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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



A workers' comp reform bill, [SB 665](#) was defeated in the Senate on Wednesday. The bill made several

changes to Wisconsin's workers' comp system, including limiting opioid fills to a 7-day supply, mandating the use of electronic billing, and setting up a maximum fee schedule for health care services provided to an injured worker based off the state's group health and self-insured plans. The bill was a product of the state's Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, whose bills normally pass easily through the legislature.



The Georgia Senate has postponed a vote on [HB 789](#), a bill that would address the gig economy. The bill seeks to

clarify that workers from online platforms, such as Uber and Lyft, are not considered employees and therefore are not entitled to many protections, including workers' comp. Labor groups oppose the bill arguing it makes it too easy for employers to classify workers as independent contractors. The Georgia legislative session concludes tonight at midnight.



Over the weekend, Governor Holcomb signed [SB 369](#) into law. The bill adopts the

ODG drug formulary for Indiana's workers' comp system by January 1, 2019. All workers' comp claims that exist as of July 1, 2018 have until January 1, 2020 to transition to the formulary. The formulary is mandatory, meaning providers cannot prescribe an "N" drug without prior authorization from the insurance company.





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A workers' comp reform bill is heading to Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin's desk this week. HB

2 was passed by the Senate and House earlier this week. The bill requires the adoption of a workers' comp drug formulary, places limits on attorney's fees, and places new limits on partial disability benefits. The bill is supported by business groups, but strongly opposed by labor and claimant's attorneys.



On Tuesday, Florida Governor Rick Scott signed SB 376 into law.

The bill expands workers' comp benefits to first responders who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.



Late last week, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy published several new proposed

regulations. Among them is a change that would prohibit delivering controlled substances pursuant to a prescription to a doctor's office. Prescriptions must be sent directly to the patient under the proposed guidelines.



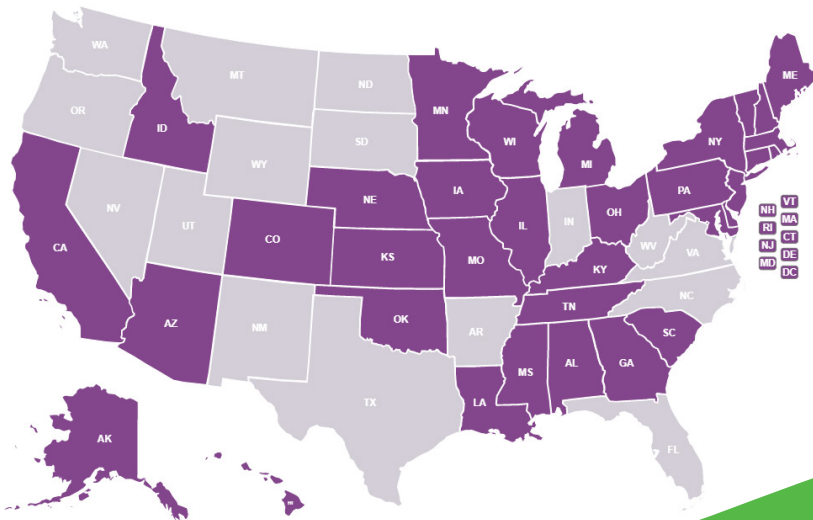
Where in the U.S.A. is Danielle?

Danielle will be in the home office next week.

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