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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

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Tuesday, the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board [filed](#) a 11.7% rate decrease for workers' comp in

the state. This comes just a year after a 4.5% reduction. Insurance carriers and businesses applaud the filing and argue it's the result of significant reforms by the state in 2007 and 2017. However, claimant's attorneys believe the cost savings came at the expense of injured workers and their treatments and call on the legislature to improve benefits in the coming years.



After sitting in the Kansas House Committee on Taxation for over a year, [HB 2342](#), a bill that would have allowed

injured workers to choose their health care providers, died. Kansas adjourned for the year at the beginning of the month and all bills introduced since 2017 that had not been passed died, meaning the bill would have to be reintroduced in 2019 to be considered again.



[SB 553](#) was officially passed by the New Hampshire legislature this

week. The bill requires the establishment of a commission to study incidents of post traumatic stress disorder in first responders and whether or not PTSD should be covered by the state's workers' comp statute. The bill was originally introduced to guarantee such coverage, but after concerns from members of the Senate, the bill was reworded to call for an interim study.





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On May 30, the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation will be holding a rules development

workshop regarding changes to the dispute resolution process between insurers and health care providers. Potential proposed rule changes include updated forms and repealing the penalty against carriers for non-responses.



On Monday, the Massachusetts House Committee on Public Health voted to approve H. 2453, a bill

to require electronic prescribing of controlled substances. The bill is now with the Committee on Health Care Financing for consideration. The full House must take up the bill by June 30.

Where in the U.S.A. is Danielle?

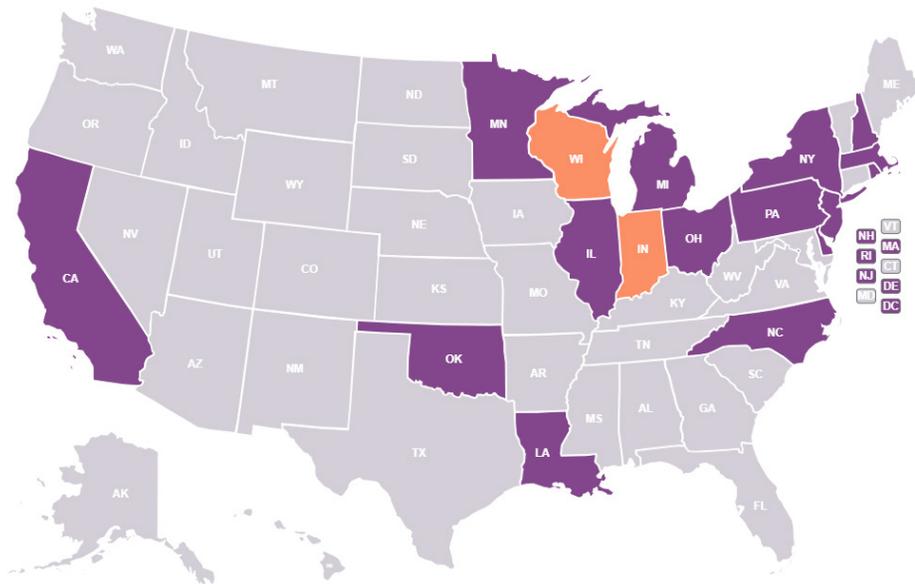
Danielle will be in New York City for the Republican Governor's Association's Corporate Policy Summit on Tuesday and Wednesday.



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