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OF THE  
**SENATE**  
OF THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
**EIGHTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

Forty-Seventh Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, May 13, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 9:15 o'clock A.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Foil	Mills, R.
Abraham	Harris	Mizell
Allain	Hewitt	Morris
Bernard	Jackson	Peacock
Boudreaux	Johns	Price
Bouie	Lambert	Reese
Cathey	Luneau	Smith
Cloud	McMath	Womack
Connick	Milligan	
Fields	Mills, F.	
Total - 28		

ABSENT

Barrow	Peterson	Ward
Fesi	Pope	White
Henry	Talbot	
Hensgens	Tarver	
Total - 10		

The President of the Senate announced there were 28 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Heather Ardoin, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Senator Bouie, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 12, 2021, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials and  
Communications**

The following petitions, memorials and communications were received and read:

SENATE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

May 12, 2021

The Honorable W. Jay Luneau  
Louisiana State Senator

Senate District 29  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Re: Senate Committee Appointments

Dear Senator Luneau:

I thank you for your previous service as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, and in lieu thereof, and in accordance with Senate Rule 13.2, I hereby appoint you to serve as Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations (vicing Sen. Troy Carter).

Sincerely,  
Patrick Page Cortez

SENATE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Joseph Bouie Jr.  
Louisiana State Senator  
Senate District 3  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Senate Committee Appointment

Dear Senator Bouie:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (vicing Sen. Troy Carter).

Sincerely,  
Patrick Page Cortez

SENATE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Michael "Mike" Reese  
Louisiana State Senator  
Senate District 30  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Senate Committee Appointment

Dear Senator Reese:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.2, I hereby appoint you to serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (vicing Sen. Jay Luneau).

Sincerely,  
Patrick Page Cortez

SENATE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

May 12, 2021

The Honorable John C. "Jay" Morris III  
Louisiana State Senator  
Senate District 35  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Senate Committee Appointments

Dear Senator Morris:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.2, I hereby appoint you to serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations (vicing Sen. Michael "Mike" Reese).

Sincerely,  
Patrick Page Cortez

SENATE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Rick Ward  
Louisiana State Senator  
Senate District 17  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Senate Committee Appointments

Dear Senator Ward:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs (vicing Sen. Troy Carter) in place of your previous service on the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Page Cortez

Message from the House

CONCURRING IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 12, 2021

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—

BY SENATOR JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Tommy Little for his volunteer work and for being named a 2021 Champion of Service by Volunteer Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—

BY SENATOR FOIL  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the Rt. Reverend Charles Edwards Jenkins III, the tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—

BY SENATOR SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Billy B. Booth.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Louisiana congressional delegation and the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to rename the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Lafayette Community Based Outpatient Clinic in honor of Rodney C. Hamilton Sr.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Acadian Companies for fifty years of service to the citizens of Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95—

BY SENATOR TALBOT  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study best practices for the coverage of long-term supports and services and to increase public knowledge and awareness of the prevalence of need for long-term supports and services among older adults, the costs of services, and the implications for individuals and their families.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96—

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND FRED MILLS  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Carl W. Aron on fifty years of service to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97—

BY SENATOR JACKSON  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Insurance to form a task force to study, jointly with the Louisiana Department of Health, the causes of infertility in women and the desirability and feasibility of mandating insurance coverage for fertility treatments for women.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Introduction of  
Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Luka George Mikaberidze on winning the Louisiana's 2021 Elementary School Student of the Year Competition.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—

BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health to study and submit a report relative to health care infrastructure needs in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Senate Resolutions on  
Second Reading

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88—**

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Earl "Pie" Tastet on the occasion of his retirement as District 2 Justice of the Peace in St. Charles Parish.

On motion of Senator Smith the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89—**

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Howard and Lillian Savoie upon the occasion of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

On motion of Senator Smith the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90—**

BY SENATOR HEWITT

A RESOLUTION

To designate the month of May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

On motion of Senator Hewitt the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91—**

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of May 16 through May 22, 2021, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Louisiana.

On motion of Senator Boudreaux the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 92—**

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, April 29, 2021, as the thirty-seventh annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

On motion of Senator Fields the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93—**

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. Ralph Michael "Mike" Hennessee.

On motion of Senator Reese the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—**

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Risk Charge Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the costs and risks in drilling a well in a compulsory unit created by the office of conservation.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57—**

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of deepwater port operation.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Allain moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Harris	Mizell
Abraham	Hensgens	Morris
Allain	Hewitt	Peacock
Bernard	Jackson	Peterson
Boudreaux	Johns	Pope
Bouie	Lambert	Price
Cathey	Luneau	Reese
Cloud	McMath	Smith
Connick	Milligan	White
Fields	Mills, F.	Womack
Foil	Mills, R.	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Henry	Tarver
Fesi	Talbot	Ward

Total - 6

The Chair declared the Senate adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

**Message from the House**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

May 12, 2021

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 357	HB No. 395	HB No. 447
HB No. 453	HB No. 583	HB No. 635
HB No. 655	HB No. 127	HB No. 132
HB No. 181	HB No. 190	HB No. 222
HB No. 296	HB No. 322	HB No. 411
HB No. 421	HB No. 423	HB No. 578
HB No. 682	HB No. 557	HB No. 650
HB No. 653		

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 127—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.5, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of false statements and false or altered documents in unclaimed property claims; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide relative to restitution; and to provide for related matters.

May 13, 2021

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 132—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:100.13, relative to public school buildings; to require installation of water bottle filling stations in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 181—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:51.1(A)(3)(introductory paragraph), 52(B), (E), and (G)(1), 52.2(A), 52.3(B), and 53(L)(2) and (P)(1)(b), relative to psychiatric mental health practitioners; to provide that psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners shall be allowed to prepare and execute orders for the admission of patients to licensed psychiatric hospitals; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 190—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, GARY CARTER, COX, DUBUISSON, DUPLESSIS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, GAINES, GREEN, HILFERTY, HUGHES, JAMES, JONES, JORDAN, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, NEWELL, PIERRE, AND SELDERS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059 and 1059.1, relative to health insurance coverage for midwifery and doula services; to provide relative to health insurance coverage for maternity services provided by midwives and doulas; to provide for legislative findings; to create the Louisiana Doula Registry Board and provide for its purpose, composition, and duties; to authorize rulemaking; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 222—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.4(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 14:81.3(A)(5), 81.4(B)(5), and 283(A)(3), relative to certain sex offenses against minors; to provide relative to the use of technology in the commission of the offense; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 296—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:71.2(A)(7) and 271.3(A)(7), relative to alcohol beverage control; to provide for the definition of "Class C-Package Store"; to provide for Package house-Class B permits; to provide for criteria; to provide for audits; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 322—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, MCKNIGHT, AND PIERRE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(M) and to repeal R.S. 17:3914(M), relative to student information; to provide for the continued effectiveness of provisions that require school governing authorities to share certain student information with the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose

of facilitating the administration of the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program and that provide exceptions; to authorize the sharing of additional information; to provide for the sharing of such information for the additional purpose of facilitating the administration of the summer electronic benefits transfer program; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 357—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(introductory paragraph), (4), (5)(b), and (D) and to enact R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(5)(c), relative to reporting of information in connection with abortions performed in this state; to provide requirements for information to be included in individual reports on abortions performed or induced; to provide for collection of certain information concerning minors who undergo abortions; to provide requirements for information to be included in annual statistical reports of abortion-related data issued by the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 395—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:107.4(B), relative to the crime of unlawful posting of criminal activity for notoriety and publicity; to provide enhanced penalties when the criminal activity results in serious bodily injury or death; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 411—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, DUPLESSIS, GLOVER, GREEN, JENKINS, JONES, LACOMBE, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, NEWELL, PIERRE, AND SELDERS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416 and 3996(B)(40), relative to student discipline; to provide for a comprehensive revision of student discipline laws; to provide relative to student codes of conduct, the use of and procedures for expulsion, damages to property, possession of weapons and drugs, and conferences with parents; to require certain reporting by the state Department of Education; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 421—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(59) and Chapter 43-B of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4036.1, relative to elementary and secondary education; to authorize public school governing authorities to establish student learning pods for the purpose of providing small group instruction; to provide that students assigned to learning pods shall be enrolled in the school; to require instruction in learning pods to be provided by public school teachers; to provide relative to funding; to provide relative to policies and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 423—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON AND EDMONDS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(4) and to enact R.S. 40:1061.21(E) and 2109.1, relative to abortion; to provide for certain reports regarding abortions; to provide for certain reports related to complications of surgical procedures as a result of an abortion; to provide for the promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 447—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1203.3(E), relative to employment of certain nonlicensed persons who provide health-related services; to provide relative to the prohibition on employment of such persons who have been convicted of certain offenses; to allow for the prohibition to be waived in certain instances; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 453—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1248.1(6), 1248.3(3), 1248.4(D), 1248.5(A), 1248.7(C)(1), 1248.8(C) and (D), and 1248.11(A) and to enact R.S. 40:1248.1(7) and 1248.3(4) through (6), relative to financing of health services delivered through the medical assistance program of this state known as Medicaid; to provide relative to a program of local hospital assessments and intergovernmental transfers within Medicaid; to provide for definitions applicable to the program; to authorize participation in the program by hospitals in certain geographic areas; to revise provisions relative to special accounts of local governments associated with the program known as local provider participation funds; to revise provisions relative to rural institutional providers; to authorize governing bodies of parishes participating in the program to form hospital assessment districts; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 557—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(B), 467(2), 511(A) and (B), 512(B), 1272(A), 1277, 1285(B)(1)(a), 1300(C)(1), and 1300.7(A), relative to elections; to provide for the dates of elections for congressional offices and offices elected at the same time; to provide for qualifying for such elections; to provide for certification of results and declaration of election of congressional candidates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 578—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE AND EDMONDS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1061.11.1, relative to abortions; to provide for disclosure of medical information to persons who may receive a chemically-induced abortion; to provide for duties for the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 583—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND BACALA  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:2(B)(25), relative to crimes of violence; to add false imprisonment while armed with a dangerous weapon to the list of crimes of violence; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 635—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025(introductory paragraph) and (4)(c) and to enact R.S. 17:5025.4, relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS); to provide relative to high school core curriculum requirements for receipt of certain awards from TOPS; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 650—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:942, 991, 992(B), 993, 1005, 1042, 1043(C) and (D), 1044, 1045, 1122(A)(1)(d), (2) and (3), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (d), and (e) and (2), 1133(G), 1134, 1135(B) and to enact R.S. 34:992(C), 1122(A)(4) and (C)(f) and (g), 1139, and 1140, relative to the regulation of river port pilots and steamship pilots; to provide for the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners and the Board of Examiners for New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River; to provide for appointments to the boards; to provide for duties of the boards; to provide for authority of the boards; to provide for public meetings; to provide for duties of pilots; to provide for appointments of pilots; to provide for continuing education of pilots; to provide for qualifications to participate in pilot apprenticeship programs; to provide for pilotage certification requirements; to require reports to the governor, president of the Senate, and speaker of the House; to prohibit discrimination; to provide for the Board of Examiners of Bar Pilots for the Port of New Orleans; to require the fee commission to establish certain rules; to provide for criteria for establishing pilotage fees; to provide for the Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review and Oversight; to provide for prudent and safe pilotage; to prohibit impingement upon the authority of the Board of Commissioners or Examiners; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 653—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:18(A)(7), 21(C)(3), 1351, 1352, 1353(B), (C)(introductory paragraph) and (2), and (D), 1361, 1362(A), and 1400.21(C), to enact R.S. 18:563.1, and to repeal R.S. 18:1365, relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to revise provisions relative to voting and voting processes and procedures; to provide relative to the standards and requirements for and acquisition of voting machines and systems; to remove certain provisions relative to specified types of voting systems used in an election; to provide for requirements applicable to the acquisition of voting systems; to require compliance with the Louisiana Procurement Code relative to the acquisition of voting systems; to provide certain requirements relative to funds used to acquire voting systems; to require legislative approval of voting systems acquisition; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

May 13, 2021

**HOUSE BILL NO. 655—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:6.1(C), 31, 32, 45, 262(J), 316(C), 326(G), 326.5(C), 410.3(B), 412(B), 423(B)(2), 450(C), 571(D), and 1851(C), and to enact R.S. 56:32.1, 303.2(D), 304.2(C), and 305.3(C), relative to wildlife violations; to remove criminal penalties from certain Class 1, 2, and 3 wildlife violations; to reclassify certain violations under Class 2 and 3; to establish administrative and civil procedures relative to hearings and the recovery of civil penalties by the department; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 682—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3086.3(A), relative to the membership of the board of commissioners of the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District; to add an additional member to the board of commissioners; to provide for the expertise and privileges of the additional member; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

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HCR No. 46

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Concurrent Resolutions  
on First Reading**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governor's executive assistant for coastal activities to coordinate a study among state agencies and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature relative to management of the Amite River Basin, including areas authorized under the federal Amite River and Tributaries Project.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Second Reading**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:68.4.1 and 68.4.2 and R.S. 15:1352(A)(67) and (68), relative to motor vehicles; to create the crimes of staging of a motor vehicle collision and aggravated staging of a motor vehicle collision; to provide for definitions; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for additional crimes that are

elements of racketeering activity; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 33—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 573(4), relative to time limitations for prosecution of certain offenses; to provide relative to offenses against juveniles; to provide relative to felony crimes of violence against juveniles; to provide relative to cruelty to juveniles; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 44—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:388(B)(4)(b)(xv), relative to construction aggregates; to expand the definition of "construction aggregates" to include dirt; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 70—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 635(A) and (B), 658, 750(B),(C), and (D), 764, and 846(A) and (B) and to enact Children's Code Articles 635(C), 750(E), and 846(D), relative to certain juvenile proceedings; to provide relative to petitions and summons of certain juvenile proceedings; to provide relative to the amendment or dismissal of certain juvenile proceeding petitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 106—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER  
AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 556.1(A)(5), relative to pleas in criminal cases; to provide relative to pleas of guilty or nolo contendere in felony cases; to provide relative to duties of the court or defense counsel; to require the court or defense counsel to inform a defendant of additional consequences as a result of a guilty plea or nolo contendere; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 120—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:3.6, relative to public records regarding airport facilities, facilities on airport property, and airport infrastructure; to provide for the confidential nature of blueprints, floor plans, and interior renderings of such facilities and of blueprints, plans, and renderings of airport infrastructure; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 128—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:372(D) through (H), R.S. 42:17(A)(3), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(25) and to enact R.S. 39:372(I) and R.S. 44:4(59), relative to security protocols; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Cash Management Review Board regarding financial security and cybersecurity plans; to provide with respect to the confidential nature of certain cybersecurity and financial security discussions and documents; to provide for executive session in public meetings in certain circumstances; to provide with respect to public records exceptions for certain types of cybersecurity and financial information; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make certain technical corrections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 130—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER, ADAMS, BRYANT, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLOVER, GREEN, IVEY, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JONES, LANDRY, LYONS, NEWELL, PIERRE, SELDERS, AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:164.2(A) and 3996(B)(54) and to repeal R.S. 17:164.2(C), relative to school buses; to require that school buses be equipped with occupant restraint systems; to provide relative to funding; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 197—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES OWEN, AMEDEE, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EMERSON, FIRMENT, HORTON, MCCORMICK, RISER, AND SCHAMERHORN

AN ACT

To enact Part XI of Chapter 20 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:1751, relative to occupational licenses; to provide for dependents of healthcare professionals who relocate to the state; to provide definitions; to provide for licensure based upon holding a license in a different state; to provide for licensure based upon prior work experience; to provide for licensure based upon holding a private certification and prior work experience; to allow healthcare professional licensing boards to require jurisprudential examinations in certain cases; to provide relative to decisions by licensing boards; to allow for appeals; to provide for preemption; to require promulgation of rules; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 226—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325(C), relative to the daily take, possession, and size limits applicable to freshwater recreational fish; to provide relative to the process by which the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission can amend rules pertaining to crappie in Lake D'Arbonne in Union Parish; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 265—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(E)(2) and to enact R.S. 14:337(B)(3)(e) and (f), relative to the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to provide for increased penalties;

to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 269—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:635, relative to functions of the Louisiana Department of Health pertaining to food safety; to amend provisions of the State Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law; to provide relative to imported food products; to provide for the destruction of certain food products that are subject to import bans; to provide for construction of certain laws relating to public health; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 280—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4021(A) and to enact R.S. 17:4015(10), 4021(D), and 4021.1, relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program; to provide for the state Department of Education's responsibilities in administering the program; to revise the eligibility criteria schools must meet in order to participate in the program; to remove the enrollment cap applicable to certain schools; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 286—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(A)(1)(a)(i), relative to early voting; to provide for the period for the conduct of early voting in the presidential election; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 304—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:407.23(E) and (F) and 407.30(D)(3), relative to early childhood care and education; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to coordinate data relative to the early childhood care and education network and to submit an annual report relative thereto to the legislature; to require the board to consider such data when allocating awards from the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to require the board to create a program for the purpose of making instructional materials available to children who are not enrolled in the early childhood care and education network; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 312—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG AND THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:15(C), relative to teacher certification; to require criminal background checks for those applying for an initial certification or teaching authorization; to require criminal background checks upon the renewal, advancement, or other modification of an existing certification or teaching authorization; to authorize the state Department of Education to charge a fee for such purposes; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 424—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, ADAMS, BACALA, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CORMIER, COX, DAVIS, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, HARRIS, HOLLIS, HORTON, JEFFERSON, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAHEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, STAGNI, THOMPSON, WHITE, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xx) and (xxi), 297.16, 297.17, and 6042, relative to income tax incentives; to provide for an individual income tax deduction for the adoption of a child or youth from foster care; to provide for a deduction for the private adoption of certain infants; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for limitations and requirements; to establish an income tax credit for donations to certain foster care organizations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for the application for and granting of the credit; to provide for certain requirements; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 438—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:31(C), relative to public records; to allow a custodian to require sufficient information to establish a requestor's identity; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 457—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1662(3), to enact R.S. 22:1674.1, and to repeal R.S. 22:1674, relative to insurance claims adjusters; to provide for the standards of conduct for claims adjusters; to require newly licensed claims adjusters and claims adjusters renewing their license to read and acknowledge the claims adjuster standards of conduct; to provide for penalties for violation of the standards of conduct; to provide an exemption from licensure for certain persons; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Insurance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 477—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:2354(B)(4), (C)(4), (F), and (G), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; to provide for assistants to a psychologist; to provide for licensure and license renewal fees; to establish fees for continuing professional development activities; to provide for special services; to provide for rulemaking by the board; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

HOUSE BILL NO. 483—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1303, relative to restricting the practice of medicine by physicians; to define terms; to prohibit contractual provisions that restrict the practice of medicine by certain physicians; to provide for primary care physicians; to provide for state-employed physicians; to provide for physician specialists; to require a buyout provision; to provide for a physician terminated without cause; to limit the duration of certain contractual

provisions; to provide for rural hospitals; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 492—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BEAULLIEU, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, CARPENTER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, COX, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLOVER, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HOLLIS, HORTON, ILLG, IVEY, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LACOMBE, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, DUSTIN MILLER, NELSON, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PIERRE, PRESSLY, RISER, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, THOMPSON, TURNER, WHEAT, WHITE, WILLARD, ZERINGUE, AND KERNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.9(A), relative to the prescriptive period for certain civil actions against a person for certain acts committed against a minor; to extend the prescriptive period for actions against a person for sexual abuse of a minor or for physical abuse of a minor; to provide that an action against a person convicted of a crime against a child does not prescribe; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 525—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:842(15), relative to taxation of tobacco products; to provide for the definition of smokeless tobacco; to exclude certain products; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 561—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1303, relative to physicians; to provide that certain restrictive agreements on physicians relative to employment by any entity of state government are unenforceable; to provide for a physician who is terminated without cause; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 591—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1892(B)(6) and (E) through (H), relative to claims settlement practices; to provide for the definitions; to provide for insurance coverage of damaged property; to prohibit insurers from requiring insureds to use a preferred vendor or contractor; to provide for the adjustment and settlement of first-party losses under fire and extended coverage policies; to provide for policies providing adjustment and settlement of first-party losses based on replacement cost; to provide required adjustment dispute resolution language for residential property policies; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Insurance.



**HOUSE BILL NO. 606—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:250.2(A) and (B) and 250.3(C) through (E)(1)(a), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development design-build contracts; to provide for a pool of pre-qualified design-builders; to remove the requirement for legislative approval for the department to use the design-build method; to expand the qualification specific to the type of work experience of design component members; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 609—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN, GREEN, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FREEMAN, GAINES, GLOVER, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JONES, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, NEWELL, PIERRE, SELDERS, AND WILLARD

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134(A) and to enact R.S. 9:2800.77, relative to liability of peace officers; to provide relative to immunity from civil liability for peace officers; to provide for exceptions to immunity; to provide for costs, expenses, and attorney fees under certain circumstances; to provide for malfeasance; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 639—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE AND SCHEXNAYDER

## AN ACT

To enact Subpart Q-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.122 and 100.123, and Subpart Q-2 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.124, relative to funding for infrastructure investment and construction; to create the Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Fund; to provide for uses of the fund; to create a program for the administration of monies from the fund; to create the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Repayment Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Finance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 648—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44.4.1(B)(25) and to enact Part VI-C of Chapter 39 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2370.1 through 2370.18, relative to grants for broadband expansion; to provide for the establishment of the grant program; to define terms; to provide requirements for area protection; to provide a procedure for application; to allow for public comment; to allow for protest; to allow for judicial review of a protest decision; to provide for consultation; to provide conditions for the scoring process; to require fund matching; to provide requirements for compliance; to mandate forfeiture of funds for failure to perform; to provide for the receipt and disbursement of federal grant funds; to require reports; to allow for an administration fee; to require the legislative auditor to review the program and make recommendations to the office before implementation; to provide for reimbursement; to provide for promulgation of rules; to provide relative to the application of the Public Records Law to certain records related to the grant program; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 652—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, GREEN, HUGHES, JONES, LANDRY, MARCELLE, NELSON, PIERRE, AND SELDERS

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:966(C)(2)(a), (d), (e)(i) and (f)(i), relative to marijuana; to provide relative to penalties for possession of marijuana; to amend criminal penalties for a first or subsequent conviction of possession of marijuana; to provide relative to penalties for the possession of certain amounts; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 662—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN AND BRYANT

## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:633(7)(e), relative to certain severance tax exemptions; to provide for a tax exemption on oil produced from certain orphaned wells; to provide for the amount of the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

### House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCORMICK AND HODGES

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana criminal penalties and restrictions related to the free exercise of religion, including but not limited to R.S. 14:329.6(A)(3), R.S. 29:724(E) and 727(G), and any other criminal penalty or restriction that could be imposed on religious assembly provided for in Title 14, Title 29, or any other Title or Code of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that provides a criminal penalty for violations of any COVID-19 proclamation or declaration of emergency order or any other order declared by any state or local official that is related to the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the Constitution of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to conduct a study to determine the final destination of oyster shells removed from Louisiana waters and submit a written report of its findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment not later than January 5, 2022.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study and report collaboratively relative to the feasibility and advisability of allowing a course in African American Studies to satisfy certain

social studies requirements relative to qualifications for Taylor Opportunity Program for Students awards and high school graduation.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48— BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request continued support for the efforts by the state of Louisiana and other states in the Mississippi River Basin to work together toward achieving the goals of the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan and a reduction of the hypoxic zone off the coast of Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE BILL NO. 60— BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 30 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3701 through 3703, relative to intercollegiate athletics; to provide relative to the compensation and rights of intercollegiate athletes; to provide with respect to professional representation of intercollegiate athletes; to provide for the responsibilities of postsecondary education institutions with respect to intercollegiate athletes' compensation; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Finance. The bill was read by title and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 202— BY SENATORS CORTEZ, JOHNS AND WARD AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4721, R.S. 14:90.5(A), (B), and (C), R.S. 27:3(10), (15), (17), (19), and (24), 15(B)(1), 15.1, 29(F), (H), and (I), 29.2(D), 29.3(D), 44(10), 58(5), 65(B)(11), 205(11) and (12), 239.1, 353(2) and (5), 361(F), 364(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (5), 371(C), 372(B), and 375(D), and to enact R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) and R.S. 27:3(25) and (26) and 15(8)(c) and Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 27:601 through 613, relative to sports wagering; to provide for definitions; to require a license to conduct sports wagering; to provide relative to duties and powers of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and gaming division in the office of state police; to provide for requirements and limitations on licensees and permittees; to authorize cash wagers; to require a sports lounge; to provide regarding a computerized wagering platform; to provide for limitations on wagering; to authorize self-service machines; to authorize online wagering through established wager accounts; to authorize the Louisiana Lottery to apply for a limited licence; to provide for record keeping; to provide for exceptions from criminal law; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

SENATE BILL NO. —(Substitute of Senate Bill No. 202 by Senator Cortez) BY SENATORS CORTEZ, JOHNS AND WARD AND REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4721, R.S. 14:90.5(A), (B), and (C), R.S. 27:15(B)(1), 15.1, 24(A)(5)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and (6), the introductory paragraph of 27.1(C), 44(9) and (13), 58(5), 65(B)(11), 205(11) and (12), 239.1, 353(2) and (5), 361(F), 364(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (5), 371(C), 372(B) and (C), and 375(D),

and R.S. 46:1816(B)(8), and to enact R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) and R.S. 27:15(8)(c) and Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 27:601 through 610, relative to sports wagering; to provide for definitions; to require a license to conduct sports wagering; to provide relative to duties and powers of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and the gaming division in the office of state police; to provide for requirements and limitations on licensees and permittees; to authorize cash wagers; to require a sports lounge; to provide regarding a computerized wagering platform; to provide for limitations on wagering; to authorize self-service machines; to authorize electronic wagering through established wager accounts; to provide for recordkeeping; to provide for exceptions from criminal law; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:15(B)(1), 15.1, 24(A)(5)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and (6), the introductory paragraph of 27.1(C), 44(9) and (13), 58(5), 65(B)(11), 205(11) and (12), 239.1, 353(2) and (5), 361(F), 364(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (5), 371(C), 372(B) and (C), and 375(D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 27:15(8)(c) and Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 27:601 through 610, are hereby enacted to read as follows: §15. Board's authority; responsibilities

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B. The board shall:

(1) Have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of gaming activities and operations as authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act, the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act, the Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law, and the Louisiana Fantasy Sports Contests Act, and the Louisiana Sports Wagering Act, except as otherwise specified in this Title. Further, the board shall have all regulatory, enforcement, and supervisory authority which exists in the state as to gaming on Indian lands as provided in the provisions of Act No. 888 of the 1990 Regular Session of the Legislature and Act No. 817 of the 1993 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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(c) Adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and as specifically provided for in R.S. 27:603, all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate sports wagering as authorized by Chapter 10 of this Title.

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§15.1. Sports wagering

A. In the event of the legalization of sports wagering in any parish as a result of the proposition election held on November 3, 2020, the The Louisiana Gaming Control Board shall have all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of sports wagering activities and operations, except as otherwise specified in this Title.

B. For purposes of this Section, "sports wagering" shall be defined as the business of accepting wagers on any sports event or sports contest by any system or method of wagering.

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§24. Rulemaking authority; fees and fines, collection

A. The board, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and R.S. 27:15(B)(8), shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Title, including but not limited to the following:

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(5) A procedure requiring the withholding of payments of progressive slot machine annuities and cash gaming winnings of persons who have outstanding child support arrearages or owing child support overpayments, prior to the payment of a progressive slot machine annuity, beginning with the second annuity payment, or cash gaming winnings. Progressive slot machine annuities or cash gaming winnings shall only include payments for which the entity

licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, is required to file form W2-G, or a substantially equivalent form, with the United States Internal Revenue Service.

(a) The board may require that the agency reporting current child support arrearages or overpayments to provide information relating to such arrearages or overpayments in a manner, format, or record approved by the board that gives the entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, real-time or immediate electronic database access to the information. If the information relating to such arrearages or overpayments by the agency reporting current child support arrearages or overpayments is not available through real-time or immediate electronic database access, the licensee shall not be responsible for withholding cash gaming winnings in accordance with the provisions of this Subparagraph.

(b) The board or any entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, including any of its officers, employees, attorneys, accountants, or other agents, shall not be civilly or criminally liable to any person, including any customer, for any disclosure of information made in accordance with this Section, for encumbering or surrendering assets in response to information provided by the Department of Children and Family Services, or for any claims for damages arising from withholding or failing to withhold any progressive slot machine annuities or cash gaming winnings, based upon information provided to it.

(c) If any entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, determines that the winner of a progressive slot machine annuity or cash gaming winnings is a person who has outstanding child support arrearages or owes child support overpayments, the entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, shall deduct the child support arrearage or child support overpayment from the payment of the progressive slot machine annuity or cash gaming winnings. The deducted amount shall be forwarded to the Department of Children and Family Services within seven days and the entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, shall pay the remainder to the person who has outstanding child support arrearages or owes child support overpayments. If the remainder is equal to or less than zero, the person who has an outstanding child support arrearage or child support overpayment shall not receive a payment.

(d) Any entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, may deduct an administrative fee from each payment of a progressive slot machine annuity, beginning with the second annuity payment, or cash gaming winnings, of persons who have outstanding child support arrearages or owe child support overpayments per singular or periodic payment, not to exceed thirty-five dollars.

(e) The board shall also require that the entity licensed or permitted under Chapters 1, 4, 5, ~~or 7, or 10~~ of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, adopt procedures designed to prevent employees from willfully failing to withhold payments of progressive slot machine annuities or cash gaming winnings from persons who have outstanding child support arrearages or child support overpayments, based upon the information provided by the Department of Children and Family Services that allows the licensee to identify such persons.

(6) The administration and enforcement of accumulating unclaimed monies on which the time period for collection has expired, the remittance thereof to the state treasurer, and related matters as required by R.S. 27:94, 252, ~~and 394,~~ **and 609.**

§27.1. Uniform compulsive and problem gambling program

C. Within one hundred twenty days from the adoption of the rules provided for in Subsection B of this Section, each holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44(~~14~~), ~~R.S. 27:353(5),~~ **602,** and the casino gaming operator shall submit for approval to the board a comprehensive program that provides policies and procedures that,

at a minimum, shall cover the following areas of concern and are designed to:

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§44. Definitions

When used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

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(9)(a) "Game" means any banking or percentage game which is played with cards, dice, or any electronic, electrical, or mechanical device or machine for money, property, or any thing of value. "Game" does not include a lottery, bingo, pull tabs, raffles, electronic video bingo, cable television bingo, dog race wagering, or any wagering on any type of sports event, including but not limited to football, basketball, baseball, hockey, boxing, tennis, wrestling, jai alai, or other sports contest or event. ~~Game~~ **"Game"** shall also include racehorse wagering.

**(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph to the contrary, "game" shall include wagering on certain sports events through its sports book for a licensee who is also licensed by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title.**

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(13) "Gaming position" means a gaming device seat or a space at a table game. Each gaming device seat shall be counted as one position and each space at a table game shall be counted as one position, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. The board shall specifically provide by rule for the counting of gaming positions for devices and games where seats and spaces are not readily countable. **"Gaming position" shall not apply to a seat at a sports wagering mechanism.**

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§58. Division responsibilities

The division shall:

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(5)(a) Require all licensees to utilize a cashless wagering system, except for racehorse wagering and the play of slot machines, whereby all players' money is converted to tokens, electronic cards, or chips used only for wagering in the gaming establishment.

**(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph to the contrary, a licensee may accept cash wagers in its sports book if it is also licensed by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title.**

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§65. Licenses to conduct gaming activities upon riverboats; limitations

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B. Gaming shall be conducted aboard riverboats, subject to the following requirements:

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(11)(a) Except for racehorse wagering and the play of slot machines, gaming wagers may be made only with tokens, chips, vouchers, coupons, or electronic cards issued by the licensee. Such tokens, chips, vouchers, coupons, or electronic cards may be used while aboard the riverboat only for the purpose of making wagers on gaming games. Electronic cards may be used which are affixed with a magnetic storage media, a "smart card" or those containing an integrated circuit chip, but excluding credit cards issued by any other entity or institution or cards which automatically withdraw funds from a credit, savings, or checking account held at a depository institution as defined by Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, which includes any credit union.

**(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph to the contrary, if the riverboat is also licensed by the board for a sports book in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title, sports wagers may also be made in cash or through a patron's verified sports wagering account.**

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§205. Definitions

When used in this Chapter, the following terms have these meanings:

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(11)(a) "Game" means any banking or percentage game located exclusively within an official gaming establishment which is played with cards, dice, or any electronic, electrical, or mechanical device or machine for money, property, or any thing of value. ~~Game~~

"Game" does not include lottery, bingo, charitable games, raffles, electronic video bingo, pull tabs, cable television bingo, wagering on dog or horse races, sports betting, or wagering on any type of sports event, inclusive but not limited to football, basketball, baseball, hockey, boxing, tennis, wrestling, jai alai, or other sports contest or event.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph to the contrary, "game" shall include sports betting through its sports book if the casino gaming operator is licensed by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title.

(12)(a) "Gaming device" means any equipment or mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic contrivance, component, or machine used directly or indirectly in connection with gaming or any game which affects the result of a wager by determining win or loss. The term includes a system for processing information which can alter the normal criteria of random selection, which affects the operation of any game, or which determines the outcome of a game. The term does not include a system or device which affects a game solely by stopping its operation so that the outcome remains undetermined.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph to the contrary, "gaming device" shall also include a sports wagering mechanism as that term is defined in R.S. 27:602 if the casino gaming operator is also licensed by the board for a sports book in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title.

§239.1. Wagering at the official gaming establishment

Wagering A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, wagering at the official gaming establishment may be made with tokens, chips, vouchers, coupons, or electronic cards issued by the casino gaming operator or an approved casino manager acting on behalf of the casino gaming operator. Electronic cards may be used which are affixed with a magnetic storage media, a "smart card" or those containing an integrated circuit chip, but excluding credit cards issued by any other entity or institution or cards which automatically withdraw funds from a credit, savings, or checking account held at a depository institution as defined by Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, which includes any credit union.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of Subsection A of this Section to the contrary, if the casino gaming operator is issued a license to operate a sports book by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title, sports wagers at the official gaming establishment may also be made in cash or through a patron's verified sports wagering account.

§353. Definitions

When used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these meanings:

(2) "Designated slot machine gaming area" means the contiguous area of an eligible live racing facility at which slot machine gaming may be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, determined by measuring the area, in square feet, inside the interior walls of the licensed eligible facility, excluding any space therein in which gaming activities may not be conducted, such as bathrooms, stairwells, cage and beverage areas, and emergency evacuation routes of any width that meet or exceed the minimum size required by law.

(5) "Emergency evacuation route" means those areas within the designated slot machine gaming area of a licensed eligible facility which are clearly defined and identified by the licensee as necessary and approved by the state fire marshal or other federal or state regulatory agency for the evacuation of patrons and employees from the facility, and from which and in which no gaming activity may occur.

§361. Conduct of slot machine gaming; temporary conduct

F.(1) Wagering at an eligible live racing facility may be made with tokens, chips, vouchers, coupons, or electronic cards issued by the licensed eligible facility or an approved facility manager acting on behalf of the facility. Electronic cards may be used which are affixed with a magnetic storage media, a "smart card" or those

containing an integrated circuit chip, but excluding credit cards issued by any other entity or institution or cards which automatically withdraw funds from a credit, savings, or checking account held at a depository institution as defined by Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, which includes any credit union.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the contrary, if the holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:353 is also issued a license to operate a sports book by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title, sports wagers at the eligible facility may also be made in cash or through a patron's verified sports wagering account.

§364. Gaming Control Board; powers and duties

A. The board shall:

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(c) Such rules may include: \* \* \*

(ii) Requiring certain minimum physical security standards be observed in designated slot machine gaming areas.

(5) Approve the location, plans, and construction of the designated slot machine gaming area in an eligible facility.

§371. Prohibition on operation of video draw poker devices; prohibition on any other type of game \* \* \*

C.(1) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to permit the operation or play of any type of game the play of which requires the participation of an employee of the licensee.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the contrary, participation of an employee of the licensee may be permitted if the licensee is also issued a license to operate a sports book by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title and the employee's participation is in compliance and regarding activities related to operations regulated by that Chapter.

§372. Slot machine gaming Gaming area limitations \* \* \*

B.(1) No gaming devices other than slot machines and authorized pari-mutuel wagering devices and equipment shall be in the designated slot machine gaming area.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the contrary, sports wagering mechanisms as that term is defined in R.S. 27:602 may also be authorized in the designated gaming area if the holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:353 is also issued a license to operate a sports book by the board in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Title.

C. As used in this Section, "gaming position" means a slot machine seat. Each slot machine seat shall be counted as one position, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. The board shall specifically provide by rule for the counting of gaming positions for devices and games where seats and spaces are not readily countable. "Gaming position" shall not apply to a seat at a sports wagering mechanism. \* \* \*

§375. Crimes and penalties; false statements; unauthorized slot machines; skimming of slot machine proceeds; payroll check cashing; gambling devices \* \* \*

D. Any owner of an eligible facility who has been granted a license to operate slot machine gaming who cashes or accepts for cashing or permits any employee or other person to cash or accept for cashing an identifiable employee payroll check in the designated slot machine gaming area shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for not more than six months or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. \* \* \*

CHAPTER 10. SPORTS WAGERING PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§601. Title and citation; privilege

A. This Chapter shall be cited and referred to as the "Louisiana Sports Wagering Act".

B. Any license, permit, approval, or thing obtained or issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter is expressly declared by the legislature to be a pure and absolute revokable privilege and not a right, property or otherwise, under the constitution of the United States or of the state of Louisiana. Further, the legislature declares that no holder of any license or permit acquires any vested interest or right therein or thereunder.

#### §602. Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings ascribed to them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Anti-money laundering standards" or "AML" means the requirements and guidelines provided in the federal Bank Secrecy Act of 1970, as amended, and the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, as amended, for the prevention and detection of money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

(2) "Applicant" means a person, business, or legal entity who has submitted an application to the board seeking a license or permit, or the renewal of a license or permit.

(3) "Application" means the forms and schedules prescribed by the board upon which an applicant seeks a license or permit, or the renewal of a license or permit. An application shall also include any other information or fee required by the board to be submitted with an application such as disclosure statements, financial statements, and any type of fees.

(4) "Board" means the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, as established by R.S. 27:11.

(5) "Business or legal entity" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in R.S. 27:3.

(6) "Division" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in R.S. 27:3.

(7) "Electronic sports wagering" means sports wagering via a sports wagering mechanism on a licensee's premises or through a website or mobile application.

(8) "License" means a license or authorization to operate, or to contract with a sports wagering platform provider to operate, a sports book in this state in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter.

(9) "Licensee" means any person issued a license by the board.

(10) "Louisiana State Racing Commission" means the commission established in R.S. 4:144.

(11) "Mobile application" means an application on a mobile phone or other device through which a player is able to register, fund, and place a wager with an operator on a sports event and receive a credit on the player's sports wagering account.

(12) "Mobile wagering" means wagering on a sports event through a website or mobile application.

(13) "Net gaming proceeds" means the amount equal to the total gross revenue of all wagers placed by patrons less the total amount of all winnings paid out to patrons and the amount of eligible promotional play determined pursuant to R.S. 27:627.

(14) "Operator" or "sports wagering operator" means the entity that actually books a sports wager. The operator may be:

(a) The licensee who manages and operates a sports book itself.

(b) The licensee's contracted sports wagering platform provider, in accordance with the scope of that contract, when the licensee chooses to contract the management and operation of all or a portion of its sports book line-of-business with a platform provider.

(15) "Patron" or "player" means an individual who places a wager on a sports event.

(16) "Permit" has the same meaning as that term is defined in R.S. 27:3.

(17) "Permittee" has the same meaning as that term is defined in R.S. 27:3.

(18) "Person" has the same meaning as that term is defined in R.S. 27:3.

(19) "Representation of value" means tokens, chips, vouchers, coupons, or electronic cards that are issued by the licensee and authorized for use in sports wagering by rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

(20) "Sports book" means the offering of sports wagering by an operator on a licensee's premises or through a sports wagering platform.

(21) "Sports event" means any professional sport or athletic event, any collegiate sport or amateur athletic event, any Olympic or international sports competition event, any competitive video game or other electronic sports event, or any other special event or competition of relative skill as authorized by the board to be a sports event for purposes of this Chapter. "Sports event" shall not include high school sports, youth events, any international sports events where the majority of the athletes are under the age of eighteen years, fantasy sports contests as provided in Chapter 6 of this Title, and any event prohibited by law.

