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CA	2005	AB592	An act to amend Section 2234.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.	Law	Added Lyme treating doctors to existing CA law prohibiting discipline for alternative or complimentary treatment.	Bill Info
CA	2002	AB 2125	An act to add Section 3212.12 to the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation.	Law	For employees of CA Conservation Corp. and law enforcement agency.	Bill Info
CT	2009	HB6200	An act concerning the use of Long-term antibiotics for the treatment of Lyme disease. 6-18-09	Passed, Public Act No. 09-128	Doctor protection for long-term treatment	Bill Info
CT	2009	HB5625 original bill		Superceded by HB6200	Doctor protection	
CT	1999	Substitute House Bill No. 5694	An Act Requiring Health Insurers to Cover Continued Lyme Disease Treatment.	Law Sec. 38a-492h. Sec. 38a-518h	Lyme treatment - not less than 30 days of IV therapy, 60 days of oral therapy, or both, & rheumatologist or neurologist, infectious disease specialist recommended.	Bill Info
DE	2004	Senate Concurrent Resolution 40	Lyme Disease Task Force of Delaware	Passed	Creation of Lyme disease task force.	Bill Info
FL	2006	HB1013 SB2022	Lyme Disease Insurance Coverage Act	Dead	Mandatory insurance coverage.	Bill Info
KS	2010	HR6029	A Resolution recognizing May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month	Passed	May Lyme awareness	
MA	2014	HB 4259 (Speliotis)	provided insurance coverage for diagnostic testing and long-term antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease after being ordered by a physician.	Referred to Joint Committee on Financial Services House substituted H4259 w. amendment now in House Ways & Means, Summer 2014	mandator insurance	
MA	2009-10	H1148	Lyme Disease	Bill amended but original version appended to budget and signed into law 6/30/10 Sec 67 Chapt. 112	Doctor protection. (LDA provided testimony)	Bill Info
MA	2013	H989	An Act relative to Lyme Disease treatment coverage	Replaced by 4142, which was referred to House Committee on Ways & Means	Mandatory Lyme insurance	Bill Info
MA	2009	H3592	An Act Relative to Tick Borne Illnesses	Formed	For an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of Lyme disease and other tick borne illnesses	Bill Info
MA	2005	Hearing	Joint MA Legislative Committee on Public Health Hearing	Held 10/12/05	(LDA on expert panel and provided testimony)	

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MD	2010	HB290	Licensed Physicians – Treatment of Lyme Disease – Discipline bill.	Voted Unfavorable in Committee and Withdrawn (Killed by Lyme Advocates)	Doctor Protection LDA provided written testimony	Bill Info
MD	2010	HB798	Task Force to Study Lyme Disease	Voted Unfavorable in Committee and Withdrawn (Killed by Lyme Advocates)	Create task force LDA provided written testimony	Bill Info
MD	2010	HB2	Public Health – Lyme Disease – Record of Reported Cases	Voted Unfavorable in Committee & Withdrawn (Killed by Lyme Advocates)	bill requires the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to "collect and keep a record of the number of Lyme disease cases reported each year."	Bill Info
MD	2007	HB836	Lyme Disease - Public Awareness Campaign	Killed by Lyme Advocates	MD DOH to disseminate treatment guidelines for doctors.(LDA provided testimony)	Bill Info
MD	2007	Hearing	Health & Gov. Operations Committee hearing on HB 836	Held 3/13/2007	LDA Testified on site that it needed amendments	Bill Info
ME	2008	266B	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Ins. and Financial Services Regarding Reporting on Lyme Disease and Other Tick Borne Illnesses	Law	Reports issued	Bill Info
ME	2007	2745H	Act to Provide Education Concerning Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease	Dead	Mandatory insurance.	
ME	2007	Insurance and Finance Committee Hearing	Joint Committee	4/10/2007	Bill #1521 regarding Mandatory insurance. (LDA provided testimony)	
ME	2013	LD 597 (HP 416)	"An Act To Inform Persons of the Options for the Treatment of Lyme Disease" Sponsored by Representative Sheryl Briggs . LDA sent in written testimony	Amended. Signed into law 6/24/13 as Chapter 340	Addresses testing, difficulty in treating, Maine website to add MaineLyme & Lyme Disease Association website to other sites	http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0416&item=12&snum=126
ME	2007	1521	Original Title to Provide Insurance Coverage. Changed to An Act To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease		Original Purpose Mandatory insurance.Changed and passed as education Resolve	Bill Info

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MN	2010	SF1631 HF2597 House Hearing		3-13-10 Med.Board meeting, the BMP agreed to a voluntary moratorium on action related to the treatment of chronic Lyme disease, for a period of no more than 5 years.	Doctor protection. (LDA provided submitted testimony)	
MN	2014	Med Bd Policy	Limited doc protection	11-8-14 MN Med Bd. Renewed doc protection and included ILADS Guidelines in agenda material		Bill Info
MN	2009	House Senate Health Committee Hearing	Education on Lyme & tick-borne diseases education	8/10/2009	Hearing on Lyme and tick-borne diseases. (LDA provided testimony)	
MN	1998	Bill	Mandates Lyme insurance coverage.	Passed into Law - Blue Cross took to court law never went into effect	Allows doctors to determine appropriate Lyme treatment and mandates insurance coverage.	
MT	2013	SB296	An act establishing that physicians may not be disciplined for treating Lyme disease with long-term antibiotics; and providing an immediate effective date. Fred Thomas sponsor.	(H) Referred to Human Services Committee 2/27 (S)Passed Public Health, Welfare & Safety Committee 2-25; Transmitted to House (LDA provided input into development) Died in Committee 4/24/13	Provide protection for physician treatment of Lyme disease	Bill Info
NH	2016	HB 1537	An act relative to testing for Lyme disease	Voted Inexpedient to legislate in committee	Requires health care providers to provide to patient getting Lyme test a written notice about Lyme, about testing, and the need for the patient to contact provider if symptoms continue.	Bill Info
NH	2015	HB 363	An act relative to Lyme disease awareness	Signed into law May 14, 2015 as Chapter 0042	May Lyme Awareness and adds "ILADS.gov" to DHHS website	Bill Info
NH	2011	HB295	An Act Relative to the Use of Long-Term Antibiotics for the Treatment of Lyme Disease	Passed an amended version. Gov. did not sign or veto. Bill just passed into law.	Doctor protection.	Bill Info
NH	2010	HB1326	AN ACT establishing a committee to investigate and assess access to viable and credible alternative medical practices and protocols to Lyme disease.	Dead	Doctor protection.	Bill Info

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NJ	2009	H04	Doctor protection	Dead	Doctor protection	
NJ	2010	AR122 SR133	Neuro Endocrine Immune (NEI) Center	Dead, Killed by Lyme advocates	Neuro Endocrine Immune (NEