

Texas Civil Justice League

HB 21	Neave, Victoria(D)	<p>Relating to the statute of limitations applicable to a sexual harassment complaint filed with the Texas Workforce Commission.</p> <p>Companions: HB 1529 Neave, Victoria (Refiled from 86R Session)</p> <p>Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 21 by Neave: Amends §21.201(g) and §21.202(a), Labor Code, to extend the limitations period for filing a complaint alleging sexual harassment with the Texas Workforce Commission from 180 to 300 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed</p>
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HB 26	Swanson, Valoree(R)	<p>Relating to the governor's power to control the sale, transportation, and use of weapons and ammunition during a declared state of disaster or state of emergency.</p> <p>Companions: SB 547 Springer, Drew (F) (Identical) 2- 1-21 S Filed</p> <p>Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 26 by Swanson: Amends §433.002, Government Code, to eliminate the governor's authority to issue a directive pursuant to a declared emergency that controls the sale, transportation, or use of weapons and ammunition.</p> <p>Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed</p>
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HB 34	Canales, Terry(D)	<p>Relating to presumptive coverage for first responders that contract COVID-19.</p> <p>Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 34 by Canales. Amends §607.054, Government Code, to extend the presumption that a firefighter, peace officer, or EMT who contracts tuberculosis or a respiratory disease contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.</p> <p>Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed</p>
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HB 37	Zwiener, Erin(D)	<p>Relating to the issuance of a permit by the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the routing of certain oil or gas pipelines.</p> <p>Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed</p>
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HB 38	Reynolds, Ron(D)	<p>Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race.</p> <p>Companions: SB 77 Miles, Borris (Identical) 11- 9-20 S Filed</p> <p>Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 38 by Reynolds/HB 392 by Bowers/SB 77 by Miles: Adds §21.0195, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, labor union, or employment agency to adopts or enforces a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hair style commonly or historically associated with race.</p> <p>Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed</p>
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A HB 44

Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to civil liability and criminal penalties for performing certain abortions.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 44/HB 92 by Swanson: Imposes civil liability for damages, in addition to civil and criminal penalties, for a violation of restrictions on abortion. Authorizes a next friend to bring an action for damages

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 47

Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to presumptive coverage for school district employees that contract COVID-19.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 47 by Canales: Amends §607.054, Government Code, to extend the presumption that a firefighter, peace officer, or EMT who contracts tuberculosis or a respiratory disease contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment to public school teachers with respect to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 48

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.

Companions: SB 45 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
11- 9-20 S Filed

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 48 by Zwiener/SB 45 by Zaffirini: Adds Subchapter C-1, Chapter 21, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice if sexual harassment of an employee occurs and the employer or the employer's agents or supervisors knows or should have known that the conduct constituting sexual harassment was occurring and fail to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 60

Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the minimum wage.

Companions: HB 194 Reynolds, Ron (Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 3273 Gonzalez, Jessica (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 731 Gonzalez, Jessica (Identical)
12- 3-20 H Filed

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 70

Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to legislative review and approval of certain state agency rules.

Companions: HB 112 Swanson, Valoree (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: REGULATORY. HB 70 by Swanson: Requires legislative approval of a state agency rule that is anticipated to have an economic impact of \$20 million or more.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 74

Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D)

Relating to manufacturer disclosure of cosmetic ingredients.

Remarks: PRODUCT LIABILITY. HB 74 by Gervin-Hawkins: Requires a manufacturer selling a cosmetic to disclose on the manufacturer's website: a list of each ingredient in the cosmetic

and the chemical abstract service number for each ingredient. The manufacturer is not required to list the concentration of each ingredient.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 87 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid sick leave to employees.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 88 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to interactions between law enforcement and individuals detained or arrested on suspicion of the commission of criminal offenses, witnesses to the commission of those offenses, and other members of the public.

Companions: SB 161 West, Royce (Identical)
11-10-20 S Filed

Remarks: CIVIL RIGHTS. HB 88 by S. Thompson/SB 161 by West: Authorizes a person to bring an action for legal or equitable relief against a peace officer who, under color of law, deprived the person of or caused the person to be deprived of a right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Texas Constitution. Overrides qualified immunity conferred by the officer's good faith but erroneous belief in the lawfulness of the conduct. Awards attorney's fees and court costs to a prevailing plaintiff. Authorizes the court to award a defendant attorney's fees and court costs if the court determines the suit is frivolous. Requires a public entity that employs the peace officer to indemnify the officer, unless the officer was convicted of a criminal violation for the conduct.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 89 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to exempting disinfectant cleaning supplies and certain face masks and disposable gloves from sales and use taxes for a limited period.

Companions: SB 438 Blanco, Cesar (F) (Identical)
1-26-21 S Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 438 by Blanco: Expands the existing temporary sales tax exemption for emergency preparation items to include medical facemasks, disposable gloves, and disinfecting cleaning supplies.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 90 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D) Relating to manufacturer disclosure of lipstick and lip gloss ingredients and toxic metals.

Companions: HB 2745 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: PRODUCT LIABILITY. HB 90 by Gervin-Hawkins: Directs the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission by rule to require a manufacturer that sells a lipstick or lip gloss cosmetic to disclose on the manufacturer's website and on the product label: any toxic metal, regardless of concentration, and each ingredient in the cosmetic.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 92	Swanson, Valoree(R)	Relating to civil liability for performing certain abortions.
	Remarks:	TORT LIABILITY. HB 44/HB 92 by Swanson: Imposes civil liability for damages, in addition to civil and criminal penalties, for a violation of restrictions on abortion. Authorizes a next friend to bring an action for damages
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 101	Toth, Steve(R)	Relating to civil liability of municipalities for failure to comply with immigration detainer requests.
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 112	Toth, Steve(R)	Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.
	Companions:	SB 513 Hall, Bob (Identical) 1-28-21 S Filed
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 114	Toth, Steve(R)	Relating to restrictions on certain state agency actions relating to high-speed rail projects.
	Companions:	HB 2605 Toth, Steve (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 118	Ortega, Lina(D)	Relating to requiring a national instant criminal background check in connection with private firearm transfers.
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 145	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)	Relating to removing the waiting period for unemployment benefit eligibility.
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 157	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)	Relating to requirements regarding an employee's normal weekly hours of work under the shared work unemployment compensation program.
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 167	Ortega, Lina(D)	Relating to common and public nuisances.
	Remarks:	TORT LIABILITY. HB 167 by Ortega: Adds §125.0451, CPRC, to authorize a trial court to issue a temporary restraining order without a formal hearing in a suit for common or public nuisance if the person seeking the TRO shows in an ex parte hearing that the place is maintained in a manner that is or is about to become a common nuisance.
	Bill History:	11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 173	Rosenthal, Jon(D)	Relating to civil liability for discriminatory false reports to law enforcement agencies or emergency service providers.
	Remarks:	CIVIL RIGHTS. Adds Chapter 100B, Civil Practice & Remedies Code, to impose liability of up to \$250 on a person who makes a false report to a law enforcement agent or emergency services

provider if the report submitted was due to bias or prejudice on account of the falsely accused person's race, color, disability, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Awards a falsely accused person attorney's fees and costs if the person prevails in an action under this section.

Bill History: 01-12-21 H Filed

A HB 188

Bernal, Diego(D)

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Companions: **SB 233** Whitmire, John (Identical)
12- 7-20 S Filed

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY, CIVIL RIGHTS. HB 188 by Bernal/SB 233 by Whitmire: Adds Chapter 100B, CPRC, to create a civil action against a person who commits a discriminatory practice based on the claimant's gender identity or expression. An aggrieved person may bring an action in district court not later than two years after the date of the occurrence of the termination of an alleged discriminatory practice. "Discriminatory practice" occurs if a person denies, on the basis of another person's gender identity or expression, full and equal accommodation in any place of public accommodation (unless the same treatment applies to everyone) or otherwise discriminates against the person based on gender identity or expression. Does not apply to a religious organization. If the court finds that the defendant has committed a discriminatory practice, it may award actual and punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and injunctive relief. The bill further requires state agencies to prohibit state contractors from discriminating against a person based on the person's gender identity or expression. Establishes a complaint mechanism and administrative penalties for violations. The bill further makes a discriminatory practice based on gender identity or expression an unlawful employment practice under Chapter 21, Labor Code. Finally, the bill makes a number of conforming changes to add discrimination based on gender identity or expression to other anti-discrimination statutes, primarily in the Property Code.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 190

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain criminal offenses involving wage theft.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 191

Bernal, Diego(D)

Relating to the prohibition of housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression and to the enforcement of that prohibition.

Companions: **HB 188** Bernal, Diego (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: Civil Rights: Prohibits housing discrimination based on a person's gender identity or expression or sexual orientation.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 213

Bernal, Diego(D)

Relating to limiting the locations where a person may carry a firearm other than a handgun.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 224 Ortega, Lina(D) Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage.

Companions: HB 328 Ortega, Lina (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 161 Rodriguez, Jose (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 389 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical)
1-22-21 S Filed

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 228 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the use of an electronic recording device to report proceedings before certain courts.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. HB 228 by Murr. Allows a county commissioners court to exempt a court from the requirement to appoint an official court reporter by authorizing an electronic recording device to report the court's proceedings. The judge of a statutory county court or county court may claim the exemption and provide for proceedings to be recorded using a good quality recording device. Further allows the commissioners courts within a judicial district to agree to authorize the same for a district court. Provides for the preparation of a transcript and establishment of fees for transcription and delivery of the record. Does not affect a person's rights under other law to request a court reporter.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 232 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the placement on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision, of a defendant who is the primary caretaker of a child.

Companions: HB 1389 Thompson, Senfronia (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 236 Bernal, Diego(D) Relating to the notice given by a property owner prohibiting a handgun license holder from carrying a handgun on certain property.

Companions: HB 172 Bernal, Diego (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 242 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to require water pollution abatement plans from certain facilities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Companions: HB 3320 Zwiener, Erin (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 243 Meza, Terry(D) Relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to death benefits paid under the workers' compensation system.

Companions: HB 1305 Meza, Terry (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 247	Meza, Terry(D)	Relating to employment leave for certain family or medical obligations.
		Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 255	Meza, Terry(D)	Relating to adjusting the minimum wage annually based on the consumer price index.
		Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 260	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to an exemption from civil liability for certain professionals for the disclosure of certain mental health information.
		Companions: HB 461 Thompson, Senfronia (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 273	Canales, Terry(D)	Relating to the establishment of a pilot program for the issuance of digital identification.
		Companions: HB 181 Canales, Terry (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 991 Menendez, Jose (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 310	Vasut, Cody (F)(R)	Relating to the inclusion of instruction regarding the beginning of human life in the health curriculum for public school students.
		Remarks: WORKERS COMP. HB 310 by Springer: Creates a presumption that a firefighter, peace officer, or EMT contracted a disease that is the basis of a gubernatorial disaster declaration contracted the disease during the course and scope of employment. Creates an assumption that such a disease is a line-of-duty disease.
		Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed
A HB 311	Vasut, Cody (F)(R)	Relating to the declaration and length of a state of disaster or public health disaster.
		Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed
A HB 318	VanDeaver, Gary(R)	Relating to the prohibition of certain employment discrimination regarding an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder.
		Companions: HB 2348 King, Tracy (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 318 by VanDeaver: Prohibits employment discrimination against an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder for an emergency service organization. .
		Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed
A HB 339	King, Phil(R)	Relating to the composition of the court of appeals districts.
		Companions: SB 11 Huffman, Joan (Identical) 1-12-21 S Filed
		Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. Shell bill for redistricting the courts of appeals districts.
		Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 340

Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to the governor's power to control the sale, dispensing, transportation, storage, and use of alcoholic beverages, ammunition, explosives, combustibles, and weapons during a declared state of disaster or stat

Companions: **HB 629** White, James (Identical)
11-23-20 H Filed
HB 1690 Tinderholt, Tony (Identical)
2- 8-21 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 340 by Cain/HB 629 by White/HJR 40 by White/HB 1690 by Tinderholt: Amends §433.002, Government Code, to eliminate the governor's authority to issue a directive pursuant to a declared emergency that controls the sale, transportation, or use of alcoholic beverages, weapons, ammunition, explosives, or flammable materials considered dangerous to public safety.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 348

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.

Companions: **HB 245** Farrar, Jessica (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 359

Geren, Charlie(R)

Relating to recovery under uninsured or underinsured motorist insurance coverage.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 359 by Geren: Overrules the Brainard decision. Provides that an insured may provide notice of a claim for uninsured or underinsured coverage by giving written notification to the insurer that reasonably informs the insurer of the facts of the claim. Provides that a judgment or legal determination of the other motorist's liability or the extent of the insured's damages is not a prerequisite to recovery in an action under §541.151, Insurance Code, for a violation of §541.060. Provides that the insured's only extra-contractual cause of action with respect to a UM or UIM claim is provided by §541,151 for damages under §541.152 for a violation of §541.060.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 360

Sherman, Carl(D)

Relating to a prohibition on certain discrimination in employment compensation.

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 360 by Sherman: Adds Chapter 24, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to inquire into or consider an applicant's wage history information in hiring, unless the employee voluntarily discloses the information. Makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to rely on an applicant's or employee's wage history for hiring, compensation, or promotion. Prohibits retaliation against a person who takes action on a violation of this chapter. Enforcement is by civil lawsuit in district court. Authorizes injunctive relief, damages, and reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 365

Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the limitation of liability for farm animal activities.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 365 by Murr: Limits civil liability for negligence of a farm animal activity sponsor, farm animal professional, farm owner or lessee livestock producer, livestock show participant, livestock show sponsor, or other persons arising from property damage, death, or injury resulting from dangers or conditions that are an inherent risk of farm animals or farm animal activities.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 383 Pacheco, Leo(D) Relating to the minimum wage.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 392 Bowers, Rhetta(D) Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race.

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 38 by Reynolds/HB 392 by Bowers/SB 77 by Miles: Adds §21.0195, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, labor union, or employment agency to adopts or enforces a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hair style commonly or historically associated with race.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 396 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the eligibility of nurses for workers' compensation benefits for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and payment of those benefits.

Companions: SB 433 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
1-25-21 S Filed
SB 439 Blanco, Cesar (F) (Identical)
1-26-21 S Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 396 by Moody/SB 439 by Blanco/SB 433 by Zaffirini: Adds §408.009, Government Code, to create a presumption that a licensed nurse who contracted COVID-19 on or after February 1, 2020 contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment if: (1) the nurse was assigned to treat a patient with the disease or to duties in which the nurse was required to come into contact with patients with the disease; and (2) the nurse contracted the disease during the patient's admission to a health care facility or not later than 14 days after the patient's discharge from the facility.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 401 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to the requirement that certain employers provide advance notice of employee work schedules.

Companions: HB 640 Hernandez, Ana (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 405 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Companions: HB 399 Hernandez, Ana (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 57 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
11- 9-20 S Filed

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 405 by Hernandez/SB 57 by Zaffirini: Extends the deadline for filing a wage claim with the Texas Work Force Commission from 180 days to the first anniversary date of the date the wages became due for payment.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 419 Sherman, Carl(D) Relating to certain unlawful employment practices regarding compensation.

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 419 by Sherman: Adds Chapter 24, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to inquire into or consider an applicant's wage history information in hiring, unless the employee voluntarily discloses the information. Prohibits retaliation against a person who takes action on a violation of this chapter. Enforcement is by complaint under Chapter 21, Labor Code.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A HB 429 King, Ken(R) Relating to the coverage of damage from tornadoes and wildfires by the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 429 by K. King: Expands the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association to cover tornado insurance and wildfire insurance.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

A HB 431 King, Ken(R) Relating to the regulation of property and casualty insurance rates in certain areas after a disaster declaration.

Companions: HB 668 King, Ken (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 431 by K. King: Prohibits an insurer from considering loss and expense experience caused by a disaster declared by the governor to set rates outside the designated area of the disaster.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

A HB 448 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to the right of property owners to file complaints against certain entities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding alleged misconduct by the entities while exercising eminent domain authority.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

A HB 452 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

A HB 455 Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to inquiries about and the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for employment.

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 455 by Deshotel: Except as otherwise required by law, prohibits an employer from including a question regarding an applicant's criminal history information on an initial employment application form. Allows the employer to inquire after determining that the applicant is otherwise qualified for

employment and has either offered employment or invited the applicant for an interview.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

 HB 459

Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to a limitation on civil suits against persons reporting suspicious activity in good faith.

Companions: [HB 439](#) Shaheen, Matt (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 459 by Shaheen: Bars filing a civil action against a person based on reporting of suspicious activity if the person acted as a reasonable person would in the same or similar circumstances or in reasonable belief that the activity constituted or was in furtherance of a crime.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

 HB 488

Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to requirements for a juvenile's appearance in a judicial proceeding.

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. HB 488 by Wu. Relating to the right of property owners to file complaints against certain entities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding alleged misconduct by the entities while exercising eminent domain authority.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

 HB 501

Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to liability limits in a health care liability claim.

Remarks: MEDICAL LIABILITY. HB 501 by Wu: Amends §§74.301 and 74.302, CPRC, to index the caps on noneconomic damages and the amounts of required financial responsibility in health care liability claims.

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

 HB 503

Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to the civil prosecution of offenses involving certain municipal parking ordinances.

Companions: [HB 1363](#) Wu, Gene (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-10-20 H Filed

 HB 549

Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to an exemption from civil liability for certain professionals for the disclosure of certain mental health information.

Remarks: PROCEDURE/DISCOVERY/PRIVILEGES. HB 549 by S. Thompson: Authorizes a professional to disclose a patient's confidential information to mental health personnel (in addition to medical personnel or law enforcement) if the professional determines that there is a probability of imminent physical injury by the patient to the patient or another person or there is a probability of immediate mental or emotional injury to the patient. No cause of action exists against a person for disclosing confidential information under these circumstance.

Bill History: 11-12-20 H Filed

 HB 552

Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to the inclusion of diminished value in the minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage requirement.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 552 by E. Thompson: Effective January 1, 2022, requires minimum amounts of motor vehicle liability coverage to cover diminution of value as the result of an accident.

Bill History: 11-12-20 H Filed

A HB 580 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to requiring a consumer warning upon sale of certain household plants that are hazardous when ingested by canines.

Companions: HB 4547 Wray, John (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-16-20 H Filed

A HB 610 Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to judicial review of certain local laws applicable to state license holders.

Bill History: 11-19-20 H Filed

A HB 614 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to a cause of action for deprivation of certain rights, privileges, or immunities under color of law.

Bill History: 11-20-20 H Filed

A HB 621 Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to payment of health benefit claims in coordination with third-party liability insurance.

Companions: HB 3064 Johnson, Julie (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-20-20 H Filed

A HB 629 White, James(R) Relating to the governor's power to control the sale, dispensing, transportation, storage, and use of alcoholic beverages, ammunition, explosives, combustibles, and weapons during a declared state of disaster or stat

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Bill History: 11-23-20 H Filed

A HB 634 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) Relating to the type of newspaper required for the publication of notices by governmental entities or representatives in certain counties.

Bill History: 11-23-20 H Filed

A HB 637 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.

Companions: HB 1498 Martinez, Armando (Identical)
2- 1-21 H Filed

[SB 107](#) Powell, Beverly (Identical)
11- 9-20 S Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 637 by Canales/HB 1498 by Martinez/SB 107 by Powell: Adds §607.0545, Government Code, to create a presumption that a detention officer, firefighter, peace officer, or EMT who contracts a disease that is the basis of a gubernatorial emergency declaration contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment. Also applies to a line of duty injury under Subchapter B, Chapter 615, Government Code.

Bill History: 11-24-20 H Filed

[HB 654](#) Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to the rule against perpetuities.

Companions: [HB 3744](#) Burrows, Dustin (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-24-20 H Filed

[HB 655](#) Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to a study on a statewide disaster alert system and implementation of that system.

Bill History: 11-24-20 H Filed

[HB 665](#) Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during certain periods of disaster.

Companions: [SB 525](#) Buckingham, Dawn (Identical)
1-29-21 S Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 665 by Landgraf: Amends §2001.034, Government Code, to limit the duration of an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during a declared emergency. Provides that an emergency rule adopted during an emergency in which at least 75% of the state's counties have been declared to be in a state of disaster or emergency by the governor is effective for 30 days. An emergency rule may be extended for up to 60 days with approval by a majority vote of a joint hearing of the House and Senate standing committees with primary jurisdiction over the agency seeking to renew the rule.

Bill History: 11-30-20 H Filed

[HB 666](#) Harris, Cody(R) Relating to the regulation of groundwater conservation districts.

Companions: [HB 668](#) Harris, Cody (Identical)
11-30-20 H Filed
[SB 152](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)
11-10-20 S Filed

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11-10-20 S Filed

Bill History: 11-30-20 H Filed

A HB 671 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to establishment of the disaster identification system for a declared state of disaster.

Companions: SB 328 Lucio, Eddie (Identical)
1-12-21 S Filed

Bill History: 11-30-20 H Filed

A HB 695 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the establishment of a public law school in the Rio Grande Valley.

Companions: HB 103 Martinez, Armando (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 12-02-20 H Filed

A HB 698 Rosenthal, Jon(D) Relating to a prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of reproductive decisions and certain employment agreements limiting reproductive decisions.

Companions: HB 1478 Rosenthal, Jon (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 578 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical)
2- 3-21 S Filed

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 698 by Rosenthal/SB 578 by Eckhardt: Adds §21.1068, Labor Code, to define employment discrimination to include discrimination on the basis of an employee's marital status at the time of a pregnancy, the use of assisted reproduction to become pregnant, the use of contraception or a specific form of contraception, or the use of any other health care drug, device, or service related to reproductive health. Covers discrimination because of a reproductive decision of the employee, the employee's spouse or partner, the employee's dependent, or any other member of the employee's family or household. Bars mandatory arbitration agreements to the extent the agreement limits the reproductive decisions of the employee or the other covered persons.

Bill History: 12-02-20 H Filed

A HB 731 Gonzalez, Jessica(D) Relating to the minimum wage.

Companions: HB 194 Reynolds, Ron (Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 3273 Gonzalez, Jessica (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 60 Reynolds, Ron (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Bill History: 12-03-20 H Filed

A HB 762 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to civil liability for removing certain individuals or animals from a motor vehicle.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 762 by Israel: Amends Chapter 92A, CPRC, to apply the same liability standard for removal of a domestic animal from a locked motor vehicle as currently applies to the removal of a vulnerable individual.

Bill History: 12-08-20 H Filed

A HB 776 Walle, Armando(D) Relating to required provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees of building and construction contractors and subcontractors.

Companions: SB 305 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical)

1-11-21 S Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP. HB 776 by Walle/SB 305 by Eckhardt: Requires building contractors and subcontractors to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees.

Bill History: 12-09-20 H Filed

 HB 778

Lozano, Jose(R)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions: [HB 2129](#) Murphy, Jim (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 1502](#) Deshotel, Joe (Identical)
2- 1-21 H Filed
[SB 144](#) Powell, Beverly (Identical)
11- 9-20 S Filed

Bill History: 12-09-20 H Filed

 HB 804

Johnson, Julie(D)

Relating to an offset for amounts paid under an automobile insurance policy's personal injury protection coverage against a liability claim.

Companions: [HB 2371](#) Johnson, Julie (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 804 by J. Johnson: Amends §1952.159, Insurance Code, to disallow an offset, credit, or deduction if the insurer has not paid, in relation to the accident, the full amount of the applicable liability policy limit under the owner's or operator's policy.

Bill History: 12-11-20 H Filed

 HB 848

Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to distinctive packaging for opioid drugs.

Companions: [HB 536](#) Thierry, Shawn (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: PRODUCT LIABILITY. HB 848 by Thierry: Prohibits a pharmacist from dispensing or delivering an opioid if not packaged in the manner prescribed by the Board of Pharmacy. Requires the Board to adopt a rule mandating that the bottle or container have a distinctive red top or label.

Bill History: 12-16-20 H Filed

 HB 849

Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to an acknowledgment on receipt of an opioid prescription drug.

Remarks: PRODUCT LIABILITY. HB 849 by Thierry: Prohibits a pharmacist from dispensing or delivering an opioid unless the person taking possession of the opioid signs an acknowledgement of the risks in the manner prescribed by the Board of Pharmacy. The pharmacist must retain the signed acknowledgment on file. Requires the Board to adopt a rule prescribing the form of acknowledgement

Bill History: 12-16-20 H Filed

 HB 850

Cook, David (F)(R)

Relating to the issuance of a protective order by default.

Bill History: 12-16-20 H Filed

A HB 854 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to the punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.

Companions: HB 2352 Burns, DeWayne (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 12-16-20 H Filed

A HB 860 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to changes to an application for an environmental permit before a contested case hearing on the application.

Companions: HB 1006 Collier, Nicole (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 12-17-20 H Filed

A HB 863 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to the prevailing wage for work associated with public work contracts.

Companions: HB 28 Romero, Ramon (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 1917 Alvarado, Carol (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 12-17-20 H Filed

A HB 876 Craddick, Tom(R) Relating to fees charged by certain persons for the method used for payments made under an agreement.

Bill History: 12-18-20 H Filed

A HB 888 Patterson, Jared(R) Relating to regulation of contact tracing for communicable diseases.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 888 by Patterson: Authorizes the Department of Health Services or a health authority to conduct contact tracing only in accordance with the regulatory requirements established by this bill. Requires the executive commissioner to adopt rules for mandatory training of conduct tracers. Restricts the disclosure and use of contact data. Bars the department or a health authority from requiring a person to participate in contact tracing and immunizes a non-participant from civil and criminal liability. Bars a contact tracer from obtaining any information from a third party without the participant's consent. Provides that a contact tracer is a public employee for purposes of the Tort Claims Act. Provides for injunctive relief and criminal penalties for violations.

Bill History: 12-21-20 H Filed

A HB 889 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Companions: HB 1280 Allen, Alma (Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 1310 Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 12-21-20 H Filed

A HB 899 Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to prohibiting a licensing authority from taking disciplinary action against certain license holders for violating an emergency management plan or a rule, order, or ordinance issued under the plan.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 899 by Middleton: Prohibits a licensing agency from revoking, suspending, refusing to renew a license, reprimanding a license holder, or take any other disciplinary action against a license holder based on the license holder's

failure to comply with a state, local, or interjurisdictional emergency management plan or rule, or ordinance adopted under the plan.

Bill History: 12-22-20 H Filed

 HB 900

Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to the liability of a landlord for damages resulting from the execution of a writ of possession in an eviction suit.

Remarks: LANDLORD-TENANT, PANDEMIC. HB 900 by Huberty: Adds §24.0061(i), Property Code, to exempt a landlord from liability for damages to a tenant resulting from the execution of a writ of possession.

Bill History: 12-22-20 H Filed

 HB 901

Burns, DeWayne(R)

Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. by Burns. HB 901 Landowners bill, HB 902 CCI bill. ([Link](#))

Bill History: 12-22-20 H Filed

 HB 902

Burns, DeWayne(R)

Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. by Burns. HB 901 Landowners bill, HB 902 CCI bill. ([Link](#))

Bill History: 12-22-20 H Filed

 HB 903

Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to the settlement of certain claims on behalf of a minor.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 903 by Oliverson: Adds Chapter 150D, CPRC, governing the settlement of claims involving minors. The bill: • Authorizes a legal custodian of a minor to enter into a settlement agreement with a person against whom the minor has a claim if a guardian/guardian ad litem has not been appointed, the total amount of the claim (excluding medical expenses, liens, and attorney's fees/costs) is \$25,000 or less if paid in cash or by the payment of a premium to purchase an annuity, and the legal custodian makes an affidavit stating that the custodian has made a reasonable inquiry and verifies that the minor will be fully compensated by the settlement or there is no practical way to obtain additional amounts from the settling party. • If the minor or settling party is represented by counsel, requires the cash payment to be paid into the attorney's trust account and then into a federally insured interest-bearing account in the sole name of the minor opened by the legal custodian. • If no attorney is involved, the cash must be paid directly into a federally insured interest-bearing account in the sole name of the minor opened by the legal custodian (also has a procedure for payment if the minor is under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services). • If the payment is for purchase of an annuity, it must be paid by direct payment to the annuity provider with the minor as sole beneficiary. • Withdrawal from the account can only be made pursuant to court order, when the minor turns 18, or upon the minor's death. • Makes the signature of the legal custodian on the settlement binding without further court approval or review. • Provides liability immunity for the legal custodian and settling party if the claim was settled in good faith.

Bill History: 12-22-20 H Filed

A HB 905 Krause, Matt(R) Relating to the compensation of certain public officials who restrict or prohibit regular business operations under a declaration of disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 905 by Krause: Cuts the annual compensation of the governor, the presiding officer of a city or county, and the chief administrative officer of a joint board who declares a state of disaster that restricts or prohibits the regular business operations of a private business (unless the disaster requires the evacuation of a substantial part of the population of the affected area).

Bill History: 12-23-20 H Filed

A HB 906 Krause, Matt(R) Relating to a prohibition on orders issued during a declared state of disaster that distinguish between essential and nonessential services.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 906 by Krause: Prohibits the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision from issuing an order during a declared disaster restricting the activities of an individual or operations of a business or industry that distinguishes between essential and nonessential services.

Bill History: 12-23-20 H Filed

A HB 915 Krause, Matt(R) Relating to exempting the intrastate manufacture of a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition from federal regulation.

Companions: HB 227 Krause, Matt (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 542 Springer, Drew (F) (Identical)
2- 1-21 S Filed

Bill History: 12-29-20 H Filed

A HB 919 Leman, Ben(R) Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.

Companions: SB 499 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)
1-28-21 S Filed

Bill History: 12-30-20 H Filed

A HB 960 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to the location of certain public meetings for certain permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Bill History: 01-04-21 H Filed

A HB 965 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction contracts entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions.

Companions: SB 338 Powell, Beverly (Identical)
1-13-21 S Filed

Bill History: 01-05-21 H Filed

 HB 966	Burns, DeWayne(R)	Relating to the award of attorney's fees and other costs in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.
	Bill History:	01-05-21 H Filed
 HB 968	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to public comments on matters subject to a hearing under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
	Companions:	HB 1804 Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Bill History:	01-05-21 H Filed
 HB 969	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.
	Companions:	HB 654 Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 573 Miles, Borris (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Remarks:	CONTESTED CASE. HB 969 by Dutton. Provides that legislator of an affected district is considered an "affected person" for purposes of this statute.
	Bill History:	01-05-21 H Filed
 HB 975	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to the notice of intent to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
	Bill History:	01-05-21 H Filed
 HB 976	Price, Four(R)	Relating to the appointment of a judge or magistrate to preside over a regional specialty court program and the authority of that judge or magistrate in cases referred to the program.
	Bill History:	01-05-21 H Filed
 HB 1025	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to the reapportionment of state legislative, congressional, and judicial districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Redistricting Commission.
	Companions:	HB 312 Howard, Donna (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Bill History:	01-08-21 H Filed
 HB 1041	Anchia, Rafael(D)	Relating to the acceptance of political contributions by a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas and of political contributions made in connection with the office of railroad commissioner.
	Companions:	HB 859 Anchia, Rafael (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Bill History:	01-11-21 H Filed
 HB 1043	Anchia, Rafael(D)	Relating to the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for violating certain statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted.
	Companions:	HB 860 Anchia, Rafael (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Bill History:	01-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1044 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to establishing the Texas Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of climate change in this state.

Companions: HB 928 Anchia, Rafael (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 01-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1078 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to liability arising from farm animal activities.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1078 by Landgraf: Amends Chapter 87, CPRC, regarding liability arising from farm animal activities. • Adds to the definitions "engages in farm animal activities" and "farm animal activities" breeding, feeding, or working farm animals as a vocation; • Adds to the definition of "participant (in farm animal activities)" a person who engages in the activity within the scope of the person's employment as a farm or ranch employee or as an independent contractor engaged by a farm or ranch owner or operator; • Includes in the limitation of liability a farm or ranch owner or operator.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed

A HB 1089 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the liability of governmental units under the Texas Tort Claims Act.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1089 by Reynolds: Amends the Tort Claims Act (Chapter 101, CPRC) to hold a local governmental entity liable for personal injury, death, or property damage proximately caused by the wrongful act or omission or negligence of an employee acting within the course and scope of employment if: (1) the employee is a county jailer, peace officer, public security officer, reserve law enforcement officer, telecommunicator, or school marshal; and (2) the employee would be personally liable to the claimant under Texas law. Raises the damages cap for all local governmental units (cities already have the higher caps) from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for money damages for each person, and from \$300,000 to \$500,000 for each single occurrence for bodily injury or death. Authorizes exemplary damages against a local governmental entity found liable under these provisions. Excludes from the definition of governmental functions exempt from liability: (1) a negligent act or omission committed during an emergency response or reacting to an emergency situation; and (2) a negligent failure to provide or method of providing police or fire protection, or if such failure was consciously indifferent or committed with reckless disregard. Eliminates the exemption from liability based on a claim for injury or death connected with an act or omission arising from civil disobedience, riot, insurrection, or rebellion. Allows a claimant to discover the existence and amount of insurance held by the governmental unit.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed

A HB 1110 Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to payment of the replacement cost of damaged property under a residential property insurance policy.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 1110 by J. Johnson: Adds §2002.007, Insurance Code, to require a residential property insurance policy that includes replacement cost coverage to provide that in a valid claim for damage to the insured property, the policy will pay full replacement cost regardless of whether the policyholder has repaired or replaced the property.

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

A HB 1111 Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to prohibition of certain insurance discrimination.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 1111 by J. Johnson: Amends §554.002, Insurance Code, to prohibit an insurer from discriminating against an individual based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

A HB 1118 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.

Companions: SB 345 Paxton, Angela (Identical)
1-14-21 S Filed

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

A HB 1128 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to persons permitted to be in a polling place or a place where ballots are being counted.

Companions: SB 605 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)
2- 5-21 S Filed

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

A HB 1129 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to false, misleading, or deceptive advertising made in connection with a reverse mortgage loan agreement.

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

A HB 1130 White, James(R) Relating to recovery in a civil action of damages attributable to excavation activities.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1130 by White: Adds 251.204, Utilities Code, to authorize an operator of an underground facility or an excavator to bring a civil action to enforce statutory provisions requiring an excavator to provide notice of excavation and an operator to mark the location of a facility at or near the excavation site. Authorizes a substantially prevailing party to recover attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses incurred in the action. Venue for an action is in the county where all or part of the alleged violation occurred, the defendant's principal place of business, or the defendant's residence in this state.

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

A HB 1131 Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to certain insurance practices with respect to repair of motor vehicles.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 1131 by Clardy: Amends §1952.301, Insurance Code, to prohibit an insurer from (1) requiring that a vehicle be repaired with a part or product on the basis that it is the least expensive available, or (2) that the beneficiary of the policy purchase a part of product from any vendor or supplier on the basis that it is the least expensive available. Further prohibits an insurer from considering any part of product of like kind and quality as an original equipment manufacturer of a part or product for any purpose unless the insurer or manufacturer has conclusively demonstrated that the part or product (1) meets the original manufacturer's fit, finish, and quality criteria, (2) is the same weight or metal hardness of the original manufacturer's

part or product, and (3) has been tested using the same crash and safety test criteria as the original manufacturer's part of product. Further prohibits an employee or agent of an insurer or adjuster from (1) limiting the beneficiary's selection of a repair person or facility in order to obtain repair with any out-of-pocket costs other than the deductible, (2) intimidating, coercing, or threatening the beneficiary to use a certain repair person or facility, or (3) offering an incentive or inducement to the beneficiary for using a certain repair person or facility, other than a warranty issued by the repair person or facility. Extends the same prohibitions to claims for property damage of a vehicle to third party claims and broadens the applicability to agents and employees of the insurer, an adjuster, or an entity that employs an adjuster. Amends §1952.302, Insurance Code, to prohibit an insurer, employee or agent of an insurer, adjuster, or entity that employs and adjuster from (1) restricting a beneficiary to travel at a distance considered inconvenient by the beneficiary to obtain repairs (current standard is "unreasonable"), (2) offering, communicating, or suggesting in any manner that a particular repair person or facility will provide faster repair times, faster service, or faster and more efficient claims handling, or (3) disregarding a repair operation or cost identified by an estimating system, including the system's procedural pages and any repair, process, or procedure recommended by the original manufacturer.

Bill History: 01-14-21 H Filed

 HB 1137

Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to limiting the assessment of certain fees and taxes during a declared state of disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1137 by Cain: Adds §418.0125, Government Code, to prohibit the assessment of a tax or fee, including a licensing fee, on a business whose operations are restricted by a gubernatorial order, proclamation, or regulation.

Bill History: 01-15-21 H Filed

 HB 1139

Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to the statute of limitations for certain offenses committed against children.

Bill History: 01-15-21 H Filed

 HB 1145

Johnson, Julie(D)

Relating to utilization review requirements for a health care service provided by a network physician or provider.

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 1145 by J. Johnson: Adds §843.355, Insurance Code, to prohibit an HMO from requiring utilization review, including a preauthorization determination that a health care service is medically necessary or appropriate, of a service provided to an enrollee by a participating physician or provider. Adds §1301.1345, Insurance Code, to prohibit a health insurer from requiring utilization review of a medical care or health care service provided to an insured by preferred physician or provider. Makes conforming changes to limit preauthorization to services provided by a nonpreferred physician or provider.

Bill History: 01-15-21 H Filed

 HB 1159

Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the maximum judgment amount awarded by a justice court in certain civil cases regarding the repair of residential rental property.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. HB 1159 by Murr: Amends §92.0563, Property Code, to increase the amount a justice court may award a tenant for damages for the landlord's refusal to make repairs from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Bill History: 01-15-21 H Filed

A HB 1162 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Companions: [HB 2437](#) Murr, Andrew (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. HB 1162 by Murr: Amends §38.001, CPRC, to require a party to prevail in order to recover attorney's fees for the enumerated actions.

Bill History: 01-15-21 H Filed

A HB 1177 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to a prohibition on the imposition of court costs and filing, reimbursement, or other fees on certain indigent defendants and plaintiffs.

Bill History: 01-19-21 H Filed

A HB 1221 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to communicable disease and infection prevention and control measures for certain long-term care facilities.

Remarks: MEDICAL LIABILITY. HB 1221 by Campos: Requires long-term care facilities to designate a quality assessment and assurance committee to approve and monitor the facility's infection prevention and control program. Requires a facility to designate a primary and secondary infection preventionist with specialized training. The preventionist has a number of duties involving the investigation and evaluation of a disease outbreak; notification of local health authorities and staff, residents, and resident representatives within 12 hours of the verification of an infectious disease at the facility; implementation of enumerated control and prevention measures; monitoring of all treatment provided to a resident or staff member exposed to and as a result of the exposure infected with a disease at the facility; and report to the executive commissioner or local health authority accurate information regarding the number of cases at the facility. Imposes administrative penalties for violations.

Bill History: 01-20-21 H Filed

A HB 1234 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the duties of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1234 by Campos: Expands the scope of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response to cover COVID-19. Expands the advisory duties of the Task Force to include the Lt. Governor and Speaker (current panel reports only to the Governor). Requires the Task Force to submit a written report by the second anniversary date of a declaration of a public health disaster to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and members of the Legislature assessing the state's preparedness and response and making recommendations.

Bill History: 01-21-21 H Filed

A HB 1239 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to prohibited suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and prohibited closure of places of worship.

Companions: SB 251 Paxton, Angela (Identical)
12-18-20 S Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1239 by Sanford/SB 251 by Paxton: Prohibits a governmental authority or public official from issuing an order during a declared emergency that has the effect of closing places of worship.

Bill History: 01-21-21 H Filed

A HB 1255 Allison, Steve(R) Relating to the regulation of, and taxes imposed on the sale or use of, cigarettes, tobacco products, and e-cigarettes.

Companions: HB 1523 Thierry, Shawn (Identical)
2- 2-21 H Filed

SB 216 Johnson, Nathan (Identical)
11-23-20 S Filed

Bill History: 01-21-21 H Filed

A HB 1267 Walle, Armando(D) Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Companions: HB 999 Collier, Nicole (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 01-21-21 H Filed

A HB 1292 Sherman, Carl(D) Relating to the establishment of the Texas Pay Equity Task Force.

Bill History: 01-22-21 H Filed

A HB 1322 Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to a summary of a rule proposed by a state agency.

Bill History: 01-25-21 H Filed

A HB 1327 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the enforceability of covenants not to compete against certain discharged employees.

Bill History: 01-25-21 H Filed

A HB 1330 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the consideration by employers of the consumer credit reports of employees and applicants for employment.

Companions: HB 144 Canales, Terry (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 1330 by Canales. Prohibits an employer from taking an adverse employment action against an employee based on the employee's credit report unless the employer gives the employee a copy of the report and written instructions regarding how the employee or applicant may address the information in the report.

Bill History: 01-25-21 H Filed

A HB 1339 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to benefit review conferences and certain required reports under the Texas workers' compensation system.

Bill History: 01-25-21 H Filed

A HB 1354 White, James(R) Relating to members of the clergy who are employed or voluntarily enter inpatient health care facilities to minister during a state of disaster, emergency, or epidemic.

Companions: SB 572 Springer, Drew (F) (Identical)
2- 2-21 S Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 572 by Springer/HB 1354 by White: Directs the executive commissioner of HHSC to adopt rules to require inpatient health care facilities to allow members of the clergy to visit patients or residents during a public health emergency whenever requested by a patient or resident.

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed

A HB 1358 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. HB 1358 by Vasut: Amends §38.001, CPRC, to expand the persons from whom attorney's fees may be recovered in the enumerated actions to include a (business) organization as defined by §1.002, Business Organization Code, the state, or an agency or institution of the state.

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed

A HB 1365 Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to the procedure for transferring certain cases and proceedings between courts.

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed

A HB 1379 Patterson, Jared(R) Relating to required notice prohibiting firearms at certain businesses selling or serving alcoholic beverages and the prohibition on carrying certain weapons on those premises.

Companions: SB 549 Springer, Drew (F) (Identical)
2- 1-21 S Filed

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed

A HB 1406 Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to judicial review of certain orders regarding a declared state of disaster or public health disaster or issued to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1406 by Schaefer: Grants standing to a person to file suit in state court challenging a provision of an order issued by the governor or the presiding officer of a political subdivision that relates to a declared state of disaster if the provision is alleged to cause injury to the person or burden a right of the person that is protected by the state or federal constitution or by a state or federal law. Shifts the burden of proof to the issuer of the order to show that the challenged provision mitigates the threat to the public caused by the disaster and is the least restrictive means of mitigating the threat. Grants the same standing to challenge a provision of an order issued by the governor, the commissioner of health, the Department of Health Services, or a health authority.

Bill History: 01-27-21 H Filed

A HB 1409 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the distribution of emergency health resources by the state.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1409 by Guillen: Requires the state to proportionally distribute a pandemic vaccine to designated

providers in each county based on the county's population, the percentage of the county currently infected compared to the total state population currently infected, and the percentage of the county population who has died compared to the total state population who has died. If the state has a limited vaccine supply, it shall distribute the vaccine proportionally based on the county population, the percentage of the county population receiving priority designation compared to the percentage of the state population receiving priority designation, the percentage of the county currently infected compared to the total state population currently infected, and the percentage of the county population who has died compared to the total state population who has died. Requires the state to proportionally distribute in the same manner PPE, sanitation equipment, or any other public or private resources designated for responding to a pandemic.

Bill History: 01-27-21 H Filed

 HB 1418

Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to civil liability and responsibility for the consequences of defects in the plans, specifications, or related documents for the construction or repair of an improvement to real property.

Companions: [SB 219](#) Hughes, Bryan (Identical)
11-30-20 S Filed

Remarks: CONSTRUCTION LAW. SB 219 by Hughes/HB 1418 by Leach: Provides that a contractor is not civilly liable or otherwise responsible for for the consequences of defects in and may not warranty the adequacy, sufficiency, or suitability of plans, specifications, or other design or bid documents provided to the contractor by the person with whom the contractor entered into the contract or another person on behalf of the person with whom the contractor entered into the contract. Prohibits waiver of this provision. Exempts a contract entered into by a person for the construction or repair of a critical infrastructure facility owned or operated by the person or any improvement to real property owned or operated by the person that is necessary to the critical infrastructure facility. "Critical infrastructure" has the meaning assigned by §423.0045, Government Code. Adds §2254.0041, Government Code, to prohibit a governmental entity, in contract for architectural or engineering services, from requiring a licensed engineer or registered architect to perform services at a level beyond the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license.

Bill History: 01-27-21 H Filed

 HB 1428

Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to procurement by a political subdivision of a contingent fee contract for legal services.

Companions: [SB 515](#) Huffman, Joan (Identical)
1-28-21 S Filed

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. HB 1428 by Huberty/SB 515 by Huffman: Amends §2254.102(e) Government Code, which limits the ability of the state or state agency to enter into a contingency fee contract for legal services, to exempt contracts to collect a delinquent obligation to the state agency or for services on behalf of an issuer of a public security.

Bill History: 01-27-21 H Filed

HB 1478

Cyrier, John(R)

Relating to liability of a recreational vehicle park or campground entity for injuries arising from certain activities.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1478 by Cyrier: Adds Chapter 75B, CPRC, to limit the liability of a recreational vehicle park or campground for personal injury, death, or property damage of a participant in park or campground activities if the park posts a warning sign as prescribed by the statute. Does not limit liability if the park or campground's negligence evidences disregard for the participant's safety, the park or campground had actual knowledge of or reasonably should have known of a dangerous condition on the land, facilities, or equipment of the park or campground, failed to train or improperly trained an employee involved in the activity, or acted intentionally..

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed

HB 1480

Cyrier, John(R)

Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities.

Companions: SB 472 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)
1-27-21 S Filed

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed

HB 1491

Dean, Jay(R)

Relating to the liability of a rural or community hospital for a health care liability claim.

Companions: HB 3997 Sheffield, J.D. (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed

HB 1495

Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the award of court costs and attorney's fees in certain actions challenging certain local laws or the failure of an officer of certain political subdivisions to perform certain acts.

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. HB 1495 by Dutton: Adds Chapter 38A, CPRC, to require a court to award court costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees to a party who prevails in an action challenging an order, ordinance, or similar measure of a political subdivision as preempted by the Texas Constitution or state statute. Also applies to an action challenging an officer of a political subdivision for failure to perform an act of the office required by the constitution or a statute.

Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed

HB 1498

Martinez, Armando(D)

Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.

Companions: HB 637 Canales, Terry (Identical)
11-24-20 H Filed
SB 107 Powell, Beverly (Identical)
11- 9-20 S Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 637 by Canales/HB 1498 by Martinez/SB 107 by Powell: Adds §607.0545, Government Code, to create a presumption that a detention officer, firefighter, peace officer, or EMT who contracts a disease that is the basis of a gubernatorial emergency declaration contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment. Also applies to a line of duty injury under Subchapter B, Chapter 615, Government Code.

Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed

A HB 1502	Deshotel, Joe(D)	Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.
Companions:		
HB 2129	Murphy, Jim	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 778	Lozano, Jose	(Identical)
	12- 9-20 H Filed	
SB 144	Powell, Beverly	(Identical)
	11- 9-20 S Filed	
Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed		

A HB 1506	Zwiener, Erin(D)	Relating to the possession of condemned property by the condemnor pending the results of further litigation.
Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed		

A HB 1523	Thierry, Shawn(D)	Relating to the regulation of, and taxes imposed on the sale or use of, cigarettes, tobacco products, and e-cigarettes.
Companions:		
HB 1255	Allison, Steve	(Identical)
	1-21-21 H Filed	
SB 216	Johnson, Nathan	(Identical)
	11-23-20 S Filed	
Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed		

A HB 1529	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	Relating to availability of and benefits provided under health benefit plan coverage.
Companions:		
HB 1541	Johnson, Julie	(Identical)
	2- 2-21 H Filed	
SB 459	Johnson, Nathan	(Identical)
	1-26-21 S Filed	
Remarks: INSURANCE. SB 459 by Johnson/HB 1529 by Martinez Fischer/HB 1541 by J. Johnson: Adds Chapter 1511, Insurance Code, to prohibit a health benefit plan issuer from denying coverage or refusing to enroll an individual in a plan on the basis of a preexisting condition, limiting, excluding or requiring a waiting period for coverage of the individual's treatment for the condition, or charging the individual more for coverage than the issuer charges an individual without the condition. Prohibits discrimination, through the design of the plan, against an enrollee on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health condition. Prohibits the plan issuer from designing a plan with the effect of discouraging the enrollment of a person with significant health needs. Prohibits discriminatory marketing practices. Requires individual and small employer health plans to provide essential health benefits as designated by federal law as of January 1, 2017. Prohibits limits on annual or lifetime benefits for essential health needs. Prohibits cost-sharing for essential health needs that exceed the limits established by federal law.		
Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed		

A HB 1532	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to a temporary abatement of evictions of residential tenants during a pandemic.
Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1532 by Reynolds: Abates without court order an action to evict a residential tenant during the period of a state of		

disaster related to a pandemic. Prohibits an officer from executing a writ of possession during this period.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed

 HB 1539

Martinez, Armando(D)

Relating to warning signs posted by certain food service establishments that prepare food items containing peanut products.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1539 by Martinez: Requires a food service establishment with a designed or designated place for eating and that prepares a food item containing peanuts or a peanut product to post a warning sign.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed

 HB 1541

Johnson, Julie(D)

Relating to availability of and benefits provided under health benefit plan coverage.

Companions:

HB 1529	Martinez Fischer, Trey	(Identical)
	2- 2-21 H Filed	
SB 459	Johnson, Nathan	(Identical)
	1-26-21 S Filed	

Remarks: INSURANCE. SB 459 by Johnson/HB 1529 by Martinez Fischer/HB 1541 by J. Johnson: Adds Chapter 1511, Insurance Code, to prohibit a health benefit plan issuer from denying coverage or refusing to enroll an individual in a plan on the basis of a preexisting condition, limiting, excluding or requiring a waiting period for coverage of the individual's treatment for the condition, or charging the individual more for coverage than the issuer charges an individual without the condition. Prohibits discrimination, through the design of the plan, against an enrollee on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health condition. Prohibits the plan issuer from designing a plan with the effect of discouraging the enrollment of a person with significant health needs. Prohibits discriminatory marketing practices. Requires individual and small employer health plans to provide essential health benefits as designated by federal law as of January 1, 2017. Prohibits limits on annual or lifetime benefits for essential health needs. Prohibits cost-sharing for essential health needs that exceed the limits established by federal law.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed

 HB 1548

Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to the civil liability of certain businesses in connection with allowing concealed handguns on the business premises.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1548 by Bell: Adds Chapter 95A, CPRC, to grant immunity to an owner of a business from liability arising solely from the owner's permission for a license holder for a concealed handgun to carry on the business premises. Provides that the lack of the notice required by §30.06, Penal Code, is sufficient to constitute allowing entry on the premises by a license holder.

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Filed

 HB 1556

Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Filed

A [HB 1557](#) [Martinez Fischer, Trey\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of the governor and the legislature with respect to certain declared states of disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1557 by Martinez-Fischer: Requires the governor to call a special session if the governor finds that a state of disaster requires renewal and the legislature is not convened in regular or special session.

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Filed

A [HB 1562](#) [Holland, Justin\(R\)](#) Relating to required notice concerning special districts in certain Texas Real Estate Commission contract forms.

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Filed

A [HB 1578](#) [Landgraf, Brooks\(R\)](#) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. HB 1578 by Landgraf: Amends §38.01, CPRC, to add "limited liability company" to the list of persons from whom a party may recover attorney's fees in an enumerated action.HB 1578 by Landgraf: Amends §38.01, CPRC, to add "limited liability company" to the list of persons from whom a party may recover attorney's fees in an enumerated action.

Bill History: 02-04-21 H Filed

A [HB 1593](#) [Leach, Jeff\(R\)](#) Relating to civil liability of a nursing facility resident's responsible payor for misappropriation of the resident's funds.

Companions: [SB 270](#) [Perry, Charles](#) (Identical)
12-29-20 S Filed

Bill History: 02-04-21 H Filed

A [HB 1617](#) [Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#) Relating to recovery of medical or health care expenses in civil actions.

Companions: [SB 207](#) [Schwertner, Charles](#) (Identical)
11-17-20 S Filed

Remarks: PROCEDURE/DISCOVERY/PRIVILEGES. SB 207 by Schwertner/HB 1617 by Bonnen: Amends §41.0105, CPRC, to allow the defendant to introduce evidence of the reasonableness of the amount charged by a medical or health care service provided to a claimant, including: the amount actually paid to the provider for the service (unless there is a formal or informal agreement that the provider will wholly or partly refund, rebate, or remit the amount paid to the payer or another person); the amount billed by the provider; the amount paid, would have been paid, or likely to be paid for the services by a health benefit plan, workers' compensation insurance, an employer-provided plan, Medicaid, Medicare, or other similar source; the average amount typically paid or allowed by health benefit plans or government payers to providers located in the same geographic area as the provider and who offer the same type of services as provided to the claimant; or the average amounts actually accepted in the 12 previous months by the provider for the same services provided to the claimant to patients other than the claimant.

Bill History: 02-05-21 H Filed

A HB 1626

Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to the use of credit scoring information by an insurer during and after a disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1626 by Lucio III: Prohibits an insurer from increasing an insured's premium or take action that results in an adverse effect based on a factor on a consumer's credit report or change in credit score that occurs during a declared disaster or the two years after the disaster terminates.

Bill History: 02-05-21 H Filed

A HB 1656

Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to certain orders, proclamations, and regulations issued in response to a disaster by the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1656 by Murphy: Provides that the governor may amend or rescind and executive order. Provides that the governor's executive orders preempt emergency orders by the governing body of a political subdivision.

Bill History: 02-08-21 H Filed

A HB 1682

Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to disclosures by liability insurers and policyholders to third-party claimants.

Companions: [HB 649](#) Krause, Matt (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: INSURANCE. HB 1682 by Krause: Requires an insurer, upon the request of a claimant asserting a claim that might be covered under a liability insurance policy between the insurer and policyholder, to provide specified information by sworn statement to the claimant, including the name of the insurer, the name of each insured, the coverage limits, and any policy or coverage defense the insurer reasonably believes is available to the insurer. The insurer must further provide a copy of the policy. Imposes a \$500 administrative penalty for non-compliance. A claimant may also request the information from the policyholder. The insurer must provide the requested information within 30 days after receiving the request. Requires the insurer to amend the sworn statement or a policyholder to disclose a material change within two days of becoming aware of the change.

Bill History: 02-08-21 H Filed

A HB 1687

Noble, Candy(R)

Relating to unlawful employment practices with respect to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW, PANDEMIC. HB 1687 by Noble: Adds Subchapter H-1, Chapter 21, Labor Code, to prohibit employment discrimination based on an employee's failure to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Bill History: 02-08-21 H Filed

A HB 1690

Tinderholt, Tony(R)

Relating to the governor's power to control the sale, dispensing, transportation, storage, and use of alcoholic beverages, ammunition, explosives, combustibles, and weapons during a declared state of disaster or stat

Companions: [HB 340](#) Cain, Briscoe (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed
[HB 629](#) White, James (Identical)
11-23-20 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 340 by Cain/HB 629 by White/HJR 40 by White/HB 1690 by Tinderholt: Amends §433.002, Government Code, to eliminate the governor's authority to issue a directive pursuant to a declared emergency that controls the sale, transportation, or use of alcoholic beverages, weapons, ammunition, explosives, or flammable materials considered dangerous to public safety.

Bill History: 02-08-21 H Filed

A HB 1691 [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to the protection of religious freedoms and religious institutions during a declared state of disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1691 by Tinderholt: Prohibits the governor or a local official from issuing an order during a declared disaster that restricts, prohibits, or limits the exercise of religion, religious services, or the operations of a religious organization.

Bill History: 02-08-21 H Filed

A HB 1747 [Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#) Relating to a recommendation by the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel to prioritize first responders in vaccine allocation and distribution.

Bill History: 02-09-21 H Filed

A HB 1752 [Oliverson, Tom\(R\)](#) Relating to benefit review conferences under the Texas workers' compensation system.

Remarks: WORKERS COMP. HB 1752 by Oliverson: Amends §410.005, Labor Code, to permit the Workers' Compensation Division to conduct a benefit review conference telephonically, by video conference, or in person on good cause as determined by the division.

Bill History: 02-09-21 H Filed

A HB 1753 [Oliverson, Tom\(R\)](#) Relating to certain required reports under the Texas workers' compensation system.

Bill History: 02-09-21 H Filed

A HB 1782 [Deshotel, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to alternative base periods for the computation of unemployment compensation benefits.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

A HB 1788 [Hefner, Cole\(R\)](#) Relating to immunity from liability of public and private schools and security personnel employed by those schools for certain actions of security personnel.

Companions: [HB 3946](#) Hefner, Cole (Refiled from 86R Session)
[SB 534](#) Hughes, Bryan (Identical)
2- 1-21 S Filed

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. SB 534 by Hughes/HB 1788 by Hefner: Adds §37.087, Education Code, to extend immunity from liability to a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school for any damages resulting from any reasonable action taken by security personnel to maintain the safety of a school campus, including action relating to the use or possession of a firearm. Extends the same immunity to a school employee who has written permission from the school's governing body to carry a

firearm on campus. Extends the same immunity to security personnel. Does not preempt common law doctrine of official and governmental immunity.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

 HB 1793

Johnson, Julie(D)

Relating to prohibiting oral releases for automobile insurance claims.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1793 by Julie Johnson: Adds Chapter 1955, Insurance Code, to prohibit a claimant and a personal or commercial auto insurer to enter into an oral release for claims arising out of property damage or injury for which the insurer may be liable under the policy. A release made in exchange for money is not enforceable unless in writing.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

 HB 1794

Johnson, Julie(D)

Relating to the liability of an owner, lessee, or occupant of real property in connection with the use of or entry onto the property.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. HB 1794 by Julie Johnson: Repeals §75.004(b), CPRC, which requires the owner, lessee, or occupant of agricultural land used for recreational purposes to carry liability insurance.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

 HB 1798

Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to the effect of a disaster declaration on the ad valorem tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district and the appraised value of certain property in the taxing unit.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1798 by Shaheen: Freezes the appraised value of real property located in a taxing unit (other than a school district) subject to an emergency declaration by the president or governor at the preceding year's appraised value. Prohibits a taxing unit (other than a school district) subject to a disaster declaration from adopting a tax rate higher than the no new M&O revenue rate plus the debt rate.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

 HB 1820

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the regulation, monitoring, and enforcement of matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

 HB 1826

Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)

Relating to the deceptive trade practice of charging exorbitant or excessive prices for necessities during a declared disaster.