(22) "Sports wager" or "sports bet" means a sum of money or representation of value risked by a player on an occurrence associated with a sports event for which the outcome is uncertain. The term includes but is not limited to single-game bets, teaser bets, parlay bets, over-under bets, moneyline bets, pools, exchange wagering, in-game wagering, in-play bets, proposition bets, and straight bets.

(23) "Sports wagering" means the acceptance of wagers on sports events or on portions of a sports event or on the individual performance or statistics of athletes or participants in a sports event or a combination of sports events, by any system or method of wagering.

(24) "Sports wagering account" means an electronic financial record established with an operator for an individual patron in which the patron may deposit and withdraw funds for sports wagering and other authorized purchases and to which the operator may credit winnings or other amounts due to that patron or authorized by that patron.

(25) "Sports wagering mechanism" or "kiosk" means a board approved self-service mechanical, electrical, or computerized terminal, device, apparatus, or piece of equipment that is directly tied to a licensee's approved sports wagering platform which allows a patron to place a sports wager in a board approved location on a licensee's premises. "Sports wagering mechanism" does not include a personal computer, mobile phone, or other device owned and used by a player to wager on a sports event.

(26) "Sports wagering platform" means an integrated system of hardware, software, or applications, including mobile applications and servers, through which an operator conducts the business of offering sports wagering conducted in accordance with this Chapter.

(27) "Sports wagering platform provider" means a suitable business or legal entity that holds a permit from the board to engage in the operation of a sports book on behalf of a licensee.

#### §603. Gaming Control Board; state police; duties and powers

A.(1) The board shall perform the duties and functions as authorized by this Chapter and shall possess authority, control, and jurisdiction and all power incidental and necessary thereto with respect to the regulation of sports wagering as provided by Chapter 1 of this Title.

(2)(a) In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the board shall:

(i) Develop qualifications and standards and a process and procedure for the issuance of a license to operate a sports book as well as the renewal thereof. A process and procedure for notification to eligible applicants of available licenses as required by R.S. 27:604(B) shall be included.

(ii) Develop qualifications and standards and a procedure and process for permitting sports wagering platform providers, manufacturers, suppliers, and personnel as well as the renewal thereof.

(iii) Promulgate forms, processes, and procedures necessary to implement, administer, and regulate sports wagering as authorized by this Chapter.

(iv) Establish standards for the amount of reserves required to be maintained by an operator and the allowable form of those reserves, including standards for initial reserves for a new licensee or newly permitted sports wagering platform provider.

(v) Establish guidelines for the acceptance of wagers on a series of sports events by an operator.

(vi) Prohibit an operator from unilaterally rescinding a wager except in compliance with rules of the board.

(vii) For cash wagers placed in-person or via a sports wagering mechanism, establish standards for the type of wagering tickets which may be used, information required to be printed on a ticket, and methods for issuing tickets.

(viii) Establish the method of accounting to be used by operators, the types of records required to be kept, and the length of time records shall be retained.

(ix) Require operators to comply with AML standards.

(x) Provide standards for the use of credit and checks by players and other protections for players.

(xi) Require operators to submit for approval by the board their internal controls for all aspects of electronic wagering, including procedures for system integrity, system security, operations, accounting, patron disputes, and reporting of problem gamblers.

(xii) Require operators to submit for approval by the board their operational controls for server-based gaming systems, software, and hardware utilized on electronic sports wagering, including but not limited to appearance, functionality, contents, collection, storage, and retention of data and security.

(xiii) Require operators to submit for approval by the board their operational controls for patron's sports wagering accounts, including but not limited to procedures for establishment and closure of an online account, funding of withdrawal of funds from an online account, and generation of an account statement.

(xiv) Establish standards for servers and other equipment used to accept wagers by operators and procedures for inspection and for addressing defective or malfunctioning devices, equipment, and accessories related to sports wagering.

(xv) Require operators to post the toll-free telephone number available to provide information and referral services regarding compulsive or problem gaming.

(xvi) Require operators to submit for board approval a responsible gaming policy that allows patrons to restrict themselves from placing wagers with the operator, including limits on time spent wagering and limits on amounts wagered, and identifies actions by the operator to honor those self-imposed restrictions.

(b) For purposes of expeditious implementation of the provisions of this Chapter, the promulgation of the initial administrative rules pertaining to this Chapter shall be deemed to constitute a matter of imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare as provided in R.S. 49:953(B).

B.(1) The gaming division of the office of state police shall, at all times deemed appropriate by the board, be charged with inspecting and ensuring compliance with all the requirements of this Chapter.

(2) The gaming division of the office of state police may be charged by the board with any other tasks deemed necessary to the regulation of sports wagering in this state.

PART II. LICENSEE AND PLATFORM PROVIDER

§604. License; limited; requirements; contract with platform provider

A.(1) No person, business, or legal entity shall operate a sports book without first being licensed by the board.

(2) The license to engage in the business of operating a sports book shall be in addition to any other license required by law.

B.(1) The board shall issue no more than twenty licenses to operate a sports book. The board shall first consider applications for licensing from the following:

(a) The casino gaming operator as defined in R.S. 27:205 and provided for in Chapter 5 of this Title.

(b) The holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44 and provided for in Chapter 4 of this Title.

(c) The holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:353 and provided for in Chapter 7 of this Title, provided the holder of the license also has the approval of the Louisiana State Racing Commission to apply to be licensed for a sports book.

(2)(a) For the initial application process, if any entity identified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection elects not to apply

for a license or fails to submit a completed application to the board prior to January 1, 2022, or within thirty days of applications being available, whichever is later, it shall not be considered for a license. The board may consider for the remaining licenses, applications from:

(i) Licensed establishments as defined in R.S. 27:402 and provided for in Chapter 8 of this Title. Any licensed establishment that is also licensed by the Louisiana State Racing Commission with the commission's approval may apply to be licensed to operate a sports book.

(ii) Operators as defined in R.S. 27:302 and provided for in Chapter 6 of this Title.

(b) From the licensed establishments and operators identified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, if the number of applications received by the board that are determined to be from eligible applicants exceeds the number of licenses available, the board shall provide for a concealed bid process and issue the available licenses to bidders, in accordance with the board's ranking of the bids, to the applicant that in the board's discretion has the greatest potential for revenue generation for the state.

(3)(a) Should a license become available after the initial issuance, the board shall notify any entity identified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection who does not have a sports wagering license about the available license and provide those entities an opportunity to apply for the license by a certain date. If the number of applications determined by the board to be eligible applicants exceeds the number of available licenses, the board shall provide for a concealed bid process and issue the available licenses to bidders, in accordance with the board's ranking of the bids, to the applicant that in the board's discretion has the greatest potential for revenue generation for the state.

(b) Should a license become available after the initial issuance and entities identified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection decline to apply or the number of available licenses exceeds the number of entities identified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection who are interested, the board shall notify the entities identified in Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection who do not have a sports wagering license about the available license and provide those entities an opportunity to apply for the license by a certain date. If the number of applications determined by the board to be eligible applicants exceeds the number of available licenses, the board shall provide for a concealed bid process and issue the available licenses to bidders, in accordance with the board's ranking of the bids, to the applicant that in the board's discretion has the greatest potential for revenue generation for the state.

C. The board shall issue a license to operate a sports book only to an applicant determined by the board to be suitable. In addition to the standards provided in R.S. 27:28, in determining an applicant's suitability as a sports wagering licensee, the board may request from an applicant, and consider as a factor in the determination, any or all of the following information items:

(1) Whether the applicant has adequate capitalization and the financial ability and the means to develop, construct, operate, and maintain infrastructure to support sports wagering activities and operations in compliance with this Chapter and any administrative rules promulgated by the board.

(2) Whether the applicant has the financial ability to purchase and maintain adequate liability and casualty insurance and to provide an adequate surety bond.

(3) Whether the applicant has adequate capitalization and the financial ability to responsibly pay its secured and unsecured debts in accordance with its financing agreements and other contractual obligations.

(4) Whether the applicant has a history of material noncompliance with licensing requirements or any other regulatory requirements in the state or in any other jurisdiction, where the noncompliance resulted in enforcement action by the person with jurisdiction over the applicant.

(5) Whether the applicant has filed, or had filed against it, a proceeding for bankruptcy, or has ever been involved in any formal process to adjust, defer, suspend, or otherwise negotiate the payment of any debt.

(6) Whether or not at the time of the application, the applicant is a defendant in litigation involving the integrity of its business practices.

D. Each applicant shall submit as part of its application a detailed plan of design of its sports book lounge and other areas of its establishment where sports wagering mechanisms may be placed. The board shall issue a license only to an applicant whose detailed plan of design the board finds acceptable.

E. The board shall issue not more than twenty licenses to applicants that meet the provisions of this Section and all other qualifications and standards as determined by the board.

F.(1) A licensee may operate the sports book itself or contract for operation of its onsite or electronic wagering with a sports wagering platform provider. Only a licensee, or its sports wagering platform provider on its behalf, may process, accept, offer, or solicit sports wagers.

(2) A licensee shall be responsible for the conduct of its sports wagering platform provider.

G. Prior to beginning operations, an operator shall install and thereafter maintain a computerized bookmaking system, herein referred to as a sports wagering platform, that meets the specifications required by law and by rule and approved by the board.

#### §605. Sports wagering platform provider

A.(1) The board shall issue a sports wagering platform provider permit to a suitable person who desires to contract with a licensee to manage or operate all or a portion of a licensee's sports book line-of-business. A person shall not manage or operate all or a portion of a licensee's sports book unless it possesses a valid permit.

(2) In addition to the standards provided in R.S. 27:28, in determining an applicant's suitability as a sports wagering platform provider, the board may request from the applicant and consider as a factor in its determination any of the items of information listed in R.S. 27:604(C) that it deems relevant.

B. (1) A sports wagering platform provider shall contract with a licensee to provide sports wagering services.

(2) The board shall provide by rule for the minimum requirements of the contract between the licensee and its sports wagering platform provider. Among other requirements, the rules shall require that the contract provide access by the division and the board to any information maintained by the platform provider for verification of compliance with this Chapter.

C. A sports wagering platform provider shall use no more than one sports wagering platform to offer, conduct, or operate a sports book on behalf of the licensee.

D. A sports wagering platform provider shall keep books and records for the management and operation of sports wagering as authorized by this Chapter and for services for which it is contracted by a licensee. The keeping of books and records shall be separate and distinct from any other business the sports wagering platform provider operates. A sports wagering platform provider shall file quarterly reports with the board listing all of its contracts and services related to sports wagering authorized under this Title.

E.(1) The board shall provide by rule for the standards and requirements of a sports wagering platform. The rules shall specify technical requirements as well as operational requirements.

(2) Only a sports wagering platform that meets the standards and requirements as provided by rule may be used by an operator to book wagers.

F. The sports wagering platform provider shall provide the division with a readily available point of contact to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Chapter.

G. All servers necessary for the placement or resolution of wagers, other than backup servers, shall be physically located in Louisiana.

H. Any sports wagering platform utilized for electronic wagering shall have a component of its design to reasonably verify that the person attempting to place the wager is:

(1) At least twenty-one years of age.

(2) Physically located in the state and not physically located in a parish that has not approved a proposition to authorize sports wagering at the time the wager is initiated or placed.

(3) Not a person who is otherwise prohibited from wagering with the operator through law, rule, policy of the operator, self-exclusion, or pursuant to R.S. 27:27.1.

#### PART III. WAGERING

#### §606. Operators; sports lounge required; responsibilities; pooling

A.(1) An operator may conduct sports wagering in-person or via a sports wagering mechanism located on its premises or through a website or mobile application.

(2) Each licensee shall house its sports book in a sports wagering lounge on its premises which shall be restricted to patrons who are twenty-one years of age or older and shall conform to all requirements concerning square footage, design, equipment, security measures, and related matters which the board shall prescribe by rule.

B. An operator shall establish and display the odds at which wagers may be placed on sports events. No operator shall accept a wager in-person, via a sports wagering mechanism, or through a website or mobile application unless the wagering proposition is posted by electronic or manual means.

C. An operator shall adopt comprehensive rules, which shall be approved by the board, governing sports wagering transactions with its patrons. The rules shall specify the amount to be paid on winning wagers and the effect of schedule changes. The rules, together with any other information the board deems appropriate, shall be conspicuously displayed in the establishment, posted electronically on any sports wagering mechanism, website, or mobile application, and included in the terms and conditions of the sports wagering account system.

D. An operator shall maintain records of sports wagering activities and operations in accordance with rules and regulations of the board and follow federal anti-money laundering standards in the day-to-day operations of its business.

E. Each operator shall designate one or more key employees who shall be responsible for the operation of the sports book.

F. All wagers on sports events authorized pursuant to this Chapter shall be initiated, received, and otherwise made within the state unless otherwise determined by the board in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Consistent with the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006, 31 U.S.C. 5361 et seq., the intermediate routing of electronic data relating to a lawful intrastate wager authorized by this Chapter shall not determine the location or locations in which the wager is initiated, received, or otherwise made.

G. An operator may pool wagers with persons who are not physically present in this state if the board determines that this wagering is not inconsistent with the law of this state or any federal law, including the law of any foreign nation in which the person is located, or that the wagering is conducted pursuant to a reciprocal agreement to which the state is a party that is not inconsistent with federal law.

#### §607. Limitations on wagering

A.(1) To place a sports wager with an operator, a player shall meet all of the following:

(a) Be twenty-one years of age or older.

(b) Be physically located in a parish that has approved a proposition authorizing sports wagering.

(c) Have a wagering account established with the operator if the player is attempting to place the sports wager through a website or mobile application.

(d) Not be prohibited from wagering with the operator by law, rule, policy of the operator, or self-exclusion, or pursuant to R.S. 27:27.1.

(2) In order to accept a sports wager from a player, an operator shall confirm that the player meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Is twenty-one years of age or older.

(b) Is physically located in a parish that has approved a proposition authorizing sports wagering.

(c) Has an existing sports wagering account with the operator if the wager is being placed through a website or mobile application.

(d) Is not prohibited from wagering with the operator by law, rule, policy of the operator, or self-exclusion, or pursuant to R.S. 27:27.1.

B.(1) An operator shall not knowingly accept a wager from a person who is an athlete, coach, referee, or other official or staff of a participant or team that is participating in the sports event on which the person is attempting to place the wager.

(2) An operator shall not knowingly accept wagers from a person who is the operator itself or is a director, officer, owner, or employee of the operator or any relative or other person living in the same household as a director, officer, owner, or employee of the operator.

C. No sports wagers may be accepted or paid by any operator on any of the following:

(1) On any sport or athletic event not authorized by law or the board.

(2) On any sport or athletic event which the operator knows or reasonably should know are being placed by or on behalf of an official, owner, coach, or staff of a participant or team that participates in that event.

(3) On the occurrence of injuries or penalties, or the outcome of an athlete's disciplinary rulings, or replay reviews.

(4) On other types, forms, or categories of wagering prohibited by the board by rule.

D. Subject to the rules of the board, an operator shall promptly report to the board on the following activities:

(1) Any criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the licensee or its employees, or a sports wagering platform provider or its employees, in connection with the operations of the sports book.

(2) Any abnormal wagering activity or patterns that may indicate a concern about the integrity of a sports event.

(3) Any other conduct with the potential to corrupt a wagering outcome of a sports event for purposes of financial gain, including but not limited to match fixing.

(4) Suspicious or illegal wagering activities, including the use of funds derived from illegal activity, wagers to conceal or launder funds derived from illegal activity, use of agents to place wagers, or use of false identification.

E. Every operator shall adopt procedures to obtain personally identifiable information from any individual who places an in-person single wager in an amount of ten thousand dollars or greater on a sports event.

§608. Electronic wagering; kiosk; mobile wagering

A.(1) Electronic wagering may be conducted only to the extent that it is conducted in accordance with this Chapter and in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

(2) An operator may accept wagers made electronically using a sports wagering mechanism located on its premises or through a website or mobile application.

B. Sports wagering mechanism. (1) A player may place a wager via a sports wagering mechanism with cash or vouchers or by utilizing the player's established sports wagering account.

(2) Sports wagering mechanisms shall be located only on a licensee's premises in areas where accessibility is limited to patrons twenty-one years of age or older.

(3)(a) Sports wagering mechanisms shall be branded in the same brand as the licensee, or the sports wagering platform provider, or both.

(b) Each sports wagering mechanism shall:

(i) Not have any device or program that will alter the reading of a bet, value, or amount of wagering or deposits to reflect a bet, value, or amount other than that actually wagered or deposited or any switches, jumpers, wire posts, or any other means of manipulation that could affect the operation or outcome of a wager.

(ii) Not have any device, switch, program, or function that can alter the readings of the actual amounts or values relating to any function or occurrence of the mechanism.

(iii) Have separate secure areas with locking doors for the logic board and software, the cash compartment, and the mechanical meters as required by the rules of the board. Access to one area from the other shall not be allowed at any time.

(iv) Not have any functions or parameters adjustable by or through any separate video display or input codes, except for the adjustment of features that are wholly cosmetic.

(v) Have a circuit-interrupting device, method, or capability which will disable the machine if the board approved program is accessed or altered.

(vi) Have a serial number or other identification number permanently affixed to the mechanism by the manufacturer.

(c) Each sports wagering mechanism shall be linked to an operator's sports wagering platform for purposes of polling or reading mechanism activities and for remote shutdown of mechanism operations. If the platform fails as a result of a malfunction or catastrophic event, or the mechanism loses connectivity to the platform, the mechanism shall not accept any additional wagers until the connection to the platform is restored.

(d) The board may provide for additional specifications for mechanisms to be approved and authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter as it deems necessary to maintain the integrity of sports wagering mechanisms and operations.

(4)(a) Any sports wager placed with cash via a sports wagering mechanism shall be evidenced by a ticket indicating the name of the operator booking the wager, the sports event on which the wager was placed, the amount of cash wagered, the type of bet and odds if applicable, the date of the event, and any other information required by the board.

(b) A patron with a winning ticket shall redeem the ticket at the establishment of the licensee that booked the wager within one hundred eighty days of the date of the event.

(5) A sports wagering mechanism may be utilized by a player to make a deposit in the player's sports wagering account.

(6) Wagers placed via a sports wagering mechanism through a player's established sports wagering account shall be settled through the player's wagering account.

C. Mobile wagering. (1) For purposes of mobile wagering, each licensee may provide no more than two individually branded websites each of which may have an accompanying mobile application bearing the same brand as the website. The website and mobile application shall be offered only under the same brand as the licensee, or the sports wagering platform provider, or both. The website and mobile application shall be, at the discretion of the licensee, in addition to any other websites or mobile applications operated by the platform provider and offering other types of mobile gaming.

(2) Wagering through a website or mobile application shall be subject to the following requirements:

(a)(i) A patron shall establish a wagering account with the operator before the operator may accept any sports wager through a website or mobile application from the patron and an initial verification of the account shall be completed by the operator. An account may be established with a line of credit or as an advance deposit wagering account.

(ii) No operator shall accept a sports wager through a website or mobile application from the public or any person who does not have an established account with the operator.

(b) No wagers shall be placed when the player is physically located out of state or in a parish that has not approved a proposition authorizing sports wagering. An operator shall maintain geofencing and geolocation services and shall bear all costs and responsibilities associated with the services as required by the board.

§609. Payment of winnings; collection and use of funds

A.(1) Winning wagers that were placed in-person or via a sports wagering mechanism with cash and are evidenced by a ticket receipt shall be redeemed by a player within one hundred eighty days from the date of the event. An operator shall pay tickets upon presentation after performing validation procedures unless otherwise allowed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the board.

(2) The failure to present a winning ticket within the prescribed time shall constitute a waiver of the right to the payment and the holder of the ticket shall thereafter have no right to enforce payment of the ticket.



(3)(a) An operator's obligation to pay a winning ticket shall expire after one hundred and eighty days from the date of the sports event if not presented for payment.

(b) The funds held by any operator for payment of outstanding tickets shall be retained by the operator for that purpose until the expiration of one hundred eighty days after the date of the sports event.

