.	
05-01-2024	Reported favorably.	
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.	
05-07-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.	
05-13-2024	Passed Senate (36-0); returned to the House.	
05-14-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments.	
05-15-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.	
05-16-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.	
05-23-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 192</u></b> ; effective 08-01-2024.	

*This bill seeks to amend the administrative procedure law to require the office of the state register to host an online portal where any interested person may comment on any agency rule at any time. The register must forward the comment to the appropriate agency, and the agency shall respond to the commentator within 90 days to state their rationale for defending the rule or, in the alternative, to institute rulemaking procedures to address the comment. The bill also adds a new provision requiring each agency to undertake a review of a sufficient number of its rules such that all of its rules will be reviewed within a 5-year period; and further, the agency shall include the status of its review within their annual rulemaking reports to the legislature. House Floor Amendment No. 2821 inserted clarifications of agency requirements during the 5-year review period.*

<a href="#"><u>HB 165</u></a>	D. Boyd [D-102, New Orleans]	Administration of Criminal Justice
Provides relative to marijuana paraphernalia. (08-01-2024)		
02-26-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-04-2024	Reported favorably (10-0).	
04-08-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.	
04-10-2024	Passed House (83-11); sent to the Senate.	
04-15-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.	
04-16-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-C.	
05-07-2024	Voluntarily deferred for one week.	
05-14-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.	
05-15-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.	
05-16-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments;	
	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.	
05-20-2024	Failed to pass Senate (14-23); reconsideration notice given.	
05-21-2024	On reconsideration, passed Senate (24-14);	
	Returned to the House; received with Senate amendments.	
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (69-24).	
05-30-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.	
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.	
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 682</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.	

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, more specifically the provisions related to drug paraphernalia. The proposed amendments remove from the existing penalties for possession of drug paraphernalia any such paraphernalia used solely for marijuana, and then provides a penalty of a fine of not more than \$100 for such offenses. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3457 added additional penalties for subsequent convictions of possession of paraphernalia for marijuana use.*

<a href="#"><u>HB 179</u></a>	M. Wright [R-77, Covington]	House & Governmental Affairs
Requires agencies to repeal two rules for every new one proposed. (08-01-2024)		
02-26-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-09-2024	Voluntarily deferred.	
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	

*This bill seeks to amend the administrative procedure law, more specifically the*



*rulemaking provisions. In particular, the notice of intent published by an agency to promulgate a new rule shall identify two existing rules it intends to repeal at the same time.*

**HB 180** M. Wright [R-77, Covington] House & Governmental Affairs  
Requires legislative oversight committees to hold hearings on proposed rules. (*gov. sig, but retroactive to notices of intent published on or after March 20, 2024*)  
02-26-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
04-09-2024 Voluntarily deferred.  
06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the administrative procedure law, more specifically the rulemaking provisions. In particular, the current law gives the agency's legislative oversight committee the option to hold a hearing when the agency submits its second report to the oversight committee. The proposed amendment will require the oversight committee to hold a hearing upon its receipt of the agency's second report to the oversight committee.*

**HB 192** D. Miller [D-40, Opelousas] Health & Welfare  
Re-creates the Louisiana Department of Health. (*06-30-2024*)  
02-26-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
03-27-2024 Reported favorably.  
04-02-2024 Engrossed; passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.  
04-03-2024 Passed House (103-0); sent to the Senate;  
Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.  
04-08-2024 Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.  
04-17-2024 Reported favorably.  
04-22-2024 Referred to Legislative Bureau.  
04-23-2024 Reported without Bureau amendments;  
Passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.  
04-30-2024 Passed Senate (36-0); returned to the House;  
Received in the House without Senate amendments.  
05-01-2024 Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.  
05-02-2024 Sent to Governor for executive approval.  
05-08-2024 Signed as **Act No. 20**; effective 06-30-2024.

*This bill seeks to re-authorize the state health department and all its statutory entities (including the pharmacy board). Every state department is automatically terminated at a specific date unless the legislature re-authorizes it prior to that specific date. A number of state departments, including the health department, are scheduled for automatic termination on July 1, 2024. This bill seeks to extend the automatic termination date for the health department and all its statutory entities until July 1, 2029.*

**HB 193** C. Turner [R-12, Ruston] Health & Welfare  
Authorizes the transfer of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances between pharmacies in conformance with federal regulations. (*08-01-2024*)

02-26-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-26-2024	Reported favorably.
03-27-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-02-2024	Passed House (98-0); sent to the Senate.
04-03-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-08-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-01-2024	Reported favorably.
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-07-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-13-2024	Passed Senate (38-0); returned to the House.
05-14-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments.
05-15-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-16-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-23-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 205</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*Sponsored by the Board of Pharmacy, this bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law to, more specifically the provisions relative to prescriptions for controlled substances. The bill creates a new subsection authorizing the transfer of a prescription or prescription information between pharmacies but only in conformance with federal regulations recently promulgated by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).*

**HB 198** M. Echols [R-14, Monroe] Labor & Industrial Relations  
Provides for adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation. (08-01-2024)

02-26-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-28-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
04-11-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the worker compensation law, more specifically the reimbursement schedule for medical providers. The current law requires the workers compensation office to establish a reimbursement schedule for medical providers, which shall include charges for care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies, not to exceed the mean of the usual and customary charges for such services and products. The proposed amendment removes the mean of usual and customary charges and limits reimbursement to the lessor of 1.5 times the Medicare rate or the actual charge.*

**HB 204** C. Turner [R-12, Ruston] Administration of Criminal Justice  
Adds substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law. (08-01-2024)

02-26-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (10-0).
03-25-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
03-26-2024	Passed House (105-0); sent to the Senate.
03-27-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-C.
04-16-2024	Reported favorably.

04-17-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-22-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-14-2024	Passed Senate (38-0); returned to the House.
05-15-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments; Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-16-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-21-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 110</b> ; effective 08-01-2024

*Sponsored by the Board of Pharmacy, this bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law by adding new substances to the state list of controlled substances, in particular those substances added to the federal list of controlled substances since the 2023 legislative session. In addition, the bill contains technical corrections to existing substances. House Committee Amendment No. 1232 made technical corrections to the spelling of two of the opiates to be added to Schedule I. House Committee Amendment No. 1327 adds an additional opiate [2-Methyl AP-237] to Schedule I following the DEA's March 15 rule adding that drug to the federal list of controlled substances.*

**HB 312**      C. Owen [R-30, Rosepine]      Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to the over-the-counter sale and purchase of the drug ivermectin without a prescription. (08-01-2024)

02-28-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-03-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (7-4).
04-04-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-09-2024	Called by title; returned to calendar. Notice given for floor debate on April 16.
04-16-2024	Called by title; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-09-2024	Notice given for floor debate.
05-14-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to create a new part of public health law, to authorize the over-the-counter sale of ivermectin suitable for human use. House Committee Amendment No. 2165 made technical corrections to the legal citation in the bill.*

**HB 376**      N. Riser [R-20, Columbia]      Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to the regulation of medical marijuana. (gov. sig.)

02-29-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (12-0).
03-25-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
03-27-2024	Passed House (101-0); sent to the Senate.
04-02-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-24-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-29-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-30-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.



05-16-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
05-23-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (20-12); Returned to the House.
05-28-2024	Received from the Senate with amendments.
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (96-0).
05-31-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 693</b> ; effective 01-01-2025.

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, more specifically the provisions relative to medical marijuana. In particular, the proposed amendments (1) expand the authority of licensed producers to conduct research; and (2) extend the current sunset date of the medical marijuana law from January 1, 2025 to July 1, 2030. House Committee Amendment No. 1543 removed language that would have conflicted with existing law relative to the research of medical marijuana. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1708 amended the bill to make it identical to SB 228 which is pending final action on the House floor. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3812 transferred the Board of Pharmacy's regulatory authority for therapeutic marijuana to the state health department. All of the board's marijuana pharmacy permits will be transferred to the department on 01-01-2025 and the department will then issue marijuana retail permits to those facilities. The bill requires each marijuana retailer to appoint at least one pharmacist to supervise the sale of marijuana and review the patient's records in the LMMTS prior to such sales.*

**HB 395**      D. Boyd [D-102, New Orleans]      Health & Welfare  
Provides for the right to contraception. (08-01-2024)  
     02-29-2024      Prefiled and referred to committee.  
     03-27-2024      Amended, then voluntarily deferred.  
     04-09-2024      On agenda, but not considered.  
     06-03-2024      Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This is a companion bill to SB 225. It seeks to amend the civil code law by adding a right to contraception, contraceptives, emergency contraception, and contraceptive related information. A healthcare provider has the right to supply contraceptives, emergency contraception, and contraceptive related information. The bill provides that no law or regulation shall impede access to contraceptives, emergency contraception, or contraceptive related information, nor shall such law or rule: (1) prohibit or restrict the sale or use of contraceptives or emergency contraception; (2) prohibit or restrict any person from aiding another person in obtaining contraceptives or emergency contraception; or (3) exempt any contraceptives in a way that would make it difficult to sell, provide, obtain, or use contraceptives or emergency contraception. House Committee Amendment No. 1902 inserted a provision permitting any healthcare provider to refuse to provide contraceptive products or services if they chose to refuse to participate in such activity.*

**HB 403**      M. Echols [R-14, Monroe]      Ways & Means  
Adds drugs prescribed for certain ocular conditions to the listing of prescription drugs

exempt from local sales and use taxes. (07-01-2024)

02-29-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-18-2024	Reported favorably (16-0).
03-19-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
03-20-2024	Passed House (104-0); sent to the Senate; Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
03-25-2024	Referred to Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.
04-22-2024	Reported favorably.
04-23-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-24-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-07-2024	Passed Senate (37-0); returned to the House; Received in the House without Senate amendments.
05-08-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-09-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-15-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 76</b> ; effective 07-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the revenue and tax law, more specifically the section which exempts certain prescription drugs from the imposition of local sales and use taxes. The proposed amendment adds prescription drugs used for treatment of cataracts as well as drugs used for ocular inflammation and pain following ophthalmic surgery.*

**HB 436**      A. Freeman [D-98, New Orleans]      Administration of Criminal Justice  
Provides relative to intentional exposure to HIV. (08-01-2024)

02-29-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-04-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the crime law, more specifically relative to intentional exposure to HIV. The bill renames the crime intentional transmission of HIV and indicates exposure to HIV with low or negligible risk of transmission with medical evidence (including pre-exposure prophylaxis) does not meet standard of intentional transmission. The bill also seeks to reduce the existing criminal penalties.*

**HB 456**      P. Davis [R-69, Baton Rouge]      Education  
Provides relative to the administration of medication at school. (08-01-2024)

02-29-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-27-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (13-0).
04-02-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-04-2024	Passed House (100-3); sent to the Senate.
04-09-2024	Referred to Committee on Education.
05-08-2024	Reported favorably.
05-13-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-14-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-15-2024	Passed Senate (36-0); returned to the House.
05-20-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.

05-22-2024

Sent to the Governor for executive approval.

05-28-2024

Signed as **Act No. 378**; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the education law, more specifically the existing provisions which authorize schools to administer medications to students. With respect to the existing provisions which authorize schools to develop policies and procedures for the stocking and administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonists, the proposed amendments will require the schools to develop such policies and procedures, stock the medications, and train their employees on the use of such medications. The bill also creates a new subsection authorizing licensed healthcare professionals authorized to prescribe any life-saving medications to issue prescriptions for such medications in the name of the school; and further, authorizes pharmacists to dispense those medications pursuant to such prescriptions. Further, the bill authorizes schools to procure and possess such medications, and the employee training requirements include standards related to procurement, inventory, and recordkeeping. House Committee Amendment No. 1943 requires the state education department to develop and distribute a list of medications authorized under this program, and further, specifies the education and training required of facility staff may be provided by a medical emergency training organization, a registered nurse, or a physician.*

**HB 509** C. Brown [D-60, Plaquemine] Insurance

Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.

04-16-2024 Voluntarily deferred.

04-24-2024 Removed from agenda prior to meeting.

06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more specifically provisions related to pharmacy benefit managers. The proposed amendments will prohibit a pharmacy benefit manager from directly or indirectly altering its benefit design to prohibit the pharmacist's disclosure of information to the patient about the availability or amount of any financial or product assistance for a prescription drug.*

**HB 568** M. Wright [R-77, Covington] House & Governmental Affairs

Provides for state agencies to receive and publish comments online. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.

04-09-2024 Voluntarily deferred.

06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the state administration law, to add a new section requiring state agencies to maintain a publicly accessible website to receive public comments and to publish on its website all such comments received.*

**HB 579** W. McMahan [R-10, Minden] Health & Welfare

Provides relative to pharmacist authorization to dispense HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-03-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (15-0).
04-04-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-09-2024	Called by title; returned to the calendar; Notice given for floor debate on April 10.
04-10-2024	Amended, then passed House (102-0); sent to the Senate.
04-15-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-16-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-01-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-07-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-16-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
05-21-2024	Amended, then passed Senate; Returned to the House.
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (96-0).
05-31-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 711</u></b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the public health law, to create a new part relative to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prophylaxis. The bill requires the pharmacy board to develop pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis protocols and promulgate such protocols as statewide protocols. The protocols will authorize pharmacists to order appropriate laboratory tests and to dispense HIV prevention drugs. The bill specifies several requirements for the protocol, including pharmacist training and patient management. Finally, the bill includes a reimbursement parity requirement, requiring third party payors to pay pharmacists the same amount they would pay physicians, physician assistants, or advance practice registered nurses to perform the same services. House Committee Amendment No. 1972 made 21 amendments. Some were corrections of errors in the original bill, some were technical, and some were clarifications. House Floor Amendment No. 2680 changed the responsibility for protocol development from the Board of Pharmacy to a working group hosted by the state health department, and further, identified the five members of the working group [representatives of the medical board, pharmacy board and the health department, as well as an infectious disease clinician and a pharmacist, both of whom shall be selected by the health department]. House Floor Amendment No. 2793 amended the reimbursement section, changing the applicability to group health insurance plans, from “shall” to “may”, and further, extended the optional applicability to individual health insurance plans. Senate Committee Amendment No. 2718 moved the contents of the bill from the public health law to the pharmacy law, creating a new Section 1218.2; established authority for pharmacists to “prescribe, dispense, and administer” HIV PrEP and PEP drugs to persons 17 or older; established authority for pharmacists to perform a rapid HIV test and to order laboratory testing for HIV infection; and made other clarifying and technical changes. Senate Committee Amendment No. 2813 inserted a requirement for the testing to be performed in a private location within the pharmacy and for test results be kept confidential from all other employees in the pharmacy. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3795 changed the framework of the HIV service from a statewide protocol to a statement that a pharmacist may dispense and administer up to a 30-day supply of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis*

*and a 28-day course of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis to any person 17 years or older if there is no prescription drug order. The pharmacist may also perform a rapid HIV test in a pharmacy as well as any other tests authorized within the rules to be promulgated by the state health department to implement this law. Those rules shall be promulgated no later than March 2025.*

**HB 592** D. Miller [D-40, Opelousas] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to workplace violence in healthcare settings. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-27-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (14-0).
04-02-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-04-2024	Passed House (101-0); sent to the Senate.
04-09-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-17-2024	Reported favorably.
04-22-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-23-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-14-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (37-0); returned to the House.
05-15-2024	Received in the House with Senate amendments.
05-28-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (101-0).
05-29-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-11-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 624</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the public health law, more specifically the provisions related to workplace violence in healthcare settings (which legislation he sponsored in the 2022 session). The proposed amendments clarify that a healthcare facility is exempted from the facility requirements if it employs 5 or fewer primary healthcare providers, such as a physician, physician assistant, pharmacist, dentist, or advance practice registered nurse.) House Committee Amendment No. 1933 clarified that “primary healthcare providers” shall read “licensed medical providers”. Senate Floor Amendment No. 2328 made a technical correction in the bill’s preamble.*

**HB 599** L. Ventrella [R-65, Baton Rouge] House & Governmental Affairs  
Provides relative to adjudications and judicial review of adjudications. (07-01-2025)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-09-2024	On agenda, but not considered.
04-10-2024	Reported favorably (13-2).
04-11-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-16-2024	Passed House (71-27); sent to the Senate.
04-17-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-22-2024	Referred to Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs.
05-15-2024	Involuntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the administrative procedure law, more specifically the section*



*relative to judicial review of adjudications. The bill adds a new subsection directing a court considering an appeal of an adjudication from a contested hearing to not defer to an agency's interpretation of a state statute or rule, but instead to interpret the meaning of such statute or rule de novo. Further, following the application of all interpretations, the court shall resolve any remaining doubt in favor of a reasonable interpretation that limits agency power and maximizes individual liberty.*

<a href="#"><u>HB 602</u></a>	P. Davis [R-69, Baton Rouge]	Health & Welfare
Provides relative to stock emergency medications. (08-01-2024)		
03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-04-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (11-0).	
04-08-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.	
04-10-2024	Amended, then passed House (103-0); sent to the Senate.	
04-15-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.	
04-16-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.	
05-01-2024	Voluntarily deferred.	
05-08-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.	
05-13-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.	
05-14-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.	
05-22-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (35-0); Returned to the House; received with Senate amendments.	
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (94-0).	
05-30-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.	
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.	
06-18-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 657</u></b> ; effective 08-01-2024.	

*This bill seeks to amend the public health law by adding a new section authorizing “qualified entities” to procure and possess “life-saving medications.” The bill requires the state health department to recognize such medications to treat a life-threatening condition, including but not limited to epinephrine, albuterol, naloxone, and glucagon. The definition of qualified entities includes any public or private entity where a medical emergency could occur, including child daycare centers, colleges and universities, places of employment, restaurants, amusement parks, recreation centers, after-school programs, sports fields and arenas and similar locations, but excludes public or non-public elementary and secondary schools. The bill authorizes licensed healthcare professionals authorized to prescribe such medications to issue prescriptions for such medications in the name of the qualified entity, and further, authorizes pharmacists to dispense such prescriptions. Finally, the bill authorizes the secretary of the state health department to issue a standing order for the prescription of such medications under conditions he determines appropriate. House Committee Amendment No. 1497 made a few technical corrections and inserted a clarification that the staff training may be performed by a medical emergency training organization, a registered nurse, or a licensed physician. House Floor Amendment No. 1645 made technical amendments on behalf of the Legislative Bureau. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3070 added a requirement for the state health department to promulgate rules to implement the new law. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3603 deleted the Senate committee amendments, authorized a physician designee of the state health department secretary to issue any*

*standing orders required for the drugs to be identified by the state health department.*

<a href="#">HB 603</a>	G. Firment [R-22, Pollock]	Insurance
Provides relative to claims of pharmacists and pharmacies. (08-01-2024)		
03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-16-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (12-4).	
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.	
04-22-2024	Amended, then passed House (83-15); sent to the Senate.	
04-23-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.	
04-24-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.	
05-01-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.	
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.	
05-07-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.	
05-16-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (38-0); Returned to the House.	
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (70-16).	
05-30-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.	
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.	
06-18-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 658</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.	

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more specifically a part relative to claims filed by pharmacists and pharmacies. The proposed amendments: (1) expand the definition of “health insurance issuer” to include its agent; (2) expand the provisions relative to pharmacy audits to include “reviews of other records”; and (3) removes a requirement for pharmacies to submit any additional information when the claim is reviewed to determine it is payable or was paid correctly. House Committee Amendment No. 2884 made a technical amendment. House Committee Amendment No. 2975 inserted a clarification that inserted any person acting on behalf of a PBM. House Floor Amendment No. 2087 made two technical amendments at the suggestion of the Legislative Bureau. House Committee Amendment No. 2851 inserted a requirement for the insurance department to promulgate rules relative to pharmacy record audits. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3008 made technical corrections to the bill’s preamble.*

<a href="#">HB 649</a>	C. Newell [D-99, New Orleans]	Administration of Criminal Justice
Provides for a proposition election regarding the legalization of marijuana. (See Act)		
03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	

*This bill proposes the following proposition for the November 5, 2024 general election:  
“Shall the possession, distribution, or dispensing of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, or chemical derivatives thereof by persons twenty-one years of age or older no longer be a criminal offense in the state of Louisiana?”  
The bill provides for an effective date of ‘on or before August 1, 2026’ conditioned upon two factors: (1) a majority vote of approval for the proposition; and (2) legislative approval of a statutory regulatory system for the legal sale and distribution of marijuana*

*and establishment of a sales tax on those sales prior to August 1, 2026. In the event those two factors come to pass, the bill includes several amendments to the controlled substance law, including (1) removal of marijuana from Schedule I of the state list of controlled substances; and (2) removal of marijuana-related criminal penalties.*

**HB 658** C. Henry [R-42, Crowley] House & Governmental Affairs  
Provides relative to notifications prior to administrative revocation of a license. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-09-2024	Reported favorably (10-0).
04-10-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-16-2024	Passed House (97-0); sent to the Senate; Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-17-2024	Referred to Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs.
05-01-2024	Reported favorably.
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-07-2024	Reported without Bureau amendment; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-13-2024	Passed Senate (38-0); returned to the House.
05-14-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments.
05-15-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-16-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-23-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 487</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the administrative procedure law, more specifically the section relative to adverse actions against licenses. The current law requires prior notice by the agency via mail to the licensee or applicant. The bill proposes to allow the notice to be sent electronically instead of by mail.*

**HB 704** T. Chassion [D-44, Lafayette] Insurance  
Creates the pharmacy benefit managers quality incentive program. (gov. sig.)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-16-2024	Reported favorably.
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-23-2024	Amended, then passed House (94-2); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
04-24-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-29-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
05-08-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, by creating an additional section relative to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). The proposed new section will require PBMs to develop a quality incentive program to provide incentive payments to eligible independent pharmacy networks for meeting benchmarks or complying with strategies aimed at improving the health of covered patients. The bill provides that participation by pharmacies shall be optional and pharmacies shall not be penalized for a failure to*

participate. Among other criteria, the bill defines an independent network pharmacy as one under common ownership with not more than two other pharmacies. House Floor Amendment No. 2052 made a technical change at the suggestion of the Legislative Bureau. House Floor Amendment No. 3612 inserted a January 1, 2028 termination date, and further, prohibited the use of DIR fees or other clawbacks in the program's terms. House Floor Amendment No. 3299 made technical amendments. House Floor Amendment No. 3561 inserted a prohibition on a PBM charging a fee to participating pharmacies.

**HB 707** E. Jordan [D-29, Baton Rouge] Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development

Provides relative to the regulation of cannabis. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-16-2024	Discharged from committee; Recommitted to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-24-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (10-0).
04-25-2024	Engrossed; recommitted to Committee on Appropriations.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill is similar to HB 54, but there are some significant differences. The bill establishes a regulatory system with regulation of production facilities by the agriculture department and regulation of retail sellers by the office of alcohol and tobacco control. This bill caps the number of production facility licenses at 15 and there is no limit on the number of retailer permits. Further, this bill provides for personal cultivation permits to be issued by the agriculture department. Personal cultivation permits allow a person 21 years of age or older to cultivate and possess up to 6 plants for personal use; however, a single housing unit shall have no more than 12 plants regardless of the number of eligible persons living there. There is no retail sale of such plants, and there are no limits on the number of such personal cultivation permits. House Committee Amendment No. 3571 transferred the regulatory system from the state agriculture department to the state health department, and further, removed the proposed caps on production facilities.*

**HB 711** J. Galle, Jr. [R-104, Mandeville] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to parental consent with respect to the administration of vaccines to minors. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-16-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
04-24-2024	Amended, then voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the public health law more specifically sections relating to a minor's consent for medical treatment. The bill adds a new section to that part of the law. The bill defines a minor as an unemancipated child at least 15 years of age but less than 18 years of age and who is not the parent of a minor child and does not have full custody of a minor child. The law requires a healthcare provider to obtain the informed consent in person from a parent, legal guardian, or representative of a minor*

*child before administering any vaccination to a minor. The bill provides that a violation of this section shall constitute unlawful practice and constitute a basis for a licensing agency to take disciplinary action in such cases. Finally, the bill requires the state health department to promulgate rules to implement the new law. House Committee Amendment No. 2002 made several changes, including (a) revising the definition of a minor child to indicate any age under 18 years, (b) revising the definition of a vaccination to include monoclonal antibodies, (c) removing the ability of a patient representative to act for a minor child, leaving only parents and legal guardians, (d) requires the written informed consent to be dated no more than 72 hours prior to the vaccination, and (3) removes the requirement for the state health department to promulgate rules and instead requires health professional licensing boards to promulgate rules.*

<a href="#"><u>HB 716</u></a>	C. Owen [R-30, Rosepine]	Commerce
Provides for universal recognition of occupational licenses. (08-01-2024)		
03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
03-25-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.	
03-26-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.	
04-02-2024	Passed House (96-8); sent to the Senate.	
04-03-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.	
04-08-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs.	
05-01-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.	
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.	
05-07-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.	
05-16-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (39-0); returned to the House.	
05-23-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (95-0).	
05-28-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.	
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.	
06-10-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 568</u></b> ; effective 08-01-2024.	

*This bill seeks to amend the professional and occupational standards law by adding a new subchapter relative to the universal recognition of occupational licenses issued by other states. The bill requires licensing agencies to issue licenses to applicants from other states who hold a current and valid license in the other state, was issued more than one year before, and has not been disciplined or is under investigation. If this state requires a jurisprudential examination for in-state applicants, the non-resident applicant shall be required to take that examination. The licensing board shall issue its licensure decision within 60 days after its receipt of a complete application. House Committee Amendment No 1735 added a new qualification criterion to require the applicant to live in Louisiana and provide proof of residency in a manner specified in the amendment. Senate Committee Amendment No. 2832 made the changes necessary to make the bill identical to SB 60 which had already passed the Senate. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3751 made two technical clarifications of previous Senate committee amendments.*



[HB 720](#) L. Schlegel [R-62, Metairie] Administration of Criminal Justice  
Provides relative to the distribution of fentanyl under certain circumstances.  
(08-01-2024)

03-11-2024	Filed.
03-12-2024	Referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
04-03-2024	Reported favorably (10-0).
04-04-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-09-2024	Amended, then passed House (96-0); re-engrossed; sent to the Senate.
04-15-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-16-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-C.
04-23-2024	Reported favorably.
04-24-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-29-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-07-2024	Passed Senate (37-0); returned to the House.
05-08-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-09-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-15-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 85</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, in particular a new section adopted in the previous legislative session. In addition to minor changes to the subsection relative to fentanyl packaged in a manner reasonably appeal to minors, a new subsection is added to address when the fentanyl is packaged to resemble branded prescription medication or its generic equivalent. The penalty for violation of that new subsection is set for not less than 10 nor more than 40 years, without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence. House Floor Amendment No. 2559 made technical corrections at the suggestion of the Legislative Bureau.*

[HB 735](#) T. Kerner [R-84, Lafitte] Administration of Criminal Justice  
Provides relative to penalties for distribution or possession with intent to distribute certain controlled dangerous substances. (08-01-2024)

03-13-2024	Filed.
03-18-2024	Referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
04-04-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, more particularly the two sections relative to the criminal penalties for the distribution, or possession with intent to distribute, certain substances listed in Schedules I and II. In particular, the maximum incarceration for violations involving certain Schedule I or II substances would be increased from the currently listed maximums to life imprisonment.*

[HB 809](#) J. Galle [R-104, Mandeville] Health & Welfare  
Provides for limitations on mandates from a certain federal agency. (08-01-2024)

03-28-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.

06-03-2024

Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the public health law, to limit the jurisdiction of the federal CDC. Absent legislative and gubernatorial approval, no recommendation or guidance from the CDC shall be used to justify any state requirement or mandate.*

**HB 813** K. Edmonston [R-88, Gonzales] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.  
(08-01-2024)

04-01-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-16-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (7-5).
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-23-2024	Amended, then passed House (77-24); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
04-24-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-29-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-22-2024	Involuntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the health professions law, to provide that neither the state health department nor any health professional licensing board may restrict or prohibit the prescribing, administering, or dispensing for the off-label use of any human-use drug approved by the federal FDA. House Committee Amendment No. 3045 removed the state health department from the bill. House Floor Amendment No. 3502 limits the applicability of the prohibition in the bill to declared public health emergencies.*

**HB 822** P. Egan [R-74, Covington] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to messenger ribonucleic acid vaccinations and blood transfusions.  
(09-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-16-2024	Removed from agenda prior to meeting.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the food, drug and cosmetic law, to add a new section relative to mRNA vaccines and blood transfusions. The bill will require blood donation collectors to query the donor as to whether they have ever received a COVID-19 or other mRNA vaccine in their lifetime, and record that information with the blood sample. Further, in non-emergent situations, the patient shall be able to request a blood transfusion from a donor who had not received such a vaccine.*

**HB 828** D. Miller [D-40, Opelousas] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to the professional organization of medical psychologists. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
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04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-10-2024	On agenda, but meeting cancelled for severe weather.
04-16-2024	Reported favorably.
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-23-2024	Amended, then passed House (95-0); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
04-24-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-29-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-01-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-06-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-07-2024	Reported with Bureau amendments; amendments adopted; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-16-2024	Passed Senate (33-1); returned to the House.
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (93-0).
05-30-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 731</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the medical licensing law, more specifically the portion relative to medical psychologists. The bill seeks to remove the current requirement for medical psychologists to maintain their licensure from the psychology licensing board, and further, to expand their collaborative relationships from just physicians to also include advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants. In its original form, the bill does not make any changes to the prescriptive authority for medical psychologists. House Floor Amendment No. 3614 allows a medical psychologist to maintain dual licensure if they so wish. Senate Committee Amendment No. 2862 inserted a clarification on the requirement for medical psychologists to consult with their supervising physician or other provider. Legislative Bureau Amendment No. 3087 made technical corrections to the bill's preamble.*

**HB 830**      P. Egan [R-74, Covington]      Administration of Criminal Justice  
Adds Tianeptine to Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Law.  
(08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
04-09-2024	Reported favorably (12-0).
04-10-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-16-2024	Passed House (99-0); sent to the Senate; Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-17-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-C.
05-14-2024	Reported favorably.
05-15-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-16-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-20-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-28-2024	Passed Senate (37-0); returned to the House; Received in the House without Senate amendments.

05-29-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 732</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law by adding tianeptine to Schedule I of the state list of controlled substances.*

**HB 839**      T. Hebert [R-31, Lafayette]      Insurance  
Provides relative to step therapy or fail first protocols. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
04-16-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-23-2024	Passed House (97-1); sent to the Senate.
04-24-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-29-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
05-08-2024	Reported favorably.
05-13-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-14-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-22-2024	Passed Senate (35-0); returned to the House; Received in the House without Senate amendments.
05-24-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
05-28-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-03-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 453</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more particularly the existing law relative to step therapy and fail first protocols. In particular, the bill seeks to add several patient-centered exemptions to any requirement for such protocols. House Committee Amendment No. 2832 removed all exceptions except for ventilator treatments.*

**HB 853**      B. Myers [R-45, Lafayette]      Health & Welfare  
Creates the office of surgeon general within the Louisiana Department of Health. (08-01-2024 gov. sig.)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-09-2024	Reported favorably.
04-10-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-16-2024	Amended, then passed House (100-0); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
04-17-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-22-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-15-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-16-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-20-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-22-2024	Passed Senate (35-0); returned to the House;

	Received in the House with Senate amendments.
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (96-0).
05-30-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 739</u></b> ; effective 06-19-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the state organization law, more specifically the portions relative to the state health department. The bill seeks to create the office of surgeon general, requires his appointment by the governor and confirmation by the senate, and revises the existing definition of 'state health officer' to identify the surgeon general as the state health officer. The bill also provides for the powers and duties of the surgeon general. House Floor Amendment No. 2892 made technical amendments at the suggestion of the Legislative Bureau. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3625 inserted several technical corrections, and also changed the effective date from the default date of August 1, 2024 to the date on which the governor signs the act.*

**HB 863**      M. Echols [R-14, Monroe]      Labor & Industrial Relations  
Provides for adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations.
04-11-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
04-18-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (10-2).
04-22-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-29-2024	Amended, then passed House (55-47); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
04-30-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
05-01-2024	Referred to Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations.
05-08-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the workers' compensation law, more particularly the portion relative to the medical fee reimbursement schedule. The bill requires the assistant secretary of the office of workers' compensation to set medical fee reimbursement based on Medicare but to be comparable to those set by surrounding states as well as private healthcare claims, and further, to revise those fees annually, based on data collected by a contractor (instead of the state collecting that information). House Committee Amendment No. 3033 made some technical corrections, and further, (1) removed the requirement for a Medicare foundation, (2) restored the requirement for the department to collect that information, (3) inserted a requirement for the department to look for opportunities to reduce paperwork from providers and to expand access to medical markets, (4) inserted a requirement for the department to report quarterly to the legislature and for the legislature to have oversight of the reimbursement schedule process and outcome, and (5) repealed the provision that exempts the collected information from the public records law. House Committee Amendment No. 3306 repeals the requirement in the bill for the department to include private health care claims in its consideration of the reimbursement schedule and restores the existing requirements for certain processes relative to data collection. House Committee*



*Amendment No. 3317 inserted a requirement for the department to include providers and other partners when considering reimbursement schedule updates. House Floor Amendment No. 3523 restored the exemption from public records law of the collected data.*

**HB 870** M. Echols [R-14, Monroe] Labor & Industrial Relations  
Provides for adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation. (08-01-2024)  
04-02-2024 Filed.  
04-03-2024 Referred to Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations.  
06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the workers' compensation law, more specifically the portion relative to the medical fee reimbursement schedule. The bill limits reimbursable charges to the lesser of the actual charge or that would be due under Medicare times a multiplier of one and one-half. In the absence of a Medicare fee for that service, the limit shall be set at 162%. The provider shall have the burden to show that limit is reasonable, and in the event of a dispute, the payor shall have reasonable discovery relative to amounts previously accepted by the provider.*

**HB 897** L. Bagley [R-7, Stonewall] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to physical therapists. (08-01-2024)  
04-02-2024 Filed.  
04-03-2024 Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.  
04-10-2024 On agenda, but meeting cancelled for severe weather.  
04-17-2024 Removed from agenda prior to the meeting.  
06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the physical therapy licensing law. It makes changes to membership of the licensing board. The definition of physical therapy is revised substantially. In its original form, the bill does not grant prescriptive authority to physical therapists.*

**HB 899** M. Wright [R-77, Covington] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to the Hope for Louisiana Patients Law. (08-01-2024)  
04-02-2024 Filed.  
04-03-2024 Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.  
04-17-2024 Reported favorably.  
04-18-2024 Engrossed; passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.  
04-24-2024 Called; returned to calendar; notice given.  
04-29-2024 Called; returned to calendar; notice given.  
04-30-2024 Passed the House (100-0); sent to the Senate.  
05-01-2024 Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.  
05-06-2024 Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.  
05-15-2024 Amended, the reported favorably.  
05-16-2024 Referred to Legislative Bureau.

05-20-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-23-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (32-0); Returned to the House; received with Senate amendments.
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (98-0).
05-31-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 750</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to create a new subchapter in the public health law, to establish a mechanism for patients to receive ‘individualized investigative treatment’, defined as drugs, biological products, or devices that are unique to and produced exclusively for use for an individual patient, based on his own genetic profile, including but not limited to individualized gene therapy antisense oligonucleotides and individualized neoantigen vaccines, but excludes any drug, biological product or device derived from human primary or secondary embryonic stem cells or cell lines, or tissues derived from abortion – but does include human perinatal tissue not derived from abortions. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3628 made several technical corrections and clarifications. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3813 corrected citations in the preamble, and further, deleted the proposed section relative to persons authorized to give consent for unemancipated minors.*

**HB 916** K. Dickerson [R-64, Denham Springs] Health & Welfare  
Establishes procedures for the use of artificial intelligence by healthcare entities. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-09-2024	On agenda, but not considered.
04-17-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the healthcare professional licensing law, to regulate the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by healthcare professionals. The bill prohibits any decision for patient care to be based solely on results derived from the use or application of AI, requires that a healthcare professional shall review any AI-derived decision according to procedures promulgated by his licensing board, and further, that a healthcare professional may override any decision made by AI. The bill requires all healthcare licensing boards to promulgate rules relative to the use of AI by their licensees.*

**HB 952** D. Miller [D-40, Opelousas] Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development  
Provides relative to consumable hemp products. (~~08-01-2024~~ 01-01-2025)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development.
04-04-2024	Discharged from committee;

	Recommitted to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-16-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-23-2024	Amended, then passed House (75-23); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
04-24-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-29-2024	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development.
05-28-2024	Reported favorably; referred to Legislative Bureau; Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-29-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
05-31-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (37-1); returned to the House; received in the House with Senate amendments.
06-02-2024	House rejected Senate amendments (62-39); Referred to Conference Committee.
06-03-2024	House members: Miller, Romero, Villio; Senate members: Cathey, Coussan, Talbot; Received Report of Conference Committee; House adopted Conference Committee Report (72-30); Senate adopted Conference Committee Report (26-11); Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-05-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 752</b> ; effective 01-01-2025.

*This bill seeks to amend the agriculture law, more specifically the law relative to consumable hemp products. The bill changes the definition of ‘consumable hemp product’ to require the presence of at least 0.5 mg. of any combination of THC compounds. Further, no such product shall contain more than 8 mg THC per serving, and the bill defines serving for beverages and other liquid products. The bill also prohibits the inclusion of a number of THC homologs in consumable hemp products sold to the public. House Committee Amendment No. 2756 made several technical amendments, and further, prohibits the inclusion of any THC compound not found naturally in hemp; prohibits the inclusion of any floral material; requires testing of products by laboratories approved by the state health department; enhances the regulatory authority of the office of alcohol and tobacco control; and extends the effective date to January 1, 2025. House Committee Amendment No. 3067 requires consumable hemp beverages to be age-restricted. House Floor Amendment No. 3481 made several technical changes. House Floor Amendment No. 3507 inserted a limit for consumable hemp products of 0.3% for delta-9 THC or 1% total of all THC compounds. Senate Floor Amendment No. 4257 (a) adjusted the limit of THC to 0.3% of all THC compounds, a maximum of 5 mg THC per serving, and a maximum of 8 servings per package of non-beverage products or 4 servings per package of beverage products each of which shall be at least 12 ounces in volume; (b) prohibits sale at retailers where gasoline is sold, with an exemption for licensed truck-stop facilities; requires products to bear a consumer warning that ingestion of the product may result in a failed drug test for THC; (c) established a preference for the ULM laboratory as the preferred state laboratory for testing of consumable hemp products. Senate Floor Amendment No.*

*4453 will prohibit sale of CBD products in retailers holding a Class A alcohol beverage permit, which permits on-site consumption.*

**HB 954** S. Mena [D-23, New Orleans] Commerce  
Provides relative to occupations and professions. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce.
04-22-2024	Reported favorably.
04-23-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Amended, then passed House (93-1); reengrossed; Sent to the Senate.
05-01-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
05-06-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs.
05-15-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-16-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-20-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-22-2024	Passed Senate (35-0); returned to the House; Received in the House with Senate amendments.
05-29-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (96-0).
05-30-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-03-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-11-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 644</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the professional licensing law, as well as the practice acts of several occupations and professions, including pharmacy. The bill will prohibit any licensing board from using the vague or generic terms including “moral turpitude” and “good character.” In the pharmacy law, the bill revises the list of actions for which the board may sanction a licensee, specifically R.S. 37:1241(A)(4):*

*(4) Has been convicted of a felony that the board finds is directly related to the practice of pharmacy pursuant to R.S. 37:2950 or other public offense involving moral turpitude in the courts of any state, territory, or country. Conviction, as used in this Paragraph, shall include a finding or verdict of guilty, an admission of guilt, 25 or a plea of nolo contendere*

*House Floor Amendment No. 3645 made two technical corrections. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3462 made clarifying corrections to the sections of law relative to real estate agents, property appraisers, and certified polygraphists.*

**HB 959** D. Deshotel [R-28, Marksville] Commerce  
Provides relative to the sunset of licenses. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce.
04-22-2024	Reported favorably by substitute (15-0).
04-23-2024	Became HB 972. (see that bill for further activity)

*This bill seeks to amend several licensing laws, to sunset licenses issued by 17 different boards in 2026, 4 boards in 2028, and one board in 2030. Some of the professions*

*included are funeral directors, certified public accountants, architects, engineers, real estate agents and appraisers, interior designers, auctioneers, and private investigators. Specifically exempted by the bill are licenses issued to health professionals, healthcare providers, attorneys, and any other license which requires a doctorate degree. House Committee Amendment No. 3408 removed the original content of the bill and substituted a single new section of law authorizing the state medical board to issue temporary licenses to international physicians.*

**HB 972**      D. Deshotel [R-28, Marksville]      {Substitute for HB 959}  
Allows the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to grant certain temporary permits and licenses. (08-01-2024)

04-23-2024	Adopted as substitute for HB 959.
04-24-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Passed the House (99-3); sent to the Senate; Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
05-01-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-15-2024	Voluntarily deferred for one week.
05-22-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-23-2024	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-28-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-29-2024	Passed Senate (35-0); returned to the House.
05-30-2024	Received in the House with Senate amendments; House concurred with Senate amendments.
05-31-2024	Enrolled; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-11-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 646</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the medical practice law, to create a new section authorizing the state medical board to issue temporary permits and licenses to international physicians. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3865 changes the temporary permit to a license; and further, changed the initial two-year period under a temporary permit to an initial two-year period employed in a Louisiana-based hospital under a license.*

**HB 978**      C. Newell [D-99, New Orleans]      {Substitute for HB 54}  
Provides relative to the regulation of cannabis. (08-01-2024)

05-06-2024	Adopted as substitute for HB 54.
05-07-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
05-08-2024	Called; returned to the calendar; notice given.
05-13-2024	Called; returned to the calendar; notice given.
05-20-2024	Amended, then failed to pass House (36-58).
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to establish a regulatory regime for the regulation of cannabis and cannabis products. The bill adds a new chapter to the public health law as well as to the alcoholic beverage law. The first new chapter authorizes the state health department to regulate the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of cannabis and*



*cannabis products. The department shall issue a maximum of 10 production facility permits for the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of cannabis and cannabis products. The second new chapter authorizes the office of alcohol and tobacco control to regulate the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products. The office shall issue a maximum of 40 cannabis retailer permits. Cannabis retailers are subject to several limitations, including age limits for customers, quantity limits per person and the absence of online sales. Both regulators shall initiate their rule promulgation process no later than December 1, 2024.*

## **Resolutions**

[HR 51](#) E. Jordan [D-29, Baton Rouge] Education  
Requests that the Southern University Board of Supervisors take steps necessary to establish a medical school on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge.

03-25-2024	Filed.
03-26-2024	Referred to Committee on Education.
04-30-2024	Reported favorably (12-0).
05-01-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
05-09-2024	Passed House (72-15).
05-13-2024	<b>Enrolled</b> ; signed by House Speaker.
05-14-2024	Delivered to the Secretary of State.

*This resolution requests the Board of Supervisors at Southern University take the necessary steps to establish a school of medicine on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University.*

[HR 52](#) E. Jordan [D-29, Baton Rouge] Education  
Requests that the Southern University Board of Supervisors take steps necessary to establish a school of pharmacy on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge.

03-25-2024	Filed.
03-26-2024	Referred to Committee on Education.
04-30-2024	Reported favorably (12-0).
05-01-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
05-09-2024	Passed House (75-9).
05-13-2024	<b>Enrolled</b> ; signed by House Speaker.
05-14-2024	Delivered to the Secretary of State.

*This resolution requests the Board of Supervisors at Southern University take the necessary steps to establish a school of pharmacy on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University.*

[HR 207](#) M. Echols [R-14, Monroe] Health & Welfare  
Directs the La. Department of Health to study and make recommendations on how to reduce the number of licensing boards of health professions.

05-07-2024	Filed.
05-08-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.

05-14-2024	Reported favorably.
05-15-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading.
05-28-2024	Passed House (98-0).
05-29-2024	<b>Enrolled</b> ; signed by House Speaker.
05-31-2024	Delivered to the Secretary of State.

*This resolution directs the state health department to study and make recommendations on how to reduce the number of licensing boards of health professions (currently over 20). Their report is due no later than February 1, 2025.*

### **Concurrent Resolutions**

**HCR 35** M. Wright [R-77, Covington] House & Governmental Affairs  
Provides for a special joint committee to review the Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Administrative Code, the public's involvement in proposed rulemaking, and comparisons of other states' regulatory environments.

03-25-2024	Filed.
03-26-2024	Referred to Committee on House & Governmental Affairs.
04-09-2024	Reported favorably.
04-10-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-15-2024	Passed House (99-0); sent to the Senate; Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
04-16-2024	Referred to Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs.
05-08-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-13-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-29-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (34-0); returned to the House.
05-30-2024	Received in the House with Senate amendments; House rejected Senate amendments (95-0); Referred to Conference Committee; House members: Wright, Beaulieu, Mack; Senate members: Miguez, Fields, Kleinpeter.
05-31-2024	Discharged from Conference Committee; Notice given for reconsideration of concurrence.
06-03-2024	House concurred with Senate amendments (99-0); <b>Enrolled</b> ; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Delivered to the Secretary of State.

*This resolution seeks to create the Special Legislative Committee on Regulatory Reform, to be composed of 4 representatives and 3 senators, and to require their report to the legislature no later than December 31, 2024. Senate Committee Amendment No. 3123 reduced the number of representatives from 4 to 3 then added a representative from the governor's office. Senate Floor Amendment No. 4019 inserted a provision for a representative to chair the committee in even numbered years and a senator to chair the committee in odd numbered years.*

[HCR 66](#) M. Melerine [R-6, Shreveport] House & Governmental Affairs  
Provides for a joint legislative committee to study regulations regarding artificial intelligence.

04-15-2024	Filed.
04-16-2024	Referred to Committee on House & Governmental Affairs.
04-30-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-01-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
05-09-2024	Passed House (85-0); sent to the Senate.
05-13-2024	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
05-14-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs.
05-22-2024	Reported favorably.
05-29-2024	Passed Senate (35-0); returned to the House.
05-30-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments;
	<b>Enrolled</b> ; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-03-2024	Delivered to the Secretary of State.

*This resolution seeks to establish a joint legislative committee to study the use of artificial intelligence in multiple areas, including health, judicial, and financial areas. The committee will be composed of five members from each chamber and shall develop recommendations for laws and rules on an annual basis. House Committee Amendment No 3913 changed the study group from a special committee to the existing Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity. House Committee Amendment No. 3244 inserted a new 'Whereas' paragraph describing implication of artificial intelligence on policies for health and welfare.*

[HCR 96](#) C. Brown [D-60, Plaquemine] Insurance  
Requests the Department of Insurance to study the impact of alternative funding programs on patient access to affordable prescription drugs.

05-01-2024	Filed.
05-06-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
05-15-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
05-20-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading.
05-22-2024	Passed House (98-0); sent to the Senate;
	Received in the Senate; committee referral pending.
05-23-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
05-29-2024	Recalled from Committee on Insurance;
	Passed Senate (24-0); returned to the House.
05-30-2024	Received in the House without Senate amendments.
05-31-2024	<b>Enrolled</b> ; signed by House Speaker & Senate President.
06-04-2024	Delivered to the Secretary of State.

*This resolution seeks to establish a study group supported by the Dept. of Insurance to study the impact of alternative funding programs on patient access to affordable prescription drugs. The resolution identifies the 10 members, provides for the chair and administrative support, and identifies the four specific topics to be studied. The resolution requires a written report with recommendations and draft legislation no later than December 31, 2024. House Committee Amendment No. 1078 added four entities*

to the study group.

[HCR 106](#) M. Echols [R-14, Monroe] Health & Welfare  
Directs the La. Department of Health to study and make recommendations on how to reduce the number of licensing boards of health professions.

05-07-2024	Filed.
05-08-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
06-03-2024	Resolution died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This resolution directs the state health department to study and make recommendations on how to reduce the number of licensing boards of health professions (currently over 20). Their report is due no later than February 1, 2025.*

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## Senate

### Bills

[SB 17](#) B. Mizell [R-12, Franklinton] Judiciary-C  
Adds tianeptine to Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Law.  
(08-01-2024)

02-25-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-12-2024	Reported favorably.
03-13-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
03-18-2024	Passed Senate (39-0); sent to the House.
03-20-2024	Referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
04-30-2024	Reported favorably; referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-01-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.
05-06-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-15-2024	Passed House (92-0); returned to the Senate; Received in the Senate without House amendments.
05-16-2024	Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker; Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-22-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 143</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law by adding tianeptine to a new subsection for miscellaneous chemicals within Schedule I of the state list of controlled substances.*

[SB 56](#) W. Wheat, Jr. [R-37, Ponchatoula] Education  
Provides for the administration of medication to students by certain practitioners. (gov. sig.)

02-26-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
03-18-2024	Reported favorably.
03-19-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.

03-20-2024	Passed Senate (36-0); sent to the House.
03-21-2024	Received in the House; committee referral pending.
03-25-2024	Referred to Committee on Education.
04-24-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (9-0); Referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-25-2024	Reported with Bureau amendments.
04-29-2024	Bureau amendments adopted; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-14-2024	Passed House (96-0); returned to the Senate.
05-15-2024	Senate concurred with House amendments (36-0).
05-16-2024	Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker; Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-23-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 161</b> ; effective 05-23-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the education law, more specifically the section relative to administration of medication to students. The current law requires the student to have a prescription for the medication in question issued by a physician or dentist in Louisiana or one of the three adjacent states. The bill seeks to allow the prescription to be prescribed by a physician or dentist licensed in any U.S. state. House Committee Amendment No. 3494 makes the same change in a different but closely related section of law. Bureau Amendment No. 2595 made a technical clarification.*

#### SB 60

T. Pressly [R-38, Shreveport]

Commerce, Consumer Protection  
& International Affairs

Provides relative to occupational licenses. (*gov. sig.*)

02-27-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-03-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-08-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-09-2024	Called by title; returned to calendar, subject to call.
04-16-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (36-1); sent to the House.
04-17-2024	Received in the House; committee referral pending.
04-18-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce.
04-29-2024	Reported favorably; referred to Legislative Bureau.
04-30-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.
05-01-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-15-2024	Passed House (94-0); returned to the Senate.
05-16-2024	Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker; Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-23-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 253</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill is similar to HB 716 but there are some minor differences. The bill adds new provisions within the professional and occupational standards law with many of the same requirements. The agency's licensure decision is required within 45 days of its receipt of a complete application. Each licensing agency shall promulgate rules to implement these provisions. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1463 amended the bill in a manner to duplicate the language in HB 716 which passed the House the previous day. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1603 made a technical change at the suggestion of the Legislative Bureau. Senate Floor Amendment No. 2021 inserted special provisions*



*for certain boards including medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine.*

[SB 100](#) R. Duplessis [D-55, New Orleans] Insurance  
Provides health insurance coverage for certain injectable drugs. (*gov. sig.*)  
02-28-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
04-17-2024 Voluntarily deferred.  
06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more specifically the provisions relating to required coverages by health insurance issuers. Such plans shall provide coverage for the use of injectable drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use to lower glucose levels or for weight loss in the treatment of prediabetes, gestational diabetes, or obesity. The coverage may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, and may be subject to prior authorization.*

[SB 133](#) T. Pressly [R-38, Shreveport] Commerce, Consumer Protection  
& International Affairs  
Provides relative to certain international organizations. (~~08-01-2024~~ *gov. sig.*)  
02-29-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
03-20-2024 Reported favorably.  
03-25-2024 Engrossed; passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.  
03-26-2024 Passed Senate (37-0); sent to the House;  
Received in the House; committee referral pending.  
03-27-2024 Referred to Committee on House & Governmental Affairs.  
04-30-2024 Amended, then reported favorably (8-2);  
Referred to Legislative Bureau.  
05-01-2024 Reported without Bureau amendments.  
05-06-2024 Passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.  
05-15-2024 Passed House (69-22); returned to the Senate.  
05-20-2024 Senate concurred with House amendments (37-0).  
05-22-2024 Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker.  
05-23-2024 Sent to the Governor for executive approval.  
05-28-2024 Signed as **Act No. 395**; effective 05-28-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the state administration law, by adding a new section indicating that no rule, regulation, fee, tax, policy, or mandate of any kind from the World Health Organization, United Nations, or World Economic Forum may be enforced or implemented by any state, parish, or local governmental entity. House Committee Amendment No. 3970 will make the law effective upon governor signature instead of the default August 1 date.*

[SB 158](#) R. Owen [R-1, Slidell] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to marijuana for therapeutic use. (*gov. sig.*)  
02-29-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
04-17-2024 Voluntarily deferred.  
04-24-2024 Reported favorably.

04-29-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, more specifically the medical marijuana law. The current law conditions the issuance of additional satellite pharmacy permits on a quarterly count of active, qualified patients in the region. In particular, the law requires the quarterly review to use the preceding 3-month count of such patients. The proposed amendment will require the review to use the preceding 24-month count of such patients.*

**SB 170**      P. McMath [R-11, Covington]      Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to physical therapists. (08-01-2024)  
02-29-2024      Prefiled and referred to committee.  
06-03-2024      Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the professional and occupational standards law, more specifically the chapter relative to physical therapists. The bill contains significant updates to their practice act, including changes to the number of members of the licensing board, their qualifications, and the duration of their terms of office. Other changes include additions to their powers and duties to include the authority to levy fines for disciplinary actions and to acquire, hold, and dispose of immovable property. There are changes to some of the definitions for their scope of practice. In its original form, there is nothing in the bill relative to prescriptive authority for physical therapists.*

**SB 224**      R. Owen [R-1, Slidell]      Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to opioid alternatives. (8-01-2024)  
03-01-2024      Prefiled and referred to committee.  
04-24-2024      Amended, then reported favorably.  
04-29-2024      Engrossed; recommitted to Committee on Finance.  
04-30-2024      Recalled from committee;  
                    Passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.  
05-01-2024      Passed Senate (39-0); sent to the House.  
05-06-2024      Received in the House; committee referral pending.  
05-07-2024      Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.  
05-15-2024      Reported favorably; referred to Legislative Bureau.  
05-20-2024      Reported without Bureau amendments.  
05-21-2024      Passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.  
05-22-2024      Passed House (99-0); returned to the Senate;  
                    Received in the House without Senate amendments.  
05-23-2024      Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker;  
                    Sent to the Governor for executive approval.  
05-28-2024      Signed as **Act No. 320**; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the public assistance law, more specifically the Medicaid medication management provisions. The new section requires Medicaid managed care organizations to not deny coverage of a nonopioid medication in favor of an opioid*

medication when the nonopioid medication was prescribed for the treatment of acute or chronic pain. The further requires the state health department to review requests for opioid litigation settlement funds and provide assistance to political subdivisions from the department's share of the opioid litigation settlement. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1125 removed the mandated coverage as well as the long list of tasks assigned to the state health department, but preserved the directive to collaborate with other state agencies, political subdivisions, and non-profit organizations to seek funding opportunities for education and services related to nonopioid alternatives.

**SB 225** R. Duplessis [D-55, New Orleans] Health & Welfare  
Provides for the right to contraception. (08-01-2024)  
03-01-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
06-03-2024 Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This is a companion bill to HB 395. It seeks to amend the civil code law by adding a right to contraception, contraceptives, emergency contraception, and contraceptive related information. A healthcare provider has the right to supply contraceptives, emergency contraception, and contraceptive related information. The bill provides that no law or regulation shall impede access to contraceptives, emergency contraception, or contraceptive related information, nor shall such law or rule: (1) prohibit or restrict the sale or use of contraceptives or emergency contraception; (2) prohibit or restrict any person from aiding another person in obtaining contraceptives or emergency contraception; or (3) exempt any contraceptives in a way that would make it difficult to sell, provide, obtain, or use contraceptives or emergency contraception.*

**SB 228** P. McMath [R-11, Covington] Health & Welfare  
Provides relative to marijuana for therapeutic use. (gov. sig.)  
03-01-2024 Prefiled and referred to committee.  
03-20-2024 Amended, then reported favorably.  
03-25-2024 Engrossed; passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.  
03-26-2024 Amended, then passed Senate (32-5); reengrossed; sent to the House.  
03-27-2024 Received in the House; committee referral pending.  
04-02-2024 Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.  
04-10-2024 On agenda, but meeting cancelled for severe weather.  
04-17-2024 Amended, then reported favorably; Referred to Legislative Bureau.  
04-18-2024 Reported without Bureau amendments.  
04-22-2024 Passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.  
05-06-2024 Called; returned to the calendar; notice given.  
05-13-2024 Amended, then passed House (89-1); returned to the Senate.  
05-14-2024 Senate concurred with House amendments (37-1).  
05-15-2024 Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker.  
05-16-2024 Sent to the Governor for executive approval.  
05-22-2024 Signed as **Act No. 150**; effective 05-22-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, more specifically the provisions relative to medical marijuana. In addition to a number of technical changes, the bill proposes to extend the current January 1, 2025 sunset date to July 1, 2030. Senate Committee Amendment No. 764 makes changes to the entities authorized to produce therapeutic marijuana products. Instead of LSU and Southern contracting with private firms, the same two private firms will be licensed by the state health department. The 7% tax on gross proceeds of the sale of marijuana products to the marijuana pharmacies will remain; however, the allocation of those funds will change: of that 7%, 1% will go to LSU, 1% will go to Southern, and 5% will go to State Police. The amendment contains a large number of technical amendments to accomplish those two substantive changes. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1093 made technical corrections on behalf of the Legislative Bureau. House Committee Amendment No. 2710 made technical corrections. House Committee Amendment No. 3233 made changes to the allocation of funds collected from the contracted growers, and also removed Section 3 of the bill which would have required the existing contracts between the schools and their contractors to terminate on July 1, 2024. House Floor Amendment No. 4483 changed the basis of the definition of active patient counts from the preceding 3 months to the preceding 24 months, and further, inserted a provision clarifying that the entities authorized to conduct research on marijuana for therapeutic use are LSU and Southern University Agricultural Centers as well as the University of Louisiana at Monroe.*

**SB 241**      K. Talbot [R-10, River Ridge]      Insurance  
Provides relative to coverage for certain physician-administered drugs. (*gov. sig.*)  
03-01-2024      Prefiled and referred to committee.  
06-03-2024      Bill died when legislature adjourned *sine die*.

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more specifically the existing section relative to reimbursement to providers for supplying physician-administered injectable drugs. The current law prohibits health insurance issuers and pharmacy benefit managers from refusing to reimburse providers when they obtain the product from a pharmacy not within the insurer or benefit manager's network. The proposed amendment seeks to expand that prohibition to include when such products are sourced from a distributor or other source not selected by the insurer or benefit manager.*

**SB 276**      T. Pressly [R-38, Shreveport]      Judiciary-C  
Creates the crime of coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud to prohibit a third party from knowingly using an abortion-inducing drug to cause, or attempt to cause, an abortion on an unsuspecting pregnant mother without her knowledge or consent and amends various abortion criminal laws to add the crime of attempted abortion.  
(*gov. sig.* 10-01-2024)  
03-01-2024      Prefiled and referred to committee.  
04-09-2024      Reported favorably.  
04-15-2024      Engrossed; passed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.  
04-16-2024      Passed Senate (38-0); sent to the House;  
                 Received in the House; committee referral pending.  
04-17-2024      Referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.  
04-30-2024      Amended, then reported favorably;

	Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-01-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.
05-06-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-20-2024	Amended, then passed House (64-29); Returned to the Senate.
05-21-2024	Received from the House with House amendments.
05-23-2024	Senate concurred with House amendments (29-7); Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker; Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
05-24-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 246</b> ; effective 10-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the crime and criminal procedure laws, more specifically those related to abortion. The bill inserts a new provision creating the crime of coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud when a person knowingly and intentionally uses, or attempts to use, an abortion-inducing drug on a pregnant woman, without her knowledge or consent, to cause an abortion. The criminal penalty includes incarceration for not less than 5 nor more than 10 years, as well as a fine of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$75,000. If the unborn child was more than three months gestational age when the crime was committed, then the incarceration is not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years, and the fine is not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$100,000. Finally, the crime of criminal abortion by means of abortion-inducing drug was added to the list of crimes found in the definition of “racketeering activity.” House Committee Amendment No. 3840 added a new section in the controlled substance law which adds mifepristone and misoprostol to Schedule IV of the state list of controlled substances. House Floor Amendment No. 4903 added provisions requiring the Board of Pharmacy to notify all pharmacists about this law and the circumstances under which prescriptions for mifepristone and misoprostol may be dispensed; and further, directs the state health department to notify all prescribing practitioners about this law and the circumstances under which those two drugs may be prescribed and administered; finally, the effective date was changed from the date of signature to October 1, 2024.*

**SB 281**      R. Edmonds [R-6, Baton Rouge]      Insurance  
Provides for pharmacy record audits. (08-01-2024)

03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.
04-03-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
04-17-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-22-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-23-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-07-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (38-0); reengrossed; sent to the House.
05-08-2024	Received in the House; committee referral pending.
05-09-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
05-15-2024	On agenda – not considered.
05-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably; Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-22-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.
05-23-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-28-2024	Passed House (95-0); returned to the Senate;



	Received in the Senate with House amendments.
05-29-2024	Senate concurred with House amendments (34-0).
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-10-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 514</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more specifically the provisions relating to claims filed by pharmacists and pharmacies. The proposed amendments provide that when the insurer or his agent reviews a claim to determine it is payable or was paid correctly, the pharmacy shall not be required to provide any additional information. A new section of law is proposed relative to the conduct of fraud audits by insurers. The insurer shall notify the insurance commissioner of their fraud suspicion, and then audit the pharmacy in the manner specified by the commissioner. In the event the insurer is found to have violated this notice or audit method requirement, the insurance commission shall take appropriate enforcement action against the insurer. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1940 made technical corrections to some citations. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1816 clarifies that health insurer includes a pharmacy benefit manager and any person acting on their behalf. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3032 replaced the content relative to investigations of PBM record audits with new content requiring the insurance commissioner to promulgate rules relative to the conduct of PBM pharmacy record audits. House Committee Amendment No. 4558 restored the language of the current law relative to record audits requiring the pharmacy to provide copies of the prescription and any information related to that claim but not any records not related to that claim, and further, made other technical and clarification changes.*

<b>SB 311</b>	R. Edmonds [R-6, Baton Rouge]	Insurance
Provides for audits of pharmacy records. (08-01-2024)		
03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-03-2024	Voluntarily deferred.	
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	

*This bill is almost identical to SB 281. The differences are minor and appear to be limited to section headings and formatting.*

<b>SB 332</b>	A. Seabaugh [R-31, Many]	Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs
Repeals the Occupational Licensing Review Commission. (08-01-2024 <u>01-01-2025</u> )		
03-01-2024	Prefiled and referred to committee.	
04-03-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.	
04-08-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading.	
04-09-2024	Passed Senate (37-0); sent to the House.	
	Received in the House; committee referral pending.	
04-10-2024	Referred to House Committee on Commerce.	
04-23-2024	Voluntarily deferred for one week.	
05-06-2024	Voluntarily deferred.	
05-20-2024	Reported favorably (8-5); referred to Legislative Bureau.	
05-21-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.	

05-22-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-23-2024	Passed House (63-21); returned to the Senate.
05-28-2024	Received in the Senate without House amendments.
05-29-2024	Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker.
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-10-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 516</b> ; effective 01-01-2025.

*This bill seeks to amend the professional and occupational standards law, more specifically the subchapter relative to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission established by Act 623 of the 2018 Legislature. The bill proposes to repeal the commission and all of its policies and requirements. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1541 delays the effective date of the bill to January 1, 2025.*

**SB 423** J. Morris [R-35, West Monroe] Senate & Governmental Affairs  
Provides for access to public records by certain persons. (gov. sig.)

03-27-2024	Filed.
04-02-2024	Referred to Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs.
04-17-2024	On agenda; not considered.
04-24-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-29-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-07-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-13-2024	Called; withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

*This bill seeks to amend the public records law. While preserving all current components and requirements of present law, the bill changes “any person” (when describing a requestor) to “any Louisiana citizen.” Senate Committee Amendment No. 2423 inserted a clarification the amendment shall apply to mortgage and conveyance records.*

**SB 430** K. Jackson-Andrews [D-34, Monroe] Judiciary-B  
Relative to the death penalty. (07-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary-B.
04-16-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-17-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-22-2024	Failed to pass (19-19); notice given for reconsideration; On reconsideration, passed Senate (22-16); Sent to the House.
04-23-2024	Received in the House; committee referral pending.
04-24-2024	Referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
05-21-2024	Involuntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the death penalty law, more specifically the portion just amended in the previous legislative session. The bill seeks to remove nitrogen hypoxia*

*as an acceptable method for the execution of the death penalty. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1981 made technical amendments.*

**SB 444**      K. Jackson-Andrews [D-34, Monroe]      Insurance  
Provides relative to pharmaceutical reimbursements. (*gov. sig.*)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
04-24-2024	Reported favorably.
04-29-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
05-14-2024	Called; amended, then passed Senate (37-0); reengrossed; sent to the House.
05-15-2024	Received in the House; committee referral pending.
05-20-2024	Referred to Committee on Insurance.
05-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably; Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-22-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.
05-23-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-28-2024	Passed House (98-0); returned to the Senate; Received in the Senate with House amendments.
05-29-2024	Senate concurred with House amendments (36-0).
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 768</u></b> ; effective 06-19-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the insurance law, more specifically the reimbursement to pharmacies by pharmacy benefit managers. The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from reimbursing a pharmacist or pharmacy less than the acquisition cost for the covered drug, device, or service. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3540 limited the bill's application to contracted pharmacists who own 5 shares or less or 5% or less of the shares of a pharmaceutical group purchasing organization or vendor of the covered drug, device or service. House Committee Amendment No. 5003 inserted an exclusion such that the bill does not apply to the state office of group benefit programs.*

**SB 456**      T. Pressly [R-38, Shreveport]      Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs  
Creates the Louisiana Regulatory and Advisory Board Review Commission. (*08-01-2024*)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs.
04-24-2024	Voluntarily deferred.
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

*This bill seeks to amend the Occupational Board Compliance Law. The bill replaces the Occupational Licensing Review Commission with the newly created commission. In addition to the current duty to review proposed rules and rule changes prior to the formal initiation of the promulgation procedures, the bill tasks the new commission with*

*a formal sunset review of all licensing boards every four years. The bill provides that all boards shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2028 and shall terminate their existence by July 1, 2029. In advance of the 2028 date, the review commission shall perform their sunset reviews and make legislative recommendations for continuance, modification, or termination of each licensing board.*

**SB 462**      V. Hodges [R-13, Denham Springs]      Senate & Governmental Affairs  
Provides for gubernatorial appointments. (gov. sig.)

04-02-2024	Filed.
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs.
04-24-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-29-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Called; returned to the calendar, subject to call.
05-07-2024	Amended, then passed Senate (28-10); reengrossed; Sent to the House.
05-08-2024	Received in the House; committee referral pending.
05-09-2024	Referred to Committee on House & Governmental Affairs.
05-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably (9-3); Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-22-2024	Reported with Bureau amendments.
05-23-2024	Bureau amendments adopted; Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-28-2024	Passed House (62-30); returned to the Senate; Received in the Senate with House amendments.
05-29-2024	Called; returned to calendar, subject to call.
05-30-2024	Senate concurred with House amendments (24-10).
05-31-2024	Enrolled; signed by Senate President & House Speaker; Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-05-2024	Signed as <b><u>Act No. 491</u></b> ; effective 06-05-2024

*This bill seeks to amend the public officers law, by adding a new section authorizing the governor to appoint the chairman and any other officer of each board or commission whose appointment is not already provided for by the state constitution. In the event the governor elects to make such appointments, those appointments shall be made from the membership of the board or commission and confirmed by the state senate; further, those appointments shall be for a term at the governor's pleasure. Senate Committee Amendment No. 2270 changed the time frame within which the governor may make the appointments, from 20 days after taking office to 180 days after taking office. House Committee Amendment No. 4764 removed the provision making the terms of all board members concurrent with the term of the governor, permits the board to install its own chair following its own procedures until the governor appoints the chair, and clarifies that the chair position serves at the pleasure of the governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. Bureau Amendment No. 4038 made a technical correction.*

**SB 487**      S. Cathey [R-33, Monroe]      Health & Welfare  
Provides for hospital drug screenings. (08-01-2024)

04-02-2024	Filed.
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04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
04-24-2024	Amended, then reported favorably.
04-29-2024	Engrossed; passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and floor vote.
04-30-2024	Passed the Senate (37-0); sent to the House; Received in the House; committee referral pending.
05-01-2024	Referred to Committee on Health & Welfare.
05-21-2024	Amended, then reported favorably; Referred to Legislative Bureau.
05-22-2024	Reported without Bureau amendments.
05-23-2024	Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage.
05-28-2024	Amended, then passed House (101-0); Returned to the Senate; Received in the Senate with House amendments.
05-29-2024	Senate concurred with House amendments (36-0).
05-31-2024	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06-19-2024	Signed as <b>Act No. 769</b> ; effective 08-01-2024.

*This bill seeks to amend the controlled substance law, to create a new section requiring hospitals performing urine drug screens in their diagnostic procedures to also include a test for fentanyl in such urine drug screens. In the event of a positive result for fentanyl, the hospital shall report the de-identified result to the office of public health, and that information shall be confidential and not available pursuant to a public record request. Hospitals without chemical analyzer equipment shall be exempt from this requirement. Senate Committee Amendment No. 2424 limits the bill's applicability to minors, and then only when they are treated for suspected opioid overdose. The amendment also removes the language relative to hospitals without chemical analyzer equipment. House Committee Amendment No. 4954 made a clarifying amendment. House Floor Amendment No. 5183 inserted a requirement for the hospital filing a de-identified report to the state health department to also comply with mandatory reporting requirements in the Children's Code Articles.*

<b>SB 495</b>	K. Talbot [R-10, River Ridge]	Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development
Provides relative to industrial and consumable hemp products. (08-01-2024)		
04-02-2024	Filed.	
04-03-2024	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development.	
06-03-2024	Bill died when legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	

*This bill seeks to amend the agriculture law, more specifically the provisions relative to both industrial hemp products as well as consumable hemp products. The bill revises several licensing sections and sets new fees for certain types of participants in that industry.*

**[22]**