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY, PANDEMIC. HB 1826 by Martinez Fischer: Amends §17.46(b), Business & Commerce Code, to add to the list of false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices selling or leasing disinfectant cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment at an exorbitant or excessive price, or demanding an exorbitant or excessive price for them.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

 HB 1827

Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)

Relating to the minimum wage.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1839 Stephenson, Phil(R) Relating to the age qualifications for a person elected or appointed to serve as a district judge.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. HB 1839 by Stephenson: Amends §24.001, Government Code, to disqualify a person from serving as a district judge if on the date of election or appointment the person is 75 or older.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1876 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to the annual base salaries of state judges and justices.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. HB 1876 by Schofield: Changes the annual base salary of a district judge from \$140,000 to 82.5% of the state base salary of a supreme court justice other than the chief justice. Changes the annual base salary of an appellate court justice other than the chief justice from 110% of the state base salary of a district court judge to 91% of the state base salary of a supreme court justice other than the chief justice. Requires the LBB to biennially calculate for the succeeding fiscal biennium: (1) the annual base salary from the state of supreme court justices other than the chief justice and judges of the court of criminal appeals other than the chief judge; (2) all other annual salaries to paid by the state based on (1). The amount of (1) shall be calculated by adding the annual base salary of (1) for the current fiscal year and the percentage change in the CPI during the preceding two state fiscal years. Authorizes the legislature to make pro rata reductions to meet available revenue.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1879 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to establishing actual progress for the purpose of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. ACTUAL PROGRESS. HB 1879 by Schofield. Amends §21.101(b), Property Code, to require completion of three actions instead of two; eliminates (6) and (7) from the list of actions (acquisition of tract adjacent to the owner's property for the same project/for public entity, the governing body adopts a resolution that it will not complete more than one action before the 10th anniversary date of acquisition of the owner's property).

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1880 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to the annual base salary from the state of a district judge.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. HB 1880 by Schofield: Indexes the annual base salary of a district judge by the rate of inflation.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HCR 22 Anchia, Rafael(D) Expressing support for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Texas while expanding and diversifying the economy.

Bill History: 01-11-21 H Filed

A HJR 6 Swanson, Valoree(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for legislative review or approval of state agency rules.

Companions: HJR 88 Swanson, Valoree (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A [HJR 15](#) [Vasut, Cody \(F\)\(R\)](#) Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing an amendment to the constitution.

Bill History: 01-12-21 H Filed

A [HJR 18](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing certain judges to become candidates for another office without automatically resigning from the office already held.

Bill History: 11-09-20 H Filed

A [HJR 40](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the governor from regulating alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives, or combustibles by order or proclamation.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 340 by Cain/HB 629 by White/HJR 40 by White/HB 1690 by Tinderholt: Amends §433.002, Government Code, to eliminate the governor's authority to issue a directive pursuant to a declared emergency that controls the sale, transportation, or use of alcoholic beverages, weapons, ammunition, explosives, or flammable materials considered dangerous to public safety.

Bill History: 11-30-20 H Filed

A [HJR 42](#) [Toth, Steve\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding certain powers of the governor in issuing orders or proclamations and specifying the powers of the legislature in special sessions.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HJR 42 by Toth/HJR 47 by Krause: Proposes a constitutional amendment to require the governor to convene a special session of the legislature if the governor seeks to extend or renew an initial 30-day disaster declaration. The declaration may not be extended unless renewed or extended by the legislature. While in special session, the legislature may likewise pass laws and resolutions related to the emergency on its own initiative. Further prohibits the governor from issuing an order that suspends constitutional rights.

Bill History: 12-08-20 H Filed

A [HJR 47](#) [Krause, Matt\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor to convene the legislature in special session following certain disaster or emergency declarations and specifying the powers of the legislature in special sessions.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HJR 42 by Toth/HJR 47 by Krause: Proposes a constitutional amendment to require the governor to convene a special session of the legislature if the governor seeks to extend or renew an initial 30-day disaster declaration. The declaration may not be extended unless renewed or extended by the legislature. While in special session, the legislature may likewise pass laws and resolutions related to the emergency on its own initiative. Further prohibits the governor from issuing an order that suspends constitutional rights.

Bill History: 12-23-20 H Filed

A HJR 50 Raymond, Richard(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exclude from the market value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes the value of any improvement.

Companions: HJR 20 Raymond, Richard (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 01-04-21 H Filed

A HJR 60 Anchia, Rafael(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives to call the legislature into special session on petition of at least two-thirds of the members.

Companions: SJR 20 Johnson, Nathan (Identical)
1-11-21 S Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SJR 20 by Johnson/HJR 60 by Anchia: Authorizes the Legislature to call itself into special session upon submission of a petition to the Speaker and Lt. Governor signed by two-thirds of the members of each house. The purposes of the session are limited to fiscal crisis, natural disaster, war, or emergency.

Bill History: 01-11-21 H Filed

A HJR 65 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call the legislature into special session on petition of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HJR 65 by Vasut: Authorizes the Legislature by petition signed by 2/3 of the members of each house to require the governor to call a special session at the time and for the specific subjects stated in the petition.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed

A HJR 66 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to repeal the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. HJR 66 by Vasut: Amends Art. V, §1-a(1), Texas Constitution, to repeal the mandatory retirement age for appellate and district court judges.

Bill History: 01-13-21 H Filed

A HJR 72 Leach, Jeff(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting a religious service conducted by a religious organization.

Companions: SJR 27 Hancock, Kelly (Identical)
1-25-21 S Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HJR 72 by Leach/SJR 27 by Hancock: Bars the state or a political subdivision from prohibiting or limiting religious services.

Bill History: 01-25-21 H Filed

A HJR 85 Patterson, Jared(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prevent certain public officers and entities from prohibiting the operation of industries or other categories of business or commercial activity in this state.

		<p>Remarks: PANDEMIC. HJR 85 by Patterson: Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit an agency or officer of an executive department of the state, a political subdivision, or an officer of a political subdivision from prohibiting the operation of an industry or other category or business or commercial activity otherwise legally operating in the state.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-09-21 H Filed</p>
 HJR 92	Schofield, Mike(R)	<p>Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the right to repurchase real property acquired by a governmental entity through eminent domain.</p> <p>Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. ACTUAL PROGRESS & REPURCHASE.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed</p>
 HJR 93	Schofield, Mike(R)	<p>Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking of property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the property to a private entity.</p> <p>Companions: SJR 61 Fallon, Pat (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)</p> <p>Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. TRANSFER.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed</p>
 SB 11	Huffman, Joan(R)	<p>Relating to the composition of the court of appeals districts.</p> <p>Companions: HB 339 King, Phil (Identical) 11- 9-20 H Filed</p> <p>Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. Shell bill for redistricting the courts of appeals districts.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-12-21 S Filed</p>
 SB 41	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	<p>Relating to the consolidation and allocation of of state civil court costs.</p> <p>Companions: SB 39 Zaffirini, Judith (Refiled from 86R Session)</p> <p>Remarks: COURT RECORDS, FILING FEES, COSTS. SB 41 by Zaffirini: Amends §133.151, Local Government Code, to consolidate the collection of filing fees. Does not appear to increase existing filing fees or impose new fees. Requires the commissioners court of each county in the 10th Court of Appeals district to establish an appellate judicial system.</p> <p>Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed</p>
 SB 45	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	<p>Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.</p> <p>Companions: HB 48 Zwiener, Erin (Identical) 11- 9-20 H Filed</p> <p>Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 48 by Zwiener/SB 45 by Zaffirini: Adds Subchapter C-1, Chapter 21, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice if sexual harassment of an employee occurs and the employer or the employer's agents or supervisors knows or should have known that the conduct constituting sexual</p>

harassment was occurring and fail to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

A SB 57

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Companions: [HB 399](#) Hernandez, Ana (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 405](#) Hernandez, Ana (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 405 by Hernandez/SB 57 by Zaffirini: Extends the deadline for filing a wage claim with the Texas Work Force Commission from 180 days to the first anniversary date of the date the wages became due for payment.

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

A SB 77

Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hair style associated with race.

Companions: [HB 38](#) Reynolds, Ron (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 38 by Reynolds/HB 392 by Bowers/SB 77 by Miles: Adds §21.0195, Labor Code, to make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, labor union, or employment agency to adopts or enforces a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hair style commonly or historically associated with race.

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

A SB 87

Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

Companions: [HB 522](#) Allen, Alma (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

A SB 107

Powell, Beverly(D)

Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.

Companions: [HB 637](#) Canales, Terry (Identical)
11-24-20 H Filed
[HB 1498](#) Martinez, Armando (Identical)
2- 1-21 H Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 637 by Canales/HB 1498 by Martinez/SB 107 by Powell: Adds §607.0545, Government Code, to create a presumption that a detention officer, firefighter, peace officer, or EMT who contracts a disease that is the basis of a gubernatorial emergency declaration contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment. Also applies to a line of duty injury under Subchapter B, Chapter 615, Government Code.

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

A SB 144

Powell, Beverly(D)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions: [HB 2129](#) Murphy, Jim (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 778](#) Lozano, Jose (Identical)
12- 9-20 H Filed
[HB 1502](#) Deshotel, Joe (Identical)
2- 1-21 H Filed

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 149](#) Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 150](#) Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.

Companions: [HB 415](#) Guerra, Bobby (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-09-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 152](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the regulation of groundwater conservation districts.

Companions: [HB 666](#) Harris, Cody (Identical)
11-30-20 H Filed
[HB 668](#) Harris, Cody (Identical)
11-30-20 H Filed

Bill History: 11-10-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 153](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the exclusion of certain payment processing services from the definition of "data processing service" for purposes of sales and use taxes.

Bill History: 11-10-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 155](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service.

Bill History: 11-10-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 157](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to eminent domain reporting requirements for certain entities.

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. REPORTING.

Bill History: 11-10-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 159](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the use of information obtained by a person from the comptroller that relates to a taxpayer subject to an audit by the comptroller.

Companions: [SB 687](#) Perry, Charles (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-10-20 S Filed

[A](#) [SB 161](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to interactions between law enforcement and individuals detained or arrested on suspicion of the commission of criminal offenses, witnesses to the commission of those offenses, and other members of the public.

Companions: [HB 88](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)

11- 9-20 H Filed

Remarks: CIVIL RIGHTS. HB 88 by S. Thompson/SB 161 by West: Authorizes a person to bring an action for legal or equitable relief against a peace officer who, under color of law, deprived the person of or caused the person to be deprived of a right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Texas Constitution. Overrides qualified immunity conferred by the officer's good faith but erroneous belief in the lawfulness of the conduct. Awards attorney's fees and court costs to a prevailing plaintiff. Authorizes the court to award a defendant attorney's fees and court costs if the court determines the suit is frivolous. Requires a public entity that employs the peace officer to indemnify the officer, unless the officer was convicted of a criminal violation for the conduct.

Bill History: 11-10-20 S Filed

 SB 207

Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to recovery of medical or health care expenses in civil actions.

Companions: [HB 1617](#) Bonnen, Greg (Identical)
2- 5-21 H Filed

Remarks: PROCEDURE/DISCOVERY/PRIVILEGES. SB 207 by Schwertner/HB 1617 by Bonnen: Amends §41.0105, CPRC, to allow the defendant to introduce evidence of the reasonableness of the amount charged by a medical or health care service provided to a claimant, including: the amount actually paid to the provider for the service (unless there is a formal or informal agreement that the provider will wholly or partly refund, rebate, or remit the amount paid to the payer or another person); the amount billed by the provider; the amount paid, would have been paid, or likely to be paid for the services by a health benefit plan, workers' compensation insurance, an employer-provided plan, Medicaid, Medicare, or other similar source; the average amount typically paid or allowed by health benefit plans or government payers to providers located in the same geographic area as the provider and who offer the same type of services as provided to the claimant; or the average amounts actually accepted in the 12 previous months by the provider for the same services provided to the claimant to patients other than the claimant.

Bill History: 11-17-20 S Filed

 SB 209

Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)

Relating to the prohibition of certain required nondisclosure and arbitration agreements.

Companions: [SB 159](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. SB 209 by Eckhardt: Amends Chapter 21 and adds Chapter 25, Labor Code, to void a nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement between an employer and employee to the extent the agreement prohibits or limits the employee's ability to: (1) notify law enforcement or a state or federal regulatory agency of sexual assault or sexual harassment committed by an employee of the employer or at the employee's place of employment; and (2) prohibits an employee from disclosing to any person facts surrounding any sexual assault or sexual harassment committed by an employee of the employer or at the employee's place of employment. Likewise prohibits mandatory arbitration agreements that impose arbitration of a dispute involving an allegation of sexual assault or sexual harassment. Finally, the bill makes it an unlawful employment

practice for an employer to fail or refuse to hire, discharge, harass, or discriminate against an individual who refuses to sign any of the above agreements. Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to sign a mandatory arbitration agreement as a condition of employment.

Bill History: 11-18-20 S Filed

A SB 211 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to judicial review of acts by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Companions: SB 2354 Zaffirini, Judith (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-18-20 S Filed

A SB 213 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to certain notice requirements and filing requirements in court proceedings involving persons with mental illness.

Companions: HB 2936 Hinojosa, Gina (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 395 Zaffirini, Judith (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 11-20-20 S Filed

A SB 216 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the regulation of, and taxes imposed on the sale or use of, cigarettes, tobacco products, and e-cigarettes.

Companions: HB 1255 Allison, Steve (Identical)
1-21-21 H Filed
HB 1523 Thierry, Shawn (Identical)
2- 2-21 H Filed

Bill History: 11-23-20 S Filed

A SB 219 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to civil liability and responsibility for the consequences of defects in the plans, specifications, or related documents for the construction or repair of an improvement to real property.

Companions: HB 1418 Leach, Jeff (Identical)
1-27-21 H Filed

Remarks: CONSTRUCTION LAW. SB 219 by Hughes/HB 1418 by Leach: Provides that a contractor is not civilly liable or otherwise responsible for for the consequences of defects in and may not warranty the adequacy, sufficiency, or suitability of plans, specifications, or other design or bid documents provided to the contractor by the person with whom the contractor entered into the contract or another person on behalf of the person with whom the contractor entered into the contract. Prohibits waiver of this provision. Exempts a contract entered into by a person for the construction or repair of a critical infrastructure facility owned or operated by the person or any improvement to real property owned or operated by the person that is necessary to the critical infrastructure facility. "Critical infrastructure" has the meaning assigned by §423.0045, Government Code. Adds §2254.0041, Government Code, to prohibit a governmental entity, in contract for architectural or engineering services, from requiring a licensed engineer or registered architect to perform services at a level beyond the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license.

Bill History: 11-30-20 S Filed

A SB 232

Johnson, Nathan(D)

Relating to service of expert reports for health care liability claims.

Remarks: MEDICAL LIABILITY. SB 232 by Johnson: Adds §74.353, CPRC, to authorize a court, on motion of a claimant filed not later than 30 days after the date the defendant's original answer is filed, to make a preliminary determination of whether the claim is a health care liability claim for purposes of the expert report requirement of §74.351. If the court determines that the claim is a health care liability claim, the claimant must serve an expert report not later than the later of: (1) 120 days after the date the defendant's original answer is filed; (2) 60 days after the court makes the determination that the claim is a health care liability claim; or (3) the date agreed to in writing by the affected parties. The court's determination only applies for purposes of §74.351 and is not subject to an interlocutory appeal.

Bill History: 12-07-20 S Filed

A SB 233

Whitmire, John(D)

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Companions: **HB 188** Bernal, Diego (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY, CIVIL RIGHTS. HB 188 by Bernal/SB 233 by Whitmire: Adds Chapter 100B, CPRC, to create a civil action against a person who commits a discriminatory practice based on the claimant's gender identity or expression. An aggrieved person may bring an action in district court not later than two years after the date of the occurrence of the termination of an alleged discriminatory practice. "Discriminatory practice" occurs if a person denies, on the basis of another person's gender identity or expression, full and equal accommodation in any place of public accommodation (unless the same treatment applies to everyone) or otherwise discriminates against the person based on gender identity or expression. Does not apply to a religious organization. If the court finds that the defendant has committed a discriminatory practice, it may award actual and punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and injunctive relief. The bill further requires state agencies to prohibit state contractors from discriminating against a person based on the person's gender identity or expression. Establishes a complaint mechanism and administrative penalties for violations. The bill further makes a discriminatory practice based on gender identity or expression an unlawful employment practice under Chapter 21, Labor Code. Finally, the bill makes a number of conforming changes to add discrimination based on gender identity or expression to other anti-discrimination statutes, primarily in the Property Code.

Bill History: 12-07-20 S Filed

A SB 243

Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)

Relating to energy efficiency goals for electric utilities.

Bill History: 12-14-20 S Filed

A SB 247

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to discrimination against or burdening certain constitutional rights of an applicant for or holder of a license to practice law in this state.

Remarks: PRACTICE OF LAW. SB 247 by Perry: Prohibits the State Bar of Texas from adopting a rule or policy that burdens a license

holder's free exercise of religion, speech, association, or membership in a religious organization. Prohibits a rule, policy, or penalty that limits an applicant's ability to obtain or renew a law license based on a sincerely held religious belief. Does not apply to a rule or policy essential to enforcing a compelling governmental purpose and narrowly tailored to accomplish that purpose. Allows an aggrieved person to obtain injunctive relief. Creates a defense to an administrative hearing or declaratory judgment, unless based on sexual misconduct or the prosecution of an offense

Bill History: 12-17-20 S Filed

A SB 249 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to business interruption insurance coverage for losses arising from a pandemic.

Remarks: INSURANCE, PANDEMIC. SB 249 by Schwertner: Adds §2002.007, Insurance Code, to require a policy of business interruption insurance issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, to cover loss caused by a pandemic, including loss caused by the order of a civil authority to mitigate the spread of the pandemic, without regard to whether the pandemic caused direct physical loss to the policy owner's property.

Bill History: 12-17-20 S Filed

A SB 251 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to prohibited suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and prohibited closure of places of worship.

Companions: [HB 1239](#) Sanford, Scott (Identical)
1-21-21 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 1239 by Sanford/SB 251 by Paxton: Prohibits a governmental authority or public official from issuing an order during a declared emergency that has the effect of closing places of worship.

Bill History: 12-18-20 S Filed

A SB 255 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to liability for obtaining unemployment compensation benefits paid in error.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 255 by Menendez: Bars the Workforce Commission from seeking to recover erroneously paid unemployment benefits from the person who received the benefits.

Bill History: 12-18-20 S Filed

A SB 270 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to civil liability of a nursing facility resident's responsible payor for misappropriation of the resident's funds.

Companions: [HB 1593](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
2- 4-21 H Filed

Bill History: 12-29-20 S Filed

A SB 291 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the posting of certain project information at a commercial building construction site.

Bill History: 01-06-21 S Filed

A SB 304	Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)	Relating to a state goal for competitive zero-carbon electric generation.
		Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed
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A SB 305	Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)	Relating to required provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees of building and construction contractors and subcontractors.
		Companions: HB 776 Walle, Armando (Identical) 12- 9-20 H Filed
		Remarks: WORKERS COMP. HB 776 by Walle/SB 305 by Eckhardt: Requires building contractors and subcontractors to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees.
		Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed
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A SB 328	Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to establishment of the disaster identification system for a declared state of disaster.
		Companions: HB 671 Martinez, Armando (Identical) 11-30-20 H Filed
		Bill History: 01-12-21 S Filed
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A SB 329	Paxton, Angela(R)	Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property of certain businesses that are required to close by an order, proclamation, or other instrument.
		Remarks: PANDEMIC. SJR 23/SB 329 by Paxton: SJR 23 authorizes the legislature to provide a property tax credit for businesses closed by state or local orders. SB 329, the implementing legislation, establishes a property tax credit for businesses with fewer than 100 employees that are required to close pursuant to a qualifying order issued by a state or local official or local governing body. The credit is the prorated amount of the tax based on the number of days that the business would have been open but for the closure order.
		Bill History: 01-12-21 S Filed
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A SB 338	Powell, Beverly(D)	Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction contracts entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions.
		Companions: HB 965 Lucio III, Eddie (Identical) 1- 5-21 H Filed
		Bill History: 01-13-21 S Filed
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A SB 345	Paxton, Angela(R)	Relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.
		Companions: HB 1118 Capriglione, Giovanni (Identical) 1-14-21 H Filed
		Bill History: 01-14-21 S Filed
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A SB 350	Miles, Borris(D)	Relating to liability of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for certain claims.

Remarks: MEDICAL LIABILITY. SB 350 by Miles: Adds §101.030, CPRC, to impose liability on the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for personal injury or death proximately caused by a physician's or health care provider's treatment, lack of treatment, or other claimed departure from accepted standards of medical care, health care, safety or professional or administrative services directly related to health care if the physician or provider was an employee or the department or performing services under contract with the department when the conduct occurred.

Bill History: 01-15-21 S Filed

A SB 386

Powell, Beverly(D)

Relating to development corporation projects to support businesses and retain jobs during a declared state of disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 386 by Powell: Authorizes local development corporations to use funds to support businesses and retain jobs during a period of a declared emergency.

Bill History: 01-21-21 S Filed

A SB 389

Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)

Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage.

Companions: [HB 328](#) Ortega, Lina (Refiled from 86R Session)
[SB 161](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 224](#) Ortega, Lina (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Bill History: 01-22-21 S Filed

A SB 417

Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to reports to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System on certain cases filed in justice and municipal courts.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 418

Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to disclosure to legislators of certain attorney grievance information.

Remarks: PRACTICE OF LAW. SB 418 by Miles: Authorizes a member of the legislature to request information related to an attorney grievance filed with the ombudsman if the complainant consents to the disclosure.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 419

Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the jurisdiction of county and justice courts in civil matters.

Remarks: JUDICIAL MATTERS. SB 419 by Miles: Raises the jurisdictional limit for justice courts and county courts from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 422

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to the establishment of the Emergency Powers Board and its powers during a declared state of disaster or public health disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 422 by Springer: Establishes the Emergency Powers Board to provide oversight during a declared disaster. The board is composed of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker,

chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee, and chair of the House State Affairs Committee. Requires the governor to convene a special session if the governor issues an order with an expiration date that is not modified by the board on or after the 22nd day after the order is issued.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 423 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the service of notice of a special commissioners' hearing in an eminent domain proceeding.

Companions: [HB 2831](#) Canales, Terry (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: EMINENT DOMAIN. GENERAL NOTICE PROVISIONS.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 433 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the eligibility of nurses for workers' compensation benefits for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and payment of those benefits.

Companions: [HB 396](#) Moody, Joe (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed
[SB 439](#) Blanco, Cesar (F) (Identical)
1-26-21 S Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 396 by Moody/SB 439 by Blanco/SB 433 by Zaffirini: Adds §408.009, Government Code, to create a presumption that a licensed nurse who contracted COVID-19 on or after February 1, 2020 contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment if: (1) the nurse was assigned to treat a patient with the disease or to duties in which the nurse was required to come into contact with patients with the disease; and (2) the nurse contracted the disease during the patient's admission to a health care facility or not later than 14 days after the patient's discharge from the facility.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 435 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a state plan for responding to pandemics.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 435 by Blanco: Requires the Texas Division of Emergency Management to prepare and keep a current pandemic response plan.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 436 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to health benefit plan coverage of preexisting conditions including COVID-19.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 436 by Blanco: Adds Chapter 1511, Insurance Code, to prohibit a health benefit plan issuer from denying coverage or refusing to enroll an individual in a plan on the basis of a preexisting condition (including a diagnosis of COVID-19), limiting or excluding coverage of the individual's treatment for the condition, or charging the individual more for coverage than the issuer charges an individual without the condition.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 437 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 437 by Blanco: Requires the Department of Health Services to establish and maintain at least a 90-day reserve of PPE for use by health care workers and essential personnel during a public health disaster or emergency. Establishes the PPE Reserve Advisory Committee for a two-year period.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 438 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to exempting disinfectant cleaning supplies and certain face masks and disposable gloves from sales and use taxes for a limited period.

Companions: HB 89 Canales, Terry (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 438 by Blanco: Expands the existing temporary sales tax exemption for emergency preparation items to include medical facemasks, disposable gloves, and disinfecting cleaning supplies.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 439 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of nurses for workers' compensation benefits for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and payment of those benefits.

Companions: HB 396 Moody, Joe (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed
SB 433 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
1-25-21 S Filed

Remarks: WORKERS COMP, PANDEMIC. HB 396 by Moody/SB 439 by Blanco/SB 433 by Zaffirini: Adds §408.009, Government Code, to create a presumption that a licensed nurse who contracted COVID-19 on or after February 1, 2020 contracted the disease in the course and scope of employment if: (1) the nurse was assigned to treat a patient with the disease or to duties in which the nurse was required to come into contact with patients with the disease; and (2) the nurse contracted the disease during the patient's admission to a health care facility or not later than 14 days after the patient's discharge from the facility.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 453 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a study and report by the comptroller on local and state supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 453 by Blanco: Requires the comptroller to conduct a study to assess local and state supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to issue a report and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by September 1, 2022.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 459 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to availability of and benefits provided under health benefit plan coverage.

Companions: HB 1529 Martinez Fischer, Trey (Identical)
2- 2-21 H Filed
HB 1541 Johnson, Julie (Identical)

2- 2-21 H Filed

Remarks: INSURANCE. SB 459 by Johnson/HB 1529 by Martinez Fischer/HB 1541 by J. Johnson: Adds Chapter 1511, Insurance Code, to prohibit a health benefit plan issuer from denying coverage or refusing to enroll an individual in a plan on the basis of a preexisting condition, limiting, excluding or requiring a waiting period for coverage of the individual's treatment for the condition, or charging the individual more for coverage than the issuer charges an individual without the condition. Prohibits discrimination, through the design of the plan, against an enrollee on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health condition. Prohibits the plan issuer from designing a plan with the effect of discouraging the enrollment of a person with significant health needs. Prohibits discriminatory marketing practices. Requires individual and small employer health plans to provide essential health benefits as designated by federal law as of January 1, 2017. Prohibits limits on annual or lifetime benefits for essential health needs. Prohibits cost-sharing for essential health needs that exceed the limits established by federal law.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

 SB 469

Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)

Relating to a temporary waiver of certain unemployment benefit eligibility conditions during a public health disaster.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 469 by Blanco: Requires the Texas Workforce Commission, during a statewide public health disaster, to suspend certain eligibility conditions (the conditions that an individual be actively seeking work or has been totally or partially unemployed during the waiting period) to authorize an individual who is otherwise eligible to receive unemployment benefits to receive those benefits. The suspension begins on the date the public health disaster is declared and ends after the declaration expires.

Bill History: 01-27-21 S Filed

 SB 472

Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities.

Companions: [HB 1480](#) Cyrier, John (Identical)
1-29-21 H Filed

Bill History: 01-27-21 S Filed

 SB 484

Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to the right of a member of the state military forces to retain private legal counsel and file a civil action.

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. SB 484 by Hinojosa: Allows a member of the state military forces who is ordered to state active duty, training, or other duties by the governor or another appropriate authority to hire a private attorney to bring a civil action in district court for the same benefits and protections afforded to federal military service members. A court may award to a prevailing service member equitable and injunctive relief, other relief, including monetary damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of the action.

Bill History: 01-27-21 S Filed

A SB 493

Johnson, Nathan(D)

Relating to health care liability insurance for certain nursing facilities.

Remarks: MEDICAL LIABILITY, PANDEMIC. SB 493 by Johnson: Requires a licensed nursing facility to maintain professional liability insurance against the liability of the facility or the facility's employees for a health care liability claim. The coverage must provide minimum annual limits of \$300,000 per occurrence and \$1 million aggregate, be written on an occurrence basis, and issued by an authorized insurer. The coverage may not include the cost of defense in the liability limit. A nursing facility owned and operated by a governmental unit must maintain sufficient coverage to meet the unit's liability under the Tort Claims Act. A management company that manages a governmental unit-owned facility must maintain professional liability coverage in the amounts specified above. To the maximum extent allowed by law, the cost of the required insurance coverage is an allowable cost for reimbursement under the state Medicaid program.

Bill History: 01-27-21 S Filed

A SB 499

Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.

Companions: [HB 919](#) Leman, Ben (Identical)
12-30-20 H Filed

Bill History: 01-28-21 S Filed

A SB 513

Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.

Companions: [HB 112](#) Toth, Steve (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Bill History: 01-28-21 S Filed

A SB 515

Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to procurement by a political subdivision of a contingent fee contract for legal services.

Companions: [HB 1428](#) Huberty, Dan (Identical)
1-27-21 H Filed

Remarks: ATTORNEY FEES. HB 1428 by Huberty/SB 515 by Huffman: Amends §2254.102(e) Government Code, which limits the ability of the state or state agency to enter into a contingency fee contract for legal services, to exempt contracts to collect a delinquent obligation to the state agency or for services on behalf of an issuer of a public security.

Bill History: 01-28-21 S Filed

A SB 525

Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during certain periods of disaster.

Companions: [HB 665](#) Landgraf, Brooks (Identical)
11-30-20 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 665 by Landgraf: Amends §2001.034, Government Code, to limit the duration of an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during a declared emergency.

Provides that an emergency rule adopted during an emergency in which at least 75% of the state's counties have been declared to be in a state of disaster or emergency by the governor is effective for 30 days. An emergency rule may be extended for up to 60 days with approval by a majority vote of a joint hearing of the House and Senate standing committees with primary jurisdiction over the agency seeking to renew the rule.

Bill History: 01-29-21 S Filed

 SB 534

Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to immunity from liability of public and private schools and security personnel employed by those schools for certain actions of security personnel.

Companions: [HB 3946](#) Hefner, Cole (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 1788](#) Hefner, Cole (Identical)
2-10-21 H Filed

Remarks: TORT LIABILITY. SB 534 by Hughes/HB 1788 by Hefner: Adds §37.087, Education Code, to extend immunity from liability to a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school for any damages resulting from any reasonable action taken by security personnel to maintain the safety of a school campus, including action relating to the use or possession of a firearm. Extends the same immunity to a school employee who has written permission from the school's governing body to carry a firearm on campus. Extends the same immunity to security personnel. Does not preempt common law doctrine of official and governmental immunity.

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

 SB 540

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to authorizing certain person to carry handgun.

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

 SB 541

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

 SB 542

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to exempting the intrastate manufacture of a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition from federal regulation.

Companions: [HB 227](#) Krause, Matt (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 915](#) Krause, Matt (Identical)
12-29-20 H Filed

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

 SB 547

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to the governor's power to control the sale, transportation, and use of weapons and ammunition during a declared state of disaster or state of emergency.

Companions: [HB 26](#) Swanson, Valoree (Identical)
11- 9-20 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HB 26 by Swanson: Amends §433.002, Government Code, to eliminate the governor's authority to issue a directive pursuant to a declared emergency that controls the sale, transportation, or use of weapons and ammunition.

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

A SB 549 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to required notice prohibiting firearms at certain businesses selling or serving alcoholic beverages and the prohibition on carrying certain weapons on those premises.

Companions: HB 1379 Patterson, Jared (Identical)
1-26-21 H Filed

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

A SB 551 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to wages and employment benefits.

Companions: SB 762 Campbell, Donna (Refiled from 86R Session)

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

A SB 571 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to consent for the use or possession of personal identifying information under the Identity Theft Enforcement and Protection Act.

Bill History: 02-02-21 S Filed

A SB 572 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to members of the clergy who are employed or voluntarily enter inpatient health care facilities to minister during a state of disaster, emergency, or epidemic.

Companions: HB 1354 White, James (Identical)
1-26-21 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 572 by Springer/HB 1354 by White: Directs the executive commissioner of HHSC to adopt rules to require inpatient health care facilities to allow members of the clergy to visit patients or residents during a public health emergency whenever requested by a patient or resident.

Bill History: 02-02-21 S Filed

A SB 578 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to a prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of reproductive decisions and certain employment agreements limiting reproductive decisions.

Companions: HB 1478 Rosenthal, Jon (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 698 Rosenthal, Jon (Identical)
12- 2-20 H Filed
SB 578 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical)
2- 3-21 S Filed

Remarks: EMPLOYMENT LAW. HB 698 by Rosenthal/SB 578 by Eckhardt: Adds §21.1068, Labor Code, to define employment discrimination to include discrimination on the basis of an employee's marital status at the time of a pregnancy, the use of assisted reproduction to become pregnant, the use of contraception or a specific form of contraception, or the use of any other health care drug, device, or service related to reproductive health. Covers discrimination because of a reproductive decision of the employee, the employee's spouse or partner, the employee's dependent, or any other member of the employee's family or household. Bars mandatory arbitration agreements to the extent the agreement limits the reproductive decisions of the employee or the other covered persons.

Bill History: 02-03-21 S Filed

A SB 605 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to persons permitted to be in a polling place or a place where ballots are being counted.

Companions: HB 1128 Jetton, Jacey (F) (Identical)
1-14-21 H Filed

Bill History: 02-05-21 S Filed

A SB 612 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the eligibility of school district employees for workers' compensation benefits for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and payment of those benefits.

Remarks: WORKERS COMP. SB 612 by Zaffirini: Amends §408.009, Labor Code, to establish a presumption of compensability for public school employees who contract COVID-19 and suffer disability or death. on or after February 1, 2020. The presumption may be rebutted through showing by a preponderance of the evidence that a risk factor or other cause not associated with the individual's service as a school employee was a substantial factor in bringing about the disease, without which the disease could not have occurred. Requires the administrative law judge to make findings of fact and conclusions of law that consider whether a qualified expert provided the rebuttal evidence.

Bill History: 02-08-21 S Filed

A SB 636 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and certain immunization exemption information and reports.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SB 636 by Seliger: Requires DSHS epidemiology reports to include vaccine preventable diseases. Requires DSHS to report biennially to the governor and the legislature outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in the state. Requires public school districts to report to DSHS de-identified immunization exemption information. Makes this information available to parents and legal guardians of students.

Bill History: 02-09-21 S Filed

A SJR 20 Johnson, Nathan(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives to call the legislature into special session.

Companions: HJR 60 Anchia, Rafael (Identical)
1-11-21 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SJR 20 by Johnson/HJR 60 by Anchia: Authorizes the Legislature to call itself into special session upon submission of a petition to the Speaker and Lt. Governor signed by two-thirds of the members of each house. The purposes of the session are limited to fiscal crisis, natural disaster, war, or emergency.

Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed

A SJR 23 Paxton, Angela(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property of certain businesses.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SJR 23/SB 329 by Paxton: SJR 23 authorizes the legislature to provide a property tax credit for businesses closed

by state or local orders. SB 329, the implementing legislation, establishes a property tax credit for businesses with fewer than 100 employees that are required to close pursuant to a qualifying order issued by a state or local official or local governing body. The credit is the prorated amount of the tax based on the number of days that the business would have been open but for the closure order.

Bill History: 01-12-21 S Filed

 SJR 27

Hancock, Kelly(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting a religious service conducted by a religious organization.

Companions: [HJR 72](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
1-25-21 H Filed

Remarks: PANDEMIC. HJR 72 by Leach/SJR 27 by Hancock: Bars the state or a political subdivision from prohibiting or limiting religious services.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

 SJR 29

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call the legislature into special session following certain disaster or emergency declarations and specifying the powers of the legislature in those special sessions

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SJR 29 by Springer: Proposes a constitutional amendment to require the governor to convene a special session of the legislature if a state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor continues for more than 21 days or upon receipt of a petition of any member that is signed by at least two-thirds of the members of each house. The legislature may review and terminate or modify any emergency order issued by the governor during the 90-day period before the special session convenes by a majority vote of the members present in each house. It may also respond to the emergency by passing laws and resolutions on its own initiative or as proposed by the governor in the proclamation convening the session.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

 SJR 33

Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives to call the legislature into special session and to designate the subjects.

Remarks: PANDEMIC. SJR 33 by Eckhardt: Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the lieutenant governor and speaker by joint proclamation to convene a special session.

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

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