

## House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
April 20, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman  
Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Taylor Chrisman, attorney  
Meah Johnson, attorney  
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Randall Ike, committee clerk  
Nevonda Reed, division director  
Stephen Louis, sergeant at arms  
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 605 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 605, which provides relative to the regulation of consumable hemp products.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Stephen Russo, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 605.

Alysha Hickman, The Goat Hippie, P.O. Box 846, Sun, LA 70463, (985) 630-8827, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

Jason Garsee, 318 Labs, 3009 Louisville Avenue, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 557-4198, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

Blaine Jennings, Virgin Hemp, P.O. Box 129, Milton, LA 70558, (337) 849-6481, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

Daryl Schouest, Hemp Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 390, Leonville, LA 70551, (337) 418-9290, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

Bill Richard, Blue Basin Canna, 110 Rinwood Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70501, (337) 852-8183, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

Eric Becker, Basin Street Beverages, 7313 Washington Avenue, Harvey, LA 70058, (610) 564-5155, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

Mike Vidrine, LDH, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 605.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Revise the definition of "synthetically-derived tetrahydrocannabinol".
- (2) Insert a provision that prohibits producers of consumable hemp products from marketing those products to children.
- (3) Add provisions to clarify what is an acceptable measuring device to be used with certain consumable hemp products.
- (4) Provide that tinctures are not considered beverages and will not be limited to a single serving.
- (5) Specify that LDH may contract with a third-party laboratory to test products to ensure compliance with respect to registration.
- (6) Add administrative penalties to those processing consumable hemp products without a license.
- (7) Provide for the revocation of registrations and administrative penalties.
- (8) Make technical corrections.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 605 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 605 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 122 by Representative Horton**

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 122, which provides relative to the mandatory screening of all newborns for early detection of the cytomegalovirus (CMV). Representative Horton provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Miranda Bailey, 113 Journie Grace Street, Benton, LA 71006, (318) 393-4226, spoke in support of House Bill No. 122.

Steven Bailey, 113 Journie Grace Street, Benton, LA 71006, (318) 393-4226, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 122.

Representative Larvadain offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Larvadain offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 122 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 122 was reported by substitute by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 5 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 181 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 181, which provides relative to telemedicine access for coroners.

Zeb Stearns, 450 Moosa Boulevard, Suite A, Eunice, LA 70535, (337) 546-6646, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 181.

Stephen Wright, Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association (LPMA), 695 Kiskatom Lane, Mandeville, LA 70471, (318) 663-3810, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 181.

Joshua Sanderson, 209 Lemongrass Lane, Lafayette, LA 70503, (504) 232-1087, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 181.

Eric West, 8816 Hermitage Place, River Ridge, LA 70123, (504) 231-8580, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 181.

Maeghan A. Davis, LPMA, 2100 Sawmill Road, Apartment 21-204, New Orleans, LA 70123, (318) 347-9595, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 181.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 181 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 181 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 200 by Representative LaFleur**

Representative LaFleur presented House Bill No. 200, which provides relative to newborn screening for certain genetic conditions.

Shane Bates, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 200.

Amy Zapata, LDH, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 200.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 200 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 200 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 27 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 291 by Representative Charles Owen**

Representative Charles Owen presented House Bill No. 291, which provides for visitation policies at certain healthcare facilities and requires that such policies allow for in-person visitation.

Representative Bagley offered a technical amendment. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to:

- (1) Insert language to specify that the provisions apply to licensed facilities that provide inpatient hospice care.
- (2) Require facilities to submit a written copy of visitation policies and procedures to the Health Standards Section of the Louisiana Department of Health at the initial licensure survey.
- (3) Require the La. Dept. of Health to dedicate a stand-alone page on its website to explain the visitation requirements of proposed law and provide a link to the department's webpage for complaints.
- (4) Make technical corrections.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Kathy Willis, 42386 Forest View Place, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (985) 705-0026, spoke in support of House Bill No. 291.

Kristen Smith, 42011 Bethel Road, Franklinton, LA 70438, (985) 438-3752, spoke in support of House Bill No. 291.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom LA, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 291.

Tori Hymel, 8345 Jolee Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726, (225) 485-3428, spoke in support of House Bill No. 291, spoke in support of House Bill No. 291.

Connie Zimmermann, 2453 Taffy Drive, Kenner, LA 70065, (504) 259-6660, spoke in support of House Bill No. 291.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 291 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 291 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support and 7 in opposition. The committee also received 410 "robo" emails in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 123 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 123, which provides relative to nursing home requirements and standards for emergency preparedness plans.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Steve Russo, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 123.

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 123 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 123 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams, Cox, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 319 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 319, which repeals licensure by endorsement for registered nurses. Representative Stagni provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Turner offered a technical amendment. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams, Cox, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of House Bill No. 319.

Karen Lyon, Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN), 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 319.

Monique Calmes, LSBN, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 319.

*Chairman Bagley in the chair.*

Stacey Jones, LSBN, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 319.

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 319 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 319 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 133 by Representative Turner**

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 133, which provides relative to the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council.



Representative Turner offered a technical amendment. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Bill No. 133 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 133 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 320 by Representative Turner**

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 320, which provides relative to nursing education.

Representative Bagley offered a technical amendment. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Schlegel, Selders, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered an amendment to require an applicant to successfully complete either an education program for practical nurses or an education program for registered nurses. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Selders, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 320 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 320 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 20 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 548 by Representative Turner**

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 548, which provides relative to the 340B drug pricing program.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered an amendment to remove any reference to the creation of a private cause of action when a 340B entity is discriminated against by a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or third-party payor. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Elizabeth Davis, Tulane University, 1441 Canal Street, Suite 221, New Orleans, LA 70112, (678) 478-9014, spoke in support of House Bill No. 548.

Todd Eppler, DeSoto Regional Health System, 207 Jefferson Street, Mansfield, LA 71052, (318) 453-3702, spoke in support of House Bill No. 548.

Kimberly Brunson, Mercy Medical Health Center, 244 Bond Street, Jonesboro, LA 71270, (318) 237-3879, spoke in support of House Bill No. 548.

Jennifer Borrillo, Louisiana Center for Bleeding and Clotting Disorders, 1430 Tulane Avenue #8031, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 988-7719, spoke in support of House Bill No. 548.

Sharon D. Garrett, Access Health Louisiana, 1616 Apache Drive, Apartment A, Harvey, LA 70058, (504) 603-6617, spoke in support of House Bill No. 548.

Corbin Santo, The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), 950 F Street Northwest, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20004, (317) 213-2392, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 548.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 548 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 548 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 26 in support and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

The minutes from the 2022 Regular Session committee meetings held on March 23, March 24, April 6, April 12, April 13, April 19, April 27, May 3, May 4, May 10, May 11, May 17, and May 24; the 2022 interim committee meeting held on November 17; the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session committee meeting held on February 3; and the 2023 interim committee meeting held on March 1 were presented to the committee for consideration. Representative Echols offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, and Stagni voted yea.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Turner offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: