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New Hampshire

A **bill** that would expand workers' compensation coverage for first responders in New Hampshire

passed out of the Senate Commerce Committee this week. The bill adds Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to the definition of "acute stress disorder" for first responders and establishes a committee to study the prevalence of the condition and cost of treating the injuries. The current bill does not include a funding mechanism for the mandate.



Minnesota

The 2019 Minnesota legislative session has seen a flurry of opioid-related

legislation, including three Senate bills this week.

SF 914 mandates controlled substance continuing education requirements for prescribers and dispensers. **SF 915** and

SF 858 looks to expand the state PDMP requirements, including mandated querying of the PDMP for prescribers and dispensers and allowing the PDMP data to be used to identify prescribers and dispensers engaged in patterns of unusual or excessive prescribing/dispensing.



Virginia

The battle for cancer presumption expansion in Virginia takes another turn. Late last week,

HB 1804 passed out of the one House Committee before being tabled by the House Appropriations Committee, which effectively kills the bill for the legislative year. However, this week, the full Virginia House passed HB 1804 which would expand cancer presumptions, but the bill would not become law unless that 2020 session of the legislature re-enacts the bill—an unusual twist on legislative language.



Colorado

SB 19-079 would require the use of electronic prescribing in Colorado for all Schedule II-IV prescriptions

beginning July 1, 2021. This week the bill was unanimously passed out of the Senate Committee on Business, Labor and Technology and is scheduled for the full Senate chamber later this week.



Nebraska

For the third year in a row, Nebraska is considering a bill that would adopt a workers' compensation

drug formulary. This year's proposal, **LB 487** would adopt a formulary for Schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs only and begin applying to injured workers with dates of injury on or after January 1, 2020. The bill does not select a specific formulary to adopt.

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Once again the Missouri legislature is attempting to establish a prescription drug monitoring

program. **HB 188** would establish a PDMP beginning January 1, 2021 and require dispensers to report information regarding Schedule II-IV prescriptions within 24 hours. The bill has already passed through two House Committees and now awaits a full House vote. Missouri is the only state in the nation without a PDMP.



The Illinois House is considering a bill that would strengthen the states PDMP. If passed,

HB 163 would mandate that all information reported to the PDMP be transmitted no later than the end of the business day in which the controlled substance was dispensed. The bill was approved by the House Human Service Committee on Tuesday.

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

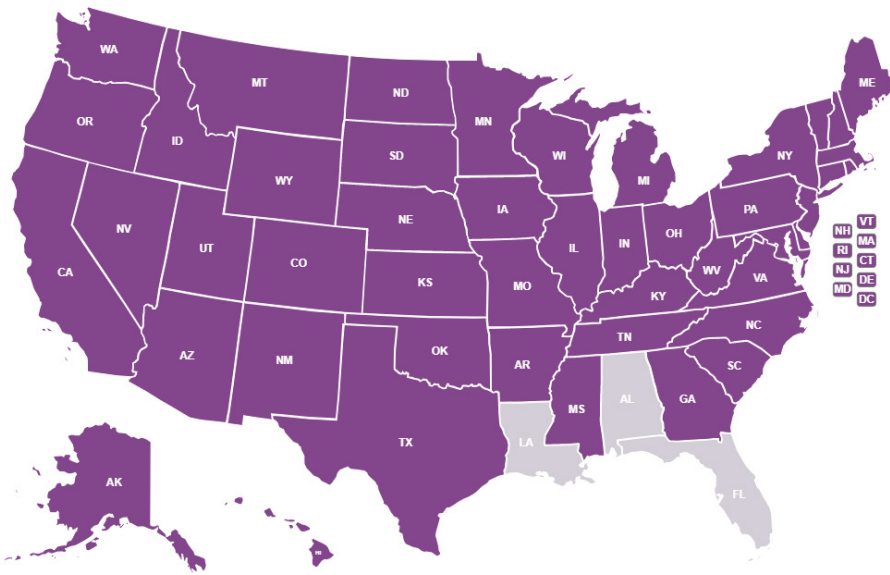
Danielle will be in Tallahassee, Florida early next week for legislative visits.



States in Session

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