

LWVLA Health/Instruments 2023 Legislative Session (updated 5/24/2023)

Committee	Bill Number	Author, Party & District	Summary	LWVLA Position
Health and Welfare	HB 123	Joe Stagni (R-Kenner)	NURSING HOMES: Provides relative to nursing home requirements and standards for emergency preparedness plans	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>While there is no specific LWVUS position, this bill will Permit the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to revoke or deny renewal of a license to a nursing home that has failed to correct a rejected emergency preparedness plan.</p>
Health and Welfare	HCR96	Dustin Miller (D)-Opelousas	HEALTH: Creates a task force to study the wrongful association of physical and mental health problems	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>While there is no specific LWVUS position, the World Health Organization reported that the totality of one's health includes physical, mental, and social well-being; and a person's mental health can directly impact his/her physical being; while mental health is a component of one's health overall, it is not a sole determinant. It is imperative that the state of Louisiana acknowledge the severity of this issue and how it may impact women, people of color, rare disease patients, patients with co-occurring physical and mental health conditions, and other minority populations in the state.</p>
Health and Welfare	HB 548	Christopher Turner (R-Ruston)	DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Provides relative to the 340B drug pricing program	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>While there is no specific LWVUS position, it prohibits discriminatory practices that directly or indirectly limit the monetary benefit that entities participating in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program receive as a result of dispensing drugs discounted by the program. The proposed law creates the "Defending Affordable Prescription Drug Costs" Act.</p>
Health and Welfare	SR 98	Royce Duplessis (D-New Orleans)	MEDICAID: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to apply for a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to allow Medicaid reimbursement for individuals, including juveniles in detention.	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>While there is no specific LWVUS position, this bill requests the Louisiana Department of Health to apply for a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to allow Medicaid reimbursement for individuals in detention, including juveniles.</p>
Health and Welfare	SB 66	Fred H. Mills, Jr. (R-New Iberia)	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to telehealth services.	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>While there is no specific LWVUS position, access to care is an important</p>

				<p>issue for healthcare delivery. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare was permissible through telehealth – electronic communications. This bill will allow for the ongoing practice of telehealth. The proposed law the term/provisions related to telemedicine and provides that telehealth includes a physician’s practice of medicine when provided through electronic communications. The proposed law no longer requires a healthcare provider to conduct an in-person patient history or physical examination of the patient before engaging in a telehealth encounter, but shall provide a referral to a healthcare provider in this state or arrange for follow-up care in this state as necessary.</p>
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