

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 12, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mike Huval, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mike Huval, chairman
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Sherman Q. Mack

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Adam Patrick, attorney
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 307 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 307, which provides relative to coverage for a living organ donor.

Torie Kranze, National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, 8200 Hampson Street #425, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 861-4500, spoke in support of House Bill No. 307.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 307 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 307 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

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

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 304 by Representative Frieman

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 304, which provides relative to health coverage plan benefits for physical therapy services delivered via telehealth.

Representative Frieman offered amendments to:

- (1) Authorize a health coverage plan to restrict physical therapy services via telehealth when the services are being provided solely by telephone.
- (2) Authorize a health coverage plan require a provider to demonstrate that the technology used to provide telehealth services is both safe and secure.
- (3) Add that proposed law does not prohibit a health coverage plan from providing additional reimbursement incentives to providers with an enhanced certification, training, or accreditation.
- (4) Require any health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2023, to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2024.

- (5) Make technical changes.

Representative Frieman offered a motion to adopt proposed amendments Nos. 1-3 and 5-8. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

Bart Jones, Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, 3043 Old Forge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 767-7640, spoke in support of House Bill No. 304.

Representative Frieman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 304 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 304 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 1 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 595 by Representative Turner

Representative Huval announced that action on House Bill No. 595, which modifies notice requirements relative to spread pricing and retainments of pharmacy benefit managers, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 651 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Huval announced that action on House Bill No. 651, which provides relative to insurance coverage for prescription breast milk, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 677 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 677, which provides relative to cost sharing for insulin prescriptions.

Representative Jordan offered amendments to:

- (1) Modify the definition of "health coverage plan" to exclude plans that do not provide prescription drug coverage.
- (2) Increase an insured's cost-sharing requirement from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for a 30-day supply of insulin.

- (3) Add that on January 1st of each year, the limit on the amount that an insured is required to pay for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription of insulin shall increase by a percentage equal to the percentage change from the preceding year in the prescription drug component of the Consumer Price Index of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- (4) Specify for the health plan's drug formulary to comply with the provisions of proposed law.
- (5) Require any health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2023, to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2024.
- (6) Make technical changes.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, Illg, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

Veronica De La Garza, American Diabetes Association, 8907 Ravello Pass, Austin, TX 78749, (512) 797-5430, spoke in support of House Bill No. 677.

Randal Johnson, Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 308-2030, spoke in support of House Bill No. 677.

Terry Compton, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, 17277 Riverside Lane, Tickfaw, LA 70866, (504) 812-0339, spoke in support of House Bill No. 677.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 677 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 677 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, Illg, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 468 by Representative Green

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 468, which provides for insurance coverage of breast reduction procedures.

Representative Green offered amendments to:

- (1) Require a health coverage plan's medical necessity criteria to rely upon medical and scientific evidence based upon nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. Provide that criteria may exclude from coverage cosmetic breast reduction procedures, cosmetic breast lifts, and other cosmetic procedures.
- (2) Require any health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2023, to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2024.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Green offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, Illg, and Jordan voted yea.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 468 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 468 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, and Illg voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 481 by Representative Green

Representative Huval announced that action on House Bill No. 481, which provides for insurance coverage of diastasis recti corrective procedures, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Boyd offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, and Illg voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mike Huval
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: