



Highway InfoLine

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Highway Safety Update – June 2022

2022 Legislative Session Concludes

The legislative session, which began on March 14, 2022, and adjourned on June 6, 2022, was one for the records. Some important highway safety legislation was passed. We also received indications of more comprehensive legislation to be proposed next year. See below for highway safety bills of interest that passed and will become law August 1, 2022, unless otherwise indicated.

#	Title	Sponsors	Full Text
HB 0282	Provides relative to the probation of defendants in drug division probation programs or specialty court programs (EN INCREASE GF EX See Note)	Joseph Marino	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21835542
SB 0337	Increases sentence for operating a vehicle while under suspension for certain prior offenses. (gov sig)	Gary Smith	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21830079
HB 0825	Provides relative to licensed practical nurses who administer chemical tests for intoxication	Gregory Miller	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21834318
HB 0051	Provides relative to vehicular homicide	Jonathan Goudeau	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21835937
HB 0129	Provides relative to an arrested person's failure to honor a written promise to appear (EN SEE FISC NOTE OF EX See Note)	Richard Nelson	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21848962
HB 0234	Prohibits smoking or vaping marijuana in motor vehicles (EN INCREASE LF RV See Note)	Laurie Schlegel	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21846230
HB 0377	Provides relative to fingerprinting all persons arrested for any offense involving operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (EN NO IMPACT See Note)	Mike Huval	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21807547

As we have seen in the last five years, the Legislature continued to expand the medical marijuana and hemp industries in Louisiana. More practitioners will be authorized to recommend medical marijuana. Further, we gained more clarity on the multitude of hemp derived products that are available, some of which are believed to be impairing.

#	Title	Sponsors	Full Text
HB 0553	Provides relative to suitability requirements for persons associated with medical marijuana production	Scott McKnight	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21833166
HB 0135	Authorizes dispensing of medical marijuana to certain qualifying patients who are not Louisiana residents	Joseph Marino	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21845911
HB 0137	Provides relative to immunity from prosecution for medical marijuana	Joseph Marino	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21845374
HB 0190	Authorizes certain nurse practitioners to recommend medical marijuana to patients	Travis Johnson	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21846707
HB 0697	Reforms the state systems for regulating the production of marijuana for therapeutic use and for the dispensing of such product (EN INCREASE SG EX See Note)	Tanner Magee	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21846394
HB 0698	Provides for fees and charges to be assessed by the La. Department of Health in connection with regulation of marijuana for therapeutic use (EN NO IMPACT SG RV See Note)	Tanner Magee	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21857126
HB 0758	Provides relative to industrial hemp	Clay Schexnayder	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21844929
HB 0775	Provides relative to the definition of drug paraphernalia	Cedric Glover	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21856422

Not all highway safety legislation passed. The following include some significant initiatives that failed to pass this year, but which we may see again in future.

#	Title	Sponsors	Full Text
HB 0769	Provides relative to ignition interlock devices and maintenance services (RE +\$946,644 EX See Note)	Mark Wright	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21761791
HB 0415	Provides relative to the administrative hearing applicable to the suspension of certain driving privileges	Joseph Marino	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21689368
HB 0376	Provides relative to the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telecommunication device (RE DECREASE LF RV See Note)	Mike Huval	https://engagifii-billtracking.azurewebsites.net/api/1.0/file/21780655

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