

Legislative Scan: COVID-19

Week of June 1, 2020

South Additions:

LA [HR 38](#) - Urges and requests the Department of Health to study and develop a remote patient monitoring initiative in the state Medicaid program.

LA [HR 44](#) - Directs the governor to ensure that individual liberty and rights are protected as the state administers contact tracing.

LA [HR 52](#) - Requests that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and Board of Regents study and report relative to changes needed for community and technical colleges in response to Coronavirus disease 2019.

LA [HR 57](#) - Requests Economic Development to study the impact Coronavirus has had on the Small Business Association and the Guaranty Program's loans and grants.

LA [HR 61](#) - Urges and requests the Department of Health to study and report on the matter of racial disparities in Coronavirus disease 2019 death rates in this state.

LA [HCR 73](#) - Requests an update from the Louisiana Department of Health and the division of administration on efforts to establish an application or system to track the incidence and spread of COVID-19.

LA [SR 76](#) - Urges and requests the Department of Health to collect data regarding the age, race, and gender of residents who are impacted by the Coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic or any future public health emergency.

LA [HCR 97](#) - Requests the Economic Development to study the impact Coronavirus disease 2019 has had on Small Business Association loans and the Guaranty Program loans and grants.

NC [H 1230](#) - House Resolution Extends a house resolution amending the 2019 house permanent rules of the 2019 General Assembly during emergencies.

Summary: This week in the south, Louisiana passed a number of resolutions urging and requesting departments to study the impact coronavirus has had on different demographics in the state. The requests also included studies regarding the virus's impact on small business loans and higher education loans and grants. North Carolina was the only other southern state to pass legislation this week. North Carolina's House passed an extension on the resolution amending the 2019 rules of the General Assembly during emergencies.

Midwest Additions:

Illinois [S.2099](#) - Creates the Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency, or CURE, Borrowing Fund, provides for the issuance of state bonds.

Illinois [H 2682](#) - Amends the Liquor Control Act, waives late filing fees to a liquor license holder affected by the coronavirus public health emergency, provides for the renewal of liquor licenses, permits the delivery and carry out of mixed drinks.

Iowa [SR 113](#) - Amends Senate rules for the 88th General Assembly.

Minnesota [H 462](#) - Relates to public safety, modifies and authorizes various provisions relating to transportation, motor vehicles, and drivers, establishes requirements for meteorological towers, requires reports.

Summary:

In the Midwest this week, Illinois created a fund providing the issuance of state bonds and amended the Liquor Control Act to wave late filing fees to a liquor license holder affected by the public health emergency. Iowa amended the Senate rules, and Minnesota passed a bill that allowed for the modification and authorization of provisions relating to public safety.

East Additions:

NY [S 8427](#)- Establishes a Coronavirus disease 2019 public employee death benefit for employees who reported contracting the virus within 45 days.

Summary: The East was quiet this week. New York was the only state that passed a bill. The bill establishes a coronavirus disease 2019 public employee death benefit for individuals who reported to their usual place of employment or an alternate worksite at the direction of their employer on or after March 1, 2020 and such individual contracted COVID-19 within 45 days of reporting to such workplace as confirmed by a laboratory test or by a licensed physician and such individual died on or before December 31, 2020.

There are no updates for the West this week.