

2024 LA Regular Legislative Session UPDATE

First, a **THANK YOU** is in order for all of our members that emailed their Senator on Judiciary A regarding <u>HB 423</u> by Melerine (collateral source) and <u>HB 336</u> by Chenevert (disclosure of litigation financing). This morning in Judiciary A, HB 423 was reported favorable and HB 336 was voluntarily deferred. We hope to see the latter again.

Also, this morning the **House Committee on Insurance** met. The agenda included <u>SB 369</u> by Rep Bass, which provides venue options for insurance fraud and for the allocation of the insurance fraud assessment fund. The committee reported the bill with amendments.

Tomorrow, the **Senate Committee on Insurance** will meet — their agenda is linked below and the bills of interest to PIA of Louisiana are identified specifically.

Senate Committee on Insurance (5/01/2024, 10:00 AM, Room A-B)

SB 499, Reese INSURANCE POLICIES — Provides for uninsured and underinsured motorist insurance. (8/1/24)

HB 88, Melerine

CIVIL/VENUE — Provides for venue for actions involving certain insurers

HB 609, Firment

INSURANCE — Provides for the appraisal process and employment of umpires

HB 672, Jordan

INSURERS/AGENTS — Provides relative to managing general agents

HB 701, Carver

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT — Creates the Insurance Regulatory Sandbox Act

And lastly, for your information, below please find the status of the Commissioner's bills as of this date.

Bill	Author	Bill Description	Current Status
HB-120	Rep. Willard	LFHP Sunset Removal	Signed by the President
SB-295	Sen. Cloud	File and Use	Signed by the President
HB-613	Rep. Firment	File and Use	Pending Senate Final Passage
SB-323	Sen. Talbot	Fair Claims Process (1892 Reform)	Signed by the President
HB-678	Rep. Firment	Fair Claims Process (TX Model)	Pending House Insurance Committee
SB-370	Sen. Bass	3-Year Rule	Pending House final passage
HB-611	Rep. Firment	3-Year Rule	Signed by the Speaker
SB-113	Sen. Talbot	Citizens Exemption	Subject to call — Senate final passage
SB-8	Sen. Edmonds	Third Party Litigation Financing	Pending Senate Judiciary A
HB-336	Rep. Chenevert	Third Party Litigation Financing	Voluntarily deferred in Judiciary A 4/30/24
SB-250	Sen. Allain	Direct Action	Subject to call — Senate final passage
HB-337	Rep. McFarland	Direct Action	Pending Legislative Bureau
SB-20	Sen. Seabaugh	Housley Presumption	Pending Senate Judiciary A
HB-24	Rep. Melerine	Housley Presumption	Voluntarily deferred in Judiciary A 4/30/24
SB-84	Sen. Seabaugh	Offer of Judgment	Reported with amendments in Judiciary A 4/30/24
	Sen. Talbot/ Sen. Seabaugh	Collateral Source/Actual Paid Medical Bills	Voluntarily deferred in Judiciary A today
HB-423	Rep. Melerine	Collateral Source/Actual Paid Medical Bills	Reported with amendments in Judiciary A 4/30/24
SB-334	Sen. Talbot	2-Year Prescription	Voluntarily deferred in Judiciary A 4/30/24
HB-315	Rep. Johnson	2-Year Prescription	Reported favorable in Judiciary A 4/30/24

Please contact Jody Boudreaux or Natalie Cooper at the PIA of Louisiana office, or Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Clyde Bohne with any questions or concerns. Thank you!