

LDA State Legislation & Action Table Updated

The Lyme Disease Association Inc. (LDA) has been working for 28 years to stop the spread of Lyme and TBD and to find a cure for chronic Lyme disease. LDA has educated multi-state officials from legislators to governors to health departments and continues to work with county and local officials who often are looking for ways to control tick-borne diseases in their specific areas, which may be more heavily endemic than the state at large.

LDA has also worked with other Lyme groups across the US in many states to develop, pass, and implement state legislation when other actions have not succeeded. In this table, you can view some legislative efforts across the US and perhaps find ideas to use in your state. Some actions have been successful, some not. Situations vary among states and legislation can be a long and dangerous road to take so embarking on it should be carefully considered.

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Joe Larisa, Governor Almond's Chief of Staff & Chair of the RI Governor's Commission on Lyme, speaks at the signing of the Lyme Disease Diagnosis & Treatment Act in Providence in 2002. Far right, Rep. Peter Ginatt, a sponsor of the bill in the RI House, 2nd from R, Senator Susan Sosnowski, a sponsor in the RI Senate, and LDA President Pat Smith, back row, listen to him discuss the seriousness of LD in Rhode Island.