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Legislative Update 2026 Legislature, Regular Session Louisiana Motor Transport Association

House Floor:

HB 593 by Rep. Henry Chance (Passed House — Pending Senate Consideration, Amended)

→ Provides relative to service and transaction fees used by local governments to fund Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) field offices not fully funded by the state. The measure increases the maximum allowable fee per service or transaction from \$4.50 to \$8 statewide, removes prior parish-specific fee caps, and maintains the requirement that such fees be used solely for operational costs such as facilities and maintenance. Committee amendments add an exemption for OMV field offices located in Shreveport, thereby excluding them from the revised fee structure. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Transportation Committee, advanced to third reading, and passed the House (83–6); it will now proceed to the Senate for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452773>

Read adopted amendments:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452502>

HB 174 by Rep. Gabe Firment (Passed House — Pending Senate Consideration, Substituted)

→ Provides relative to enforcement of compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance requirements for out-of-state vehicles. The measure expands existing law by authorizing the impoundment of out-of-state vehicles when operators fail to provide proof of required bodily injury liability insurance and clarifies that Louisiana’s enforcement, notice, and due process procedures apply uniformly to all vehicles operating within the state, regardless of registration. A House committee substitute further broadens application by removing the prior limitation to accident-related enforcement and extending impoundment and compliance requirements to all instances of noncompliance. The bill was reported from the House Insurance Committee as a substitute, advanced to third reading, and passed the House unanimously (88–0); it will now proceed to the

Senate for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1439633>

HB 234 by Rep. Gabe Firment (Passed House — Pending Senate Consideration) → Provides relative to the statutory sunset review and re-creation of the Louisiana Department of Insurance and its associated entities. The measure continues existing law by re-creating the Department of Insurance effective June 30, 2026, and extends its statutory termination date to July 1, 2031, unless reauthorized by the legislature, while modifying certain procedural requirements governing the sunset review process. The bill was reported favorably from the House Insurance Committee, advanced to third reading, and subsequently passed the House; it will now proceed to the Senate for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1454152>

HB 413 by Rep. Kim Carver (Passed House — Pending Senate Consideration) → Provides relative to automobile insurance rate-making standards by prohibiting insurers from using catastrophe-related loss experience from other lines of insurance as a standalone rating factor in automobile insurance filings, while preserving the use of such data within multi-line policies and maintaining other actuarially sound rating practices. The bill was reported favorably from the House Insurance Committee, advanced to third reading, passed the House unanimously (100–0), has been received in the Senate, and placed on the Senate Orders for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1451011>

HB 728 by Rep. Jacob Braud (Passed House — Pending Senate Committee Consideration, Amended) → Provides relative to intrastate towing regulations by clarifying that out-of-state tow truck operators registered under federal authority may engage only in interstate commerce and are prohibited from performing intrastate towing without proper Louisiana licensure, and requires documentation of interstate intent prior to entering the state. The measure also establishes statewide standards for private property towing signage, parking area markings, and contractual requirements, to be promulgated by the Louisiana State Police Towing and Recovery Unit. The bill was reported favorably from the House Transportation Committee, amended on the House floor, passed the House (98–0), has been received in the Senate, and referred to the Senate Transportation Committee for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452725>

House Transportation:

HB 582 by Rep. Mike Bayham (Pending House Floor Action — Returned to Calendar) → Provides relative to reinstatement fees for lapses of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage. The measure reduces existing reinstatement fees for uninsured periods (from \$100 to \$75 for 1–30 days, \$250 to \$200 for 31–90 days, and \$500 to \$400 for periods exceeding 90 days) and extends the grace period during which no fee is imposed from 10 days to 15 days, provided compliance requirements are met. The bill maintains existing penalty and enforcement structures while lowering the financial burden on drivers and expanding the window for compliance before penalties are triggered. The bill was reported favorably from the House Transportation Committee, advanced to third reading, and has since been returned to the House calendar subject to call where it awaits further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452493>

HB 746 by Rep. Charles Owen (Pending House Floor Action — Returned to Calendar, Amended) → Provides relative to permitting requirements for oversized vehicles by centralizing authority within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). The measure removes the requirement for additional permits from local governments or political subdivisions and establishes a one-year moratorium on the issuance of new or modified local permit requirements for oversized vehicles, while allowing existing permitting practices to continue during that period. Committee and floor amendments refine the scope of the moratorium and clarify implementation, maintaining DOTD as the primary permitting authority. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Transportation Committee, advanced to third reading, and has since been returned to the House calendar subject to call where it awaits further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452767>

Read adopted amendments::

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452767>

HB 868 by Rep. Jason DeWitt (Pending House Floor Action — Returned to Calendar, Amended) → Provides relative to braking equipment requirements and safety chain specifications for trailers and semi-trailers by modifying weight thresholds for required braking systems, clarifying applicability to commercial trailers and those originally manufactured with brakes, and strengthening towing connection standards to require compliance with manufacturer specifications and federal safety requirements. The measure also removes certain exemptions for farm equipment by extending towing safety provisions to trailers and implements of husbandry. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Transportation Committee, committee amendments were adopted, advanced to third reading, and has since been returned to the House calendar subject to call where it awaits further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1450294>

Read adopted amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1450227>

HB 875 by Rep. Tammy Phelps (Pending House Floor Action — Returned to Calendar, Amended) → Provides relative to reinstatement fees and grace periods for lapses in required motor vehicle liability insurance coverage by reducing fee amounts across lapse duration categories, expanding grace period allowances for certain first-time lapses, and clarifying treatment of subsequent violations. Committee amendments refine notice provisions and standardize application of fee exemptions for short-duration lapses. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Transportation Committee, committee amendments were adopted, advanced to third reading, and has since been returned to the House calendar subject to call multiple times where it awaits further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1450296>

Read adopted amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1450042>

House Insurance:

HB 904 by Rep. Dennis Bamburg (Amended — Advanced to Third Reading, Pending House Floor Action) → Provides relative to the regulation and oversight of captive insurance companies and risk retention groups operating in Louisiana. The proposed bill revises existing insurance law by expanding the authority of the commissioner of insurance to approve additional forms of capital contributions and to require solvency-related deposits based on the scope and risk profile of an insurer's operations. The measure further updates governance and reporting standards by requiring compliance with National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) financial reporting formats and corporate governance practices applicable to risk retention entities. Additionally, the bill modifies premium tax provisions by authorizing the use of collected revenues to support regulatory oversight functions and clarifies that captive insurers may be partially owned by other insurance entities subject to supervisory safeguards. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Insurance Committee, committee amendments were adopted, and it has advanced to third reading where it awaits further consideration on the House floor.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1447543>

Read adopted amendments:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1453776>

HB 765 by Rep. Aimee Freeman (Pending House Floor Action — Advanced to Third Reading) → Provides relative to procedures for joining liability insurers in civil actions and asserting coverage defenses by establishing a post-verdict mechanism allowing insurers to be joined solely for purposes of entering final judgment or enforcing a settlement when direct action is not otherwise authorized. The measure also clarifies that such joinder is prohibited if the insurer has timely denied coverage or issued a reservation of rights absent a favorable adjudication of coverage, and requires plaintiffs to first obtain a judicial determination of coverage before joining an insurer. Additionally, the bill revises notice requirements by mandating timely written reservation-of-rights notices to both insured parties and counsel of record and clarifies insurer obligations when defending under a reservation of rights. The bill was reported favorably from the House Insurance Committee, advanced to third reading, and remains on the House Orders awaiting further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1453171>

HB 577 by Rep. Bryan Glorioso (Pending House Floor Action — Advanced to Third Reading) → Provides relative to insurer penalty calculations by revising the statutory framework governing damages assessed when an insurer fails to timely pay a claim in bad faith. The proposed bill modifies existing law by authorizing courts to impose penalties of up to fifty percent of the amount found to be due from the insurer to the insured, rather than a fixed fifty percent, thereby introducing greater judicial discretion in determining penalty amounts. The measure also applies this “up to” standard to cases involving partial payments, allowing penalties of up to fifty percent of the difference between the amount paid or tendered and the amount ultimately determined to be owed, in addition to economic damages, attorney fees, and costs. The bill retains existing requirements related to insurer good faith obligations and claim payment timelines while refining the penalty structure. The bill was reported favorably from the House Insurance Committee, advanced to third reading, and remains on the House Orders awaiting further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1453776>

