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## 2022 Louisiana Legislative Session Update

This week was relatively slow, which is largely because we already killed most ABC-opposed bills. There are several ABC-supported bills awaiting final floor votes in the Senate, but the Senate has been slow to address their backlog. With June 6 approaching quickly, we may have some late nights next week as these remaining bills move on the floor.

### **This past week:**

HB 56, by Representative Frieman, would have repealed the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. Rep. Frieman brought this bill to bring attention to the fact that the council has not operated as intended for a number of years and the council's composition is weighted to favor injured employees and the plaintiffs' bar. HB 56 was deferred in the Senate Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations. **ABC-LA supported HB 56.**

HB 412, by Representative Goudeau, provides for the verification of attendance at employment interviews and allows for revocation of unemployment benefits for failure to attend interviews without good cause. HB 412 passed favorably from the Senate Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations. **ABC-LA supports HB 412.**

HB 300, by Representative DeVillier, eliminates the restricted journeyman plumber license and restricted master plumber licenses as options for licensure of plumbers. An ABC amendment to the bill provides that formerly "restricted" licensees are now able to practice their craft statewide. HB 300 reported favorably from the Senate Committee on Commerce. **ABC-LA supports HB 300.**

HB 539, by Representative Firment, prohibits home improvement contractors from acting as an adjuster on behalf of an insured client. The bill initially contained problematic language that provided undue burdens on home improvement contractors as well as overly punitive enforcement mechanisms. ABC-LA worked with Representative Firment to amend the bill to remove these unnecessary provisions. HB 539 reported favorably from the Senate Committee on Insurance. **ABC-LA is monitoring HB 539.**

HB 1062, by Representative Freeman, allows an individual to petition an occupational licensing board for review of a regulation issued by that board. HB 1062 reported favorably from the Senate Committee on Commerce. **ABC-LA supports HB 1062.**

HB 710, by Representative Stefanski, redefines the requirements and procedures for the construction management at risk (CMAR) project delivery method, including the request for qualifications, selection review committee members, and all selection review committee meetings. The House concurred with Senate amendments by a vote of 98 to 0. **ABC-LA is monitoring HB 710.**

SB 12, by Senator Reese, extends the Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2026. The Senate concurred with House amendments by a vote of 33 to 0. **ABC-LA supports SB 12.**

**Upcoming bills awaiting final passage in their original chamber:**

SB 310, by Senator Luneau, entitles employees with compensable injuries that occur on or after August 1, 2022, for which permanent total disability continues, to a cost-of-living adjustment in their weekly compensation rate effective August 1, 2022. **ABC-LA opposes SB 310.**

SB 474, by Senator Womack, relates to change orders on public works. It provides that a public entity must pay a contractor within 45 days after approving the application of payment. Proposed law requires that change orders be executed within 45 days of discovering the work covered by the change order, unless a redesign is necessary. It further provides that the contractor shall submit a proposal for the estimated cost of the change order once the redesign is complete, or within 10 days of the discovery if no redesign is necessary. Finally, it provides that the public entity and contractor have 15 days to negotiate the change order, unless they otherwise agree to more time. **ABC-LA supports SB 474.**

**Upcoming bills awaiting final passage in second chamber:**

HB 93, by Representative Frieman, provides that if parties to a Workers' Compensation case agree to a continuance of a mediation, hearing, or trial by filing a joint or uncontested motion to continue then the judge shall grant the continuance. **ABC-LA supports HB 93.**

HB 97, by Representative Magee, extends the sunset provision applicable to levee restoration or rehabilitation work not publicly bid. **ABC-LA is monitoring HB 97.**

HB 230, by Representative Bishop, extends deadline to apply for rebates in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2026. **ABC-LA supports HB 230.**

HB 803, by Representative Gadberry, provides that the Dept. of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council, will maintain responsibility for training and technical assistance in implementing the energy code provisions of the La. State Uniform Construction Code. It also creates the Energy Code Commission, which consists of various stakeholders, including a designee of the Associated Builders & Contractors of Louisiana. **ABC-LA supports HB 803.**

SB 271, by Senator Womack, provides that public entities may not consider information not included in the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form when reviewing bids for public works. **ABC-LA supports SB 271.**

SB 423, by Senator Foil, provides that a product supplier for public works may seek approval for products other than that specified in the contract within seven days of bid opening. If the prime design professional fails to respond to the request within three days of submission, the submitted product shall be considered approved. **ABC-LA is monitoring SB 423.**

SB 429, by Senator Womack, provides that a public entity shall publish and furnish to the contractor on a public works project with an itemized list of the remaining matters to be finished, errors to be remedied, or any inconsequential matters, within 10 days of substantial completion of the public works. The public entity may amend the punch list within 14 days after initial publication. **ABC-LA supports SB 429.**

I hope you all have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! Thank you to all who have served and let us remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives to defend ours.

# LEGISLATIVE WEEK 2022

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**June 13-15, 2022** Washington, D.C.

Join us for ABC Legislative Week in June in Washington D.C. ABC Pelican and Bayou members will engage with top political leaders and experts and meet with their U.S. Representatives and Senators to advocate for the critical policy priorities of ABC and the merit shop construction industry. The week will feature a legislative day with a Louisiana Delegation Luncheon for ABC of Louisiana members at the Capitol Hill Club on Wednesday, June 15th.

For more information or to reserve your spot at the Louisiana Delegation Luncheon please email Macie at [mmorgan@abcpelican.com](mailto:mmorgan@abcpelican.com).



Thank you all for supporting the merit shop. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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