(c) After such time, the operator shall each day accumulate the amount equal to the sum of any unclaimed winnings, less the amount of state tax paid by the licensee on the unclaimed monies that expire that day. On or before the fifteenth day of the first month following the end of a calendar-year quarter, the licensee shall remit to the state treasurer for deposit into the Crime Victims Reparations Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816 an amount equal to the accumulated total for the previous calendar-year quarter. The funds shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses, including forensic medical examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

B. Winning wagers placed using a sports wagering account shall be credited by the operator to the patron's account within one day from the date of the event unless otherwise allowed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the board.

§610. Layoff bets  
An operator may seek to reduce its risk exposure on a sports event by placing a wager with another book. An operator may accept wagers placed by other operators. An operator may place wagers only with other operators. The operator that places a wager shall inform the book accepting the wager that the wager is being placed by a book and shall disclose the book's identity.

Section 2. R.S. 13:4721 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4721. Gambling houses; definition; declared public nuisances  
A. For the purposes of this ~~Sub-part~~ Subpart, or for the purposes of any action or prosecution hereunder in this Subpart, a gambling house is either:

(1) any Any place whatever whatsoever where any game of chance of any kind or character is played for money, for wagers, or for tokens, and where the conduct of such place operates, directly or indirectly, to the profit of one or more individuals and not exclusively to the direct profit of the actual participants in such game; ~~and~~,

(2) any Any place whatsoever where races, athletic contests, ~~and~~ sports, and games are not actually held and where opportunity is afforded for wagering upon races, athletic contests, sports, and games of chance.

B. All gambling houses as ~~herein~~ defined in this Section are declared to be public nuisances, and the ~~owner owners~~ thereof, and the ~~agent agents~~ for such ~~owner, owners,~~ or the ~~lessee, sublessee lessees, sublessees,~~ or other occupants thereof are declared to be guilty of maintaining a public nuisance.

C. The provisions of this Subpart shall not apply to any place where a sports book is being conducted in accordance with Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. R.S. 14:90.5(A), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§90. Gambling

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E. Sports wagering shall not be considered gambling for purposes of this Section so long as the wagering is conducted in compliance with Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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§90.3. Gambling by computer

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K. Sports wagering shall not be considered gambling by computer for purposes of this Section so long as the wagering is conducted in compliance with Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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§90.5. Unlawful playing of gaming devices by persons under the age of twenty-one; underage persons, penalty

A. It is unlawful for any person under twenty-one years of age to play casino games, gaming devices, ~~or~~ slot machines, or to place a wager on a sports event.

B. No person under the age of twenty-one, except an emergency responder acting in his official capacity, shall enter, or be permitted to enter, the designated gaming area of a riverboat, the designated gaming area of the official gaming establishment, or the designated ~~slot machine~~ gaming area of a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing licensed for operation and regulated under the applicable provisions of Chapters 4, 5, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

C. (1) For purposes of this Section, "casino games, gaming devices, or slot machines" means a game or device, as defined in R.S. 27:44(~~10~~) ~~or~~ (~~12~~), 205(~~12~~) ~~or~~ (~~13~~), or 353(~~14~~) operated on a riverboat, at the official gaming establishment, or at a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing which is licensed for operation and regulated under the provisions of Chapters 4, 5, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

(2) For purposes of this Section, "place a wager on a sports event" shall apply to wagers attempted to be or actually placed in-person, via a self-service sports wagering mechanism, or through a website or mobile application as those terms are defined in R.S. 27:602 and operations are regulated under the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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Section 4. R.S. 46:1816(B)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1816. Crime Victims Reparations Fund; creation; sources and use of funds

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B. The fund shall be composed of:

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(8) Monies deposited by the state treasurer from the collection of unclaimed prize money as provided for in R.S. 4:176 and R.S. 27:94, 252, ~~and~~ 394, ~~and~~ 609, which shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses, including forensic medical examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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Section 5. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act which originated as House Bill No. 697 of this 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective.

On motion of Senator Smith, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 247 by Senator Cortez, substitute for Senate Bill No. 202 by Senator Cortez.

**SENATE BILL NO. 247— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 202 by Senator Cortez)**

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, JOHNS AND WARD AND REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4721, R.S. 14:90.5(A), (B), and (C), R.S. 27:15(B)(1), 15.1, 24(A)(5)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and (6), the introductory paragraph of 27.1(C), 44(9) and (13), 58(5), 65(B)(11), 205(11) and (12), 239.1, 353(2) and (5), 361(F), 364(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (5), 371(C), 372(B) and (C), and 375(D), and R.S. 46:1816(B)(8), and to enact R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) and R.S. 27:15(8)(c) and Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 27:601 through 610, relative to sports wagering; to provide for definitions; to require a license to conduct sports wagering; to provide relative to duties and powers of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and the gaming division in the office of state police; to provide for requirements and limitations on licensees and permittees; to authorize cash wagers; to require a sports lounge; to provide regarding a computerized wagering platform; to provide for limitations on wagering; to authorize self-service machines; to authorize electronic wagering through established wager accounts; to provide for recordkeeping; to provide for exceptions from criminal law; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

May 13, 2021

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 241—

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:562(R), relative to the limit of indebtedness of Iowa Fire Protection District No. 1; to authorize an increase in bonded indebtedness with voter approval; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 241 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 13, change "R.S. 39:554" to "R.S. 39:553"

On motion of Senator Cloud, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE BILL NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ AND HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1400.10, relative to the funding of elections and related expenses; to prohibit public officials and agencies from using private donations to pay costs related to conducting elections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 69—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.14(C)(4), relative to underground utilities; to provide for excavation and demolition; to provide for notice; to provide for electronic drawings; to provide for physical markings; to provide for limitations; to provide for positive response; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 86—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:444(G), relative to a parish executive committee of a recognized political party in Lafayette Parish; to provide relative to membership on such a committee; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 168—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:491(B), relative to objections to candidacy for elective office; to provide relative to review of evidence by a district attorney; to provide relative to filing of

objections by a district attorney; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 187—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2116.31(B) and 2116.34(A)(1), (7), and (10)(c) through (f), relative to home health services; to define authorized healthcare provider; to authorize nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants to order home health services; to provide rules and regulations for nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants; to provide for administrators of home health agencies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Bill No. 187 by Representative Bagley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "through" delete "(f)," and insert "(e), to enact R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(12), and to repeal R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(10)(f),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "agencies;" insert "to require reporting;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "through" delete "(f)" and insert "(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(12) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 19 through 25 and insert the following"

"\* \* \*

(12) Requiring the administrator of each agency to comply with the minimum continuing education requirements established by the secretary."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, after line 26, insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(10)(f) is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Two years after the effective date of this Act, the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit a written report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the implementation of this Act. The report shall include a statement of fiscal costs and savings attributable to implementation of this Act and an analysis of the impact of this Act on the rate of use of home health services in the Medicaid program."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 27, change "Section 2" to "Section 4"

On motion of Senator Fred Mills, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 270—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MAGEE, BAGLEY, HUGHES, DUSTIN MILLER, AND TURNER AND SENATOR FRED MILLS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1262(4) and 1291(6) and R.S. 40:1223.3(6)(a) and to enact R.S. 37:1291(7), relative to telemedicine and telehealth; to revise the definitions of those

terms; to exempt certain activity from laws pertaining to the practice of medicine; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 285—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:563(C)(1) and 1309(E)(4)(a), relative to voting; to provide for the amount of time a voter may remain in a voting machine; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 323—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (C), relative to architectural and engineering professional services; to require the selection of architectural and engineering professional services based on competence and qualifications; to prohibit the selection of architectural and engineering professional services based on price; to provide for public records; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 359—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:412.1(I) and (J), relative to solicitors; to authorize enforcement by the commissioner; to provide for false advertising law and penalties; to authorize enforcement by the state attorney general; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 374—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:3258.1, relative to residential leases; to provide for notice to applicants by certain lessors of residential properties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for personal hardship statements after a declared disaster or emergency; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 378—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:102(A)(1)(b), 171(A), (B), and (C), 171.1(A)(1), and 176(A)(1), (2), and (3)(b) and to enact R.S. 18:102(C), relative to registration and voting; to provide relative to registration and voting by a person with a felony conviction; to provide relative to the suspension of registration and voting rights of such a person; to provide relative to reports to election officials concerning such persons; to provide relative to the duties of registrars of voters and officials in the Department of State and in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections relative to such reports; to provide for the information required to be reported; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 387—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

AN ACT

To enact Subpart H-1 of Part III of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1171 and 1172, relative to dental provider network administration; to provide for definitions; to prohibit certain contracts and waivers; to require notifications; to provide for applicability; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to authorize rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 389—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1615, relative to fire fighting foam; to provide for the discharge of Class B fire fighting foam containing fluorinated organic chemicals; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 391—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 40:1046(A)(5) and (C)(2)(1), relative to recommendation by physicians of marijuana for therapeutic use, known also as medical marijuana; to provide for forms of medical marijuana which a physician may recommend; to establish limitations on dispensing of certain forms of medical marijuana; to provide for rules and regulations of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy relative to medical marijuana; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 397—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part XIV of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 40:2200.7.1 and 2200.7.2, relative to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases; to provide for education concerning and awareness of such diseases; to provide for the early detection of such diseases; to provide for the promulgation of rules by the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for the designation and organization of certain laws by the Louisiana State Law Institute; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Bill No. 397 by Representative White

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 20, change "such" to "the"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, delete lines 28 and 29 and one page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

"C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall consult with the Louisiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and other experts, advocates, or associations to facilitate the distribution of educational materials that address Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 5, change "Such" to "The"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 8, after "Association" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and other experts, advocates, or associations in the promulgation of the rules and regulations."

On motion of Senator Fred Mills, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 437—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.23(J), relative to enforcement of the state uniform construction code; to provide for inspections of commercial and residential structures; to prohibit remote virtual inspections of such structures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 437 by Representative Gadberry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, after "J." change "A" to "For purposes of code enforcement pursuant to this Section, a"

On motion of Senator Johns, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 451—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1483(A) and (C) and to enact R.S. 22:1483(D), relative to insurance discounts and rate reductions for residential and commercial buildings; to provide the requirements for buildings to qualify for the discount or rate reduction; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 461—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1430(A)(1), relative to certain facilities licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services to provide out-of-home care for children; to revise certain provisions of the Specialized Provider Licensing Act; to provide relative to entities that violate regulations adopted pursuant to such law; to provide with respect to violations related to state central registry clearances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 502—

BY REPRESENTATIVES STEFANSKI AND THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1262(A), relative to motor vehicles; to provide for warranty work on motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts; to provide for repair orders; to provide for parts mark-ups or labor rates; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 502 by Representative Stefanski

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 19, after "the vehicle" delete the comma ", "

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 10 through 16 and insert:

"(f) "Warranty work" means work, including diagnostic labor, performed by a dealer in order to fulfill the obligations of a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch warranty. "Warranty work" shall also include work arranged to be performed by a dealer if such work is authorized by the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch in order to fulfill the obligations of a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch warranty."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 18, after "distributor branch" insert ", "

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 20, delete "reasonable"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 22, after "work" and before the period "." insert "and the delivery and preparation obligations imposed on the dealer by a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 24, after "a dealer" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 25 and insert: "for warranty work that is less than that the rates charged by the dealer to the retail"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 26, after "qualifying" delete "as" and on line 27, change "work of like kind." to "work of like kind repairs."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 16, change "qualified" to "qualifying"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 18, change "qualified" to "qualifying"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 1, delete "rate"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 13, change "tires." to "tires or"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, delete lines 18 and 19 and insert: "government agencies, insurers, or service contract providers."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, between lines 24 and 25 insert:

"(m) Body shop repairs of conditions caused by collision, road hazard, the force of the elements, vandalism, theft, or owner, operator, or third party negligence or deliberate act."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 4, delete lines 25 through 29 and on page 5, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert:

"(9)(a) The submitted parts mark-up or labor rate shall be presumed accurate, and shall go into effect forty-five days after the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch receives the submission unless, within the forty-five day period, the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch rebuts the presumption."

(b) If the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch determines from any set of qualifying repair orders submitted by the dealer that the parts mark-up, labor rate, or both, calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection, is substantially higher or lower than the rate currently on record with the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch for labor, parts, or if applicable, both, the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch may request in writing, within forty-five days of receipt of the submitted parts mark-up or labor rate, additional repair orders for a period of either thirty days prior to or thirty days subsequent to the time for which the repair orders were submitted for purposes of establishing or modifying a rate. The manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch shall have forty-five days from receiving the additional repair orders to rebut the presumption in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph, provided that any rebuttal utilizing the additional repair orders shall conform to the requirements of Paragraphs (4), (5), and (8) of this Subsection.

(c) The manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, factory branch, or distributor branch may rebut the presumption by showing all of the following:

(i) By reasonably substantiating that the submission is materially inaccurate and by providing a full explanation of any and all reasons.

(ii) By producing evidence validating each reason.

(iii) By producing a copy of all calculations used to demonstrate any material inaccuracies.

(iv) By producing a proposed adjusted parts mark-up, labor rate, or if applicable, both, based upon the qualified repair orders submitted by the dealer."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 5, line 12, after "not add" and before the comma "," insert "to"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 5, line 14, after "labor rate" and before the period "." insert ", except upon the discovery of relevant information that was not known or could not have been known at the time of issuing the rebuttal"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 5, line 17, after "Commission" and before the period "." insert "within sixty days of receiving the manufacturer's rejection and proposal"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 6, line 7, between "the" and "rate" insert "parts mark-up or labor"

On motion of Senator Johns, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 532—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. BLANC, GREEN, JORDAN, KERNER, NEWELL, THOMPSON, AND TURNER  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 45:164(E)(3), relative to common carrier's certificates; to provide relative to intrastate movers of household goods; to remove the contract limit for certain common carrier certificate requirements for movers of household goods; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 570—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1257.1 through 1257.4, relative to nonemergency, non-ambulance medical

transportation providers enrolled in the state Medicaid program; to provide for enhanced monthly payments to such providers by the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for the calculation of, and to set limits on, such monthly payment amounts; to make the payments contingent upon federal approval; to provide for administrative rulemaking; to provide for a termination date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Bill No. 570 by Representative Lyons

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, after "approval" and before the semicolon insert "and legislative appropriation of funds"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 21, after "until" change "such" to "the"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 22, after "Services" and before the period insert "and the legislature has made an appropriation of funds specifically for this purpose"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 24, delete "such"

On motion of Senator Fred Mills, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 576—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRIEMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:65(11)(a), 550.21(3), 751(A)(2)(a)(i), and 753(C)(1) and (4) through (6) and (D) through (J), to enact R.S. 22:753(K) through (M) and Subpart D of Part IV of Chapter 2 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:782, and to repeal R.S. 22:753(C)(7), relative to reserves for insurers; to provide for standards for property and casualty independent qualified actuaries; to provide for valuation manual requirements; to provide for reserve valuation standards and methods; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 577—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCKNIGHT AND JORDAN

AN ACT

To enact Subpart D-1 of Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1341 through 1346, relative to residential flood coverage; to provide for notice to applicants; to provide for types of residential flood insurance policies; to provide for definitions; to provide for an alternative rate filing process; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 577 by Representative McKnight

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 20, change "B.(1)" to "B."

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, line 22, change "(a)" to "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, line 23, change "(b)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, delete lines 25 through 28 in their entirety.

On motion of Senator Bernard, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 581—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND STEFANSKI  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:134(E), 154(C)(2), 198(D), 423(J)(1), 435(B)(1)(a), 469(D)(1), 573(E)(2), 1280.21(A), 1280.22(B)(1), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1300(C)(2), 1308(B), 1309(B) and (M)(1)(a), 1309.1(A), 1313.1(L)(2)(b) and (3), 1315(C), 1363, 1373(A)(1), 1376(B)(2), 1461.7(A)(5), 1491.6(C)(3), and 1495.4(C)(3) and to enact R.S. 18:1461.7(A)(6), relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to revise the Louisiana Election Code; to provide relative to elections procedures and requirements; to provide relative to registrar of voters office; to provide relative to records of the registrar of voters; to provide relative to confidentiality of certain records relative to candidates; to provide relative to voter registration; to provide relative to a change of address of a voter; to provide relative to compensation of parish boards of election supervisors; to provide relative to procedures for reopening qualifying; to provide relative to a challenge of a voter; to provide relative to cancellation of voter registration; to provide relative to the date of a presidential preference primary; to provide relative to qualifying period for presidential candidates; to provide relative to changes to a notice of elections; to provide relative to delivery of absentee ballots; to provide relative to additional early voting branch offices; to provide relative to notice of preparation of voting machines; to provide relative to the date of preparation of voting machines; to provide relative to deadline for a challenge of ballots; to provide relative to clearing of voting machines and results; to provide relative to election offenses; to provide relative to campaign finance reports; to provide relative to watchers; to provide relative to the recount of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; to provide relative to allocation of voting machines; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 595—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1874(A)(5)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (ii) and R.S. 46:460.62(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2), relative to the payment of claims made by healthcare providers prior to credentialing; to deem a new healthcare provider as an in-network provider for certain purposes; to repeal the requirement that a new healthcare provider submit proof of active hospital privileges; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Engrossed House Bill No. 595 by Representative Dustin Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line, 3, between "(2)" and the comma "," insert the following: "and to enact R.S. 22:1874(A)(5)(a)(iii)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, between "privileges;" and "to provide" insert the following: "to require a new healthcare provider to submit proof of membership on a hospital medical staff; to provide for exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, between "reenacted" and "to read" insert the following: "and R.S. 22:1874(A)(5)(a)(iii) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 4, change "issuer" to "issuer for that provider group"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete line 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: "application ~~and information~~, including proof of ~~active hospital privileges membership~~ on a hospital medical staff, from the"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following: "(iii) If the new provider is an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant licensed in Louisiana, proof of membership on a hospital medical staff shall not be required if the provider provides a written attestation identifying the collaborating or supervising physician, if a physician relationship is required by law."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 25, change "issuer" to "issuer for that provider group"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, delete line 29 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: "including proof of ~~active hospital privileges membership~~ on a hospital medical staff from the new provider, and the managed"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, at the end of line 2, add the following: "If the new provider is an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant licensed in Louisiana, proof of membership on a hospital medical staff shall not be required, if the provider provides a written attestation identifying the collaborating or supervising physician, if a physician relationship is required by law."

On motion of Senator Bernard, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 246— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 117 by Senators Tarver and Carter)

BY SENATOR TARVER  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 17:1970.32 and 1970.33, relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to the creation of a world language immersion school; to provide with respect to legislative findings and intent; to repeal provisions relative to an exploratory committee to develop a plan to create an international language immersion school and related reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Fields moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Mills, R.
Abraham	Harris	Mizell
Allain	Hensgens	Morris
Barrow	Hewitt	Peacock
Bernard	Jackson	Peterson

Boudreaux	Johns	Pope
Bouie	Lambert	Price
Cathey	Luneau	Reese
Cloud	McMath	Smith
Connick	Milligan	White
Fields	Mills, F.	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi	Talbot	Ward
Henry	Tarver	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Fields moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Pope asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98—**  
BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Terence L. Carter Jr. for being accepted into the United States Military Academy, which is more famously known as West Point Academy.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

Senator Hewitt, Chairwoman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—**  
BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the city of Minden, Louisiana, for its outstanding fundraising efforts for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and for raising more money per capita for St. Jude than any other city in the United States.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Adriana Martin of the Southfield School in Shreveport, Louisiana, upon her new world record for the rendition of the numerical quotient of Pi set on Pi Day, March 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
SHARON W. HEWITT  
Chairwoman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mr. President	Foil	Mills, R.
Abraham	Harris	Mizell
Allain	Hensgens	Morris
Barrow	Hewitt	Peacock
Bernard	Jackson	Peterson
Boudreaux	Johns	Pope
Bouie	Lambert	Price
Cathey	Luneau	Reese
Cloud	McMath	Smith
Connick	Milligan	White
Fields	Mills, F.	Womack
Total - 33		

ABSENT

Fesi	Talbot	Ward
Henry	Tarver	
Total - 5		

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Fesi	1 Day	Henry	1 Day
Talbot	1 Day	Tarver	1 Day
Ward	1 Day		

**Announcements**

The following committee meetings for May 17, 2021, were announced:

Finance	9:30 A.M.	Room A
Retirement	2:00 P.M.	Room E
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	1:30 P.M.	Hainkel Room

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Peacock, at 10:02 o'clock A.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, May 17, 2021, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O' QUIN  
Journal Clerk

