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The Virginia legislature has sent **HB 46** to the Governor for consideration. The bill would mandate

insurers notify an injured worker within 30 days whether they will accept or reject their workers' compensation claim. If within the 30 days the insurer is unable to decide, they must provide notice to the injured worker what information is lacking for them to make a determination and allow the injured worker an opportunity to provide the information. This is one of several labor friendly workers' compensation bills the legislature has sent to the Governor for consideration. The Governor has until April 11 to sign the bills into law.



Late last week, the Senate voted unanimously to pass **S 432**, a bill that would expand the individuals covered by the state's workers' compensation cardiovascular injury presumption to include any recognized volunteer first responders. The bill also removes the requirement that the individual must be responding to orders under competent authority in order to recover and provides that individuals are covered by the presumption when remediating from an emergency. The bill is currently before the Assembly Labor Committee for consideration.



The Mississippi House is considering a **bill** that would mandate electronic prescribing for all controlled substances written in Mississippi. The bill passed the Senate earlier this month and is now with the House Drug Policy Committee. If passed, beginning July 1, 2021, Mississippi would join the majority of states mandating the use of e-prescribing in some capacity.



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Uber, and Lyft drivers across the

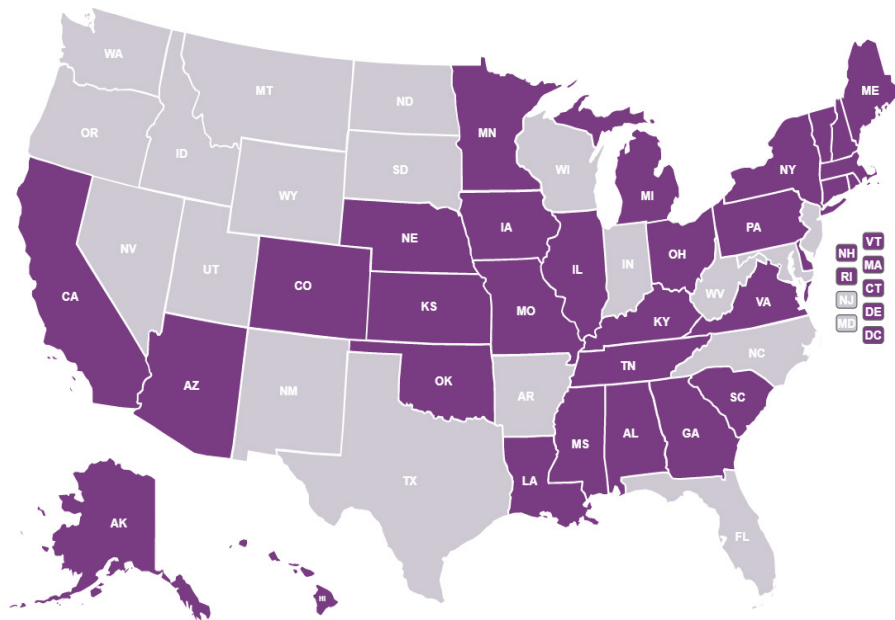
The Executive Director of New York's Black Car Fund, which provides supplemental benefits to taxi,

state, **called** on the legislature to create similar systems for all gig economy workers. The Black Car Fund is providing benefits, including telemedicine, for those independent drivers in New York, which has become critical in the time of COVID-19.

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

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



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