House Labor and Industrial Relations:

HB 185 by Rep. Michael Melerine (Pending House Floor Action — Returned to Calendar, Amended) → Provides relative to the definition and treatment of independent contractors under Louisiana workers’ compensation law. The measure clarifies that certain trucking-related duties do not constitute “manual labor” for purposes of workers’ compensation eligibility and expands the framework to include employees or subcontractors working under an independent contractor, affecting coverage determinations and liability allocation. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, committee amendments were adopted, advanced to third reading, and has since been returned to the House calendar subject to call where it awaits further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1439649>

Read adopted amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1451806>

HB 357 by Rep. Michael Echols (Amended — Pending House Floor Action) → Provides for the adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation by revising the methodology used to establish allowable charges for medical services and treatments. The proposed bill replaces the current "usual and customary charges" standard with a requirement that reimbursement rates be reasonable in comparison to workers' compensation schedules in similar regional states, and mandates that adjustments be made annually based on supporting data. The measure further expands the responsibilities of the assistant secretary of the Office of Workers' Compensation Administration to include evaluating administrative efficiencies, reducing provider paperwork burdens, expanding access to care, and incorporating stakeholder input in rate-setting. Additionally, the bill establishes quarterly reporting requirements to legislative committees to ensure oversight of the rate development process and sets an effective date of January 1, 2027 for the initial reimbursement schedule. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, with committee amendments making technical revisions, and has been set on the House Orders where it awaits further floor consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1454522>

Read proposed amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1454522>

HB 780 by Rep. Gabe Firment (Favorably as Amended — Pending House Floor) → Provides relative to penalties, attorney fees, and procedures in workers' compensation claims by expanding grounds for penalties to include discontinuance of payment and failure to consent to medical treatment, while requiring such actions to be arbitrary, capricious, or without probable cause. The proposed bill maintains existing penalty caps but clarifies standards for awarding penalties and shifts the burden of proof to the claimant. Additionally, the measure revises notice and dispute procedures by establishing standardized timelines and delivery methods for benefit-related notices and refining preliminary determination hearing requirements, including earlier documentation disclosure and adjusted response periods. Committee amendments make technical corrections and authorize agents or attorneys to fulfill notice obligations. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Labor and Industrial Relations Committee and has been placed on the House Orders for further floor consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1454528>

Read proposed amendments:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1454528>

House Civil Law:

HB 1002 by Rep. Josh Carlson (Introduced — Pending House Committee Consideration) → Provides relative to recoverable medical expenses in civil litigation by limiting the amount of evidence and recovery available when treatment is obtained under a letter of protection or when claims are not submitted to a health insurer. The measure requires that recoverable amounts be based on what a health insurer would have paid, plus the claimant's share, and further limits recovery to amounts actually paid when payment rights are transferred to third parties. The bill also establishes a requirement that claimants mitigate damages and limits recovery to reasonable medical expenses, mandates itemized and coded billing consistent with standard practices, and authorizes expert testimony to challenge the reasonableness and necessity of medical treatment and costs. The bill has been introduced, placed on the House Orders, and referred to the House Civil Law Committee for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1453244>

House Appropriations:

HB 781 by Rep. Ryan Bourriaque (Pending House Committee Consideration — Recommended to House Appropriations, Amended) → Provides for the establishment of a fleet vehicle registration program administered by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles. The measure creates a framework allowing entities with ten or more vehicles, including leasing and rental companies, to register as fleet owners with options for annual or biennial registration cycles, prorated fees for mid-cycle additions, and consolidated fee remittance. It further authorizes transferable fleet license plates, establishes audit and recordkeeping requirements, enables electronic data exchange, and maintains financial responsibility and inspection compliance standards. Committee amendments revise the program's implementation timeline, delaying the effective date to January 1, 2028, or upon completion of necessary system upgrades. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the House Transportation Committee, advanced to the House Orders, and has since been recommitted to the House Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452757>

Read adopted amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1452555>

Senate Floor:

SB 68 by Sen. Jay Morris (Passed Senate — Pending House Committee Consideration) → Proposes a constitutional amendment relative to the original jurisdiction of the Louisiana Supreme Court in attorney disciplinary proceedings. The measure retains the court's exclusive authority over disciplinary matters involving Louisiana-licensed attorneys and expands jurisdiction to include out-of-state lawyers providing legal services within the state, attorneys specially admitted for limited proceedings, and individuals exercising supervisory authority over Louisiana attorneys. The resolution provides for submission of the proposed amendment to voters at the statewide election scheduled for April 17, 2027. The bill was reported favorably from Senate Judiciary A, passed the Senate unanimously (36–0), has been received in the House, and referred to the House Civil Law and Procedure Committee for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1450534>

SB 122 by Sen. Michael Fesi (Passed Senate — Pending House Consideration) → Provides relative to the responsibilities of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) concerning bridge infrastructure within the state highway system. The measure establishes a statutory definition of “bridges,” clarifies DOTD’s duties to inspect, maintain, and repair bridge structures, and requires the department to submit a comprehensive bridge preservation plan and recurring reports to legislative committees. It also provides for ongoing legislative oversight through quarterly reviews. The bill was reported favorably from the Senate Transportation Committee, amended on the Senate floor, passed the Senate unanimously (35–0), and will now advance to the House for further consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1442212>

Senate Insurance:

SB 100 by Sen. Samuel Jenkins (Pending Senate Floor Action — Returned to Calendar) → Provides relative to proof-of-insurance requirements applicable to transportation network company (TNC) drivers involved in motor vehicle accidents. The measure revises existing law to require drivers to affirmatively provide proof of required insurance coverage to interested parties, insurers, and law enforcement, and to disclose whether they were logged on to the platform or engaged in a prearranged ride at the time of the accident, with penalties for noncompliance. The bill was reported favorably from the Senate Insurance Committee, advanced to third reading, but has since been returned to the Senate calendar subject to call, where it awaits further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1440985>

Senate Transportation:

SB 115 by Sen. Franklin Foil (Pending Senate Floor Action — Advanced to Third Reading)

→ Provides relative to the authority of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to enter into agreements with the federal government to assume certain federal transportation-related responsibilities. The measure retains existing coordination provisions and authorizes DOTD to assume federal environmental review and project approval duties, provides for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in federal court as required to enforce such agreements, authorizes rulemaking, and allows the department to accept and expend federal transportation funds. The bill was reported favorably from the Senate Transportation Committee, passed to third reading, and remains on the Senate Orders awaiting further floor consideration.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1442193>

SB 133 by Sen. Heather Cloud (Pending Senate Floor Action — Advanced to Third Reading, Amended)

→ Provides relative to regulatory oversight of commercial motor vehicle operations and highway shoulder use. The measure prohibits both attended and unattended vehicles from stopping, parking, or standing on highway shoulders except in emergencies and modifies oversight of autonomous and teleoperated commercial motor vehicles, clarifying DOTD jurisdiction in coordination with state police and requiring written certification prior to operation. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the Senate Transportation Committee, committee amendments were adopted on the Senate floor, and it has advanced to third reading where it remains on the Senate Orders awaiting further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1442821>

Read adopted amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1451303>

Senate Labor and Industrial Relations:

SB 162 by Sen. Alan Seabaugh (Pending Senate Floor Action — Advanced to Third Reading, Amended)

→ Provides relative to the workers' compensation medical treatment schedule and appellate procedures following determinations by the Office of Workers' Compensation medical director. The measure clarifies evidentiary standards for appeals by limiting admissible evidence to that originally reviewed by the medical director and establishes procedural timelines for notice, record transmittal, and potential remand when new evidence is introduced. The bill was reported favorably as amended from the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, committee amendments were adopted, and it has advanced to third reading where it remains on the Senate Orders awaiting further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1443653>

Read adopted amendments here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1451216>

SB 382 by Sen. Alan Seabaugh (Pending Senate Floor Action — Advanced to Third Reading) → Provides relative to workers' compensation administration by repealing statutory provisions establishing and governing the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, thereby removing the advisory body and consolidating oversight within existing departmental authority. The bill was reported favorably from the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, advanced to third reading, and remains on the Senate Orders awaiting further floor action.

Read full provisions here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1447814>