

March 9, 2018

Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

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The Senate Commerce Committee voted down a [bill](#) that would have made first responders

eligible for workers' comp if they were diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder without an accompanying physical injury. The unanimous Committee vote sends SB 553 to interim study, preventing it from any further action until 2019.



[SB 376](#), a bill to expand workers' comp coverage for Florida's first responders passed both the House

and Senate last week. The bill allows first responders diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder to collect lost wages and medical benefits. SB 376 now goes to Governor Scott for his signature.



A bill that prohibits an employer from unreasonably denying a workers' comp claim has passed the Hawaii senate. [SB 2364](#) also requires employers to pay all service providers within 60 days of receipt of the bill, or the service provider can increase the total outstanding balance owed for the undisputed services. A companion bill in the House is awaiting its final vote.



This week, a [bill](#) was filed in the United States Senate that would require prescribers to limit opioid prescriptions for acute pain to a 3-day supply. The proposed bill is the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 2.0. A bill targeting the opioid epidemic, CARA, was signed into law by the President Trump in 2017.





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The Louisiana legislature is gearing up for the start of their 2018 legislative session on Monday, March

12. In anticipation, several bills have been pre-filed, including [SB 368](#) and [HB 548](#) which require the use of electronic prescribing for all prescriptions in Louisiana.



On Wednesday, the Indiana House voted 40 to 9 to pass [SB 369](#). SB 369 requires the state to adopt the

ODG drug formulary, Appendix A by January 1, 2019. The bill now awaits Governor Holcomb's signature.

Where in the U.S.A. is Danielle?

Danielle will be in Arizona at the end of next week for legislative meetings.



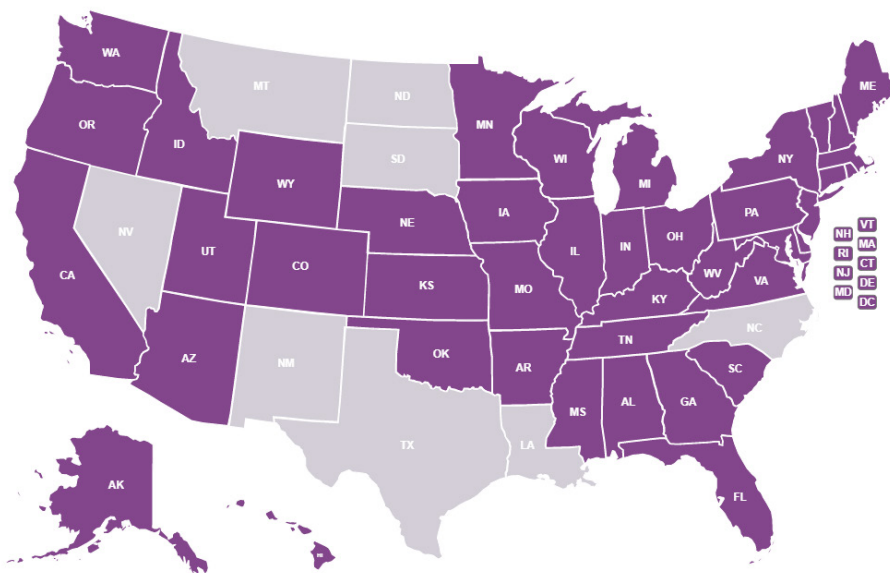
Article of Interest

The [explosion](#) of the gig economy, think Uber and Lyft, has reignited the debate over what differentiates a contractor from a worker.

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