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State of the States



On Tuesday, Oklahoma Governor, Kevin Stitt (R), signed into law **HB 2367**, the workers' comp reform bill. Among

the less notable measures in the bill is a requirement that the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) hire an outside consultant to conduct a complete review of the fee schedule in order for the WCC to make recommended updates to the schedule in the coming years.



Delaware is poised to be the 26th state to mandate the use of electronic prescribing. **HB 115**, which is now before the

Governor for signature, mandates that all dentists, podiatrists, doctors, nurses, and optometrists utilize electronic prescribing for all prescriptions issued in Delaware beginning January 1, 2021.



Late last week, **A 5460** was introduced in the New Jersey Assembly. If passed, the bill requires

that when an immediate-release opioid drug is prescribed for acute pain, the prescription is limited to the shortest period that is possible to treat the injury. The bill also requires that prescribers consider alternatives to Schedule II controlled substances or other opioid drugs before issuing an initial prescription of a Schedule II or opioid drug.



Governor John Bel Edwards (D) signed into law SB 107 on June 5. The **bill** adds PTSD to the list of presumed illness

compensable under the workers' comp statute for local and state police officers, paid and volunteer firefighters, and EMT personnel. The bill takes effect August 1, 2019.



After a plea from former The Daily Show host, Jon Stewart, Congress is **taking** up a bill that would permanently fund the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). VCF was established after the September 11th terrorist attack to help pay for medical and economic losses experienced by first responders who worked at the attack sites.

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The Industrial Commission of Arizona has released **proposed** rules on the Physician and Pharmacy Fee Schedules ahead of 2020. The

proposal limits reimbursement for repackaged medications to the original NDC and limits the reimbursement amounts for physician dispensed medications. A hearing is scheduled on July 1, 2019.

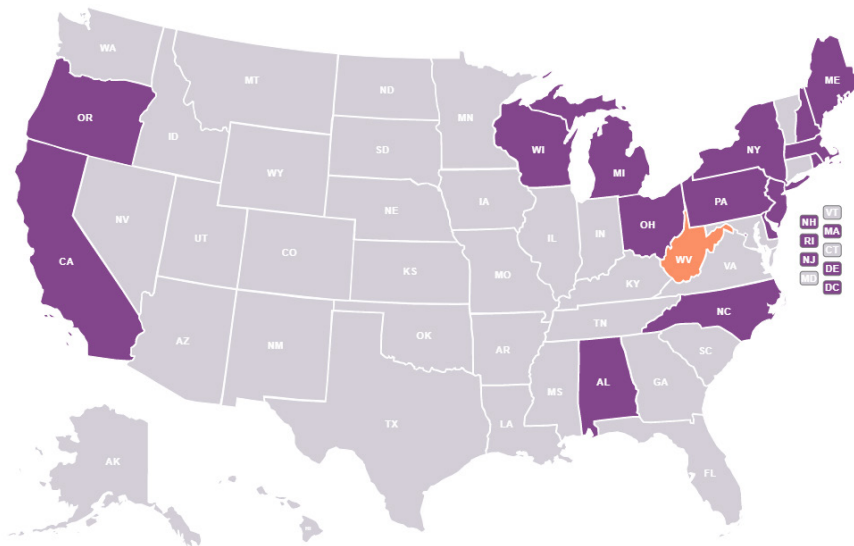
Article of Interest

A new study from Stanford University School of Medicine has **found** that the legalization of medical marijuana does not help reduce the rate of fatal opioid overdoses. This conclusion is contradictory to a 2014 study that is frequently cited to support medical marijuana as a safer alternative to opioids.

States in Session

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

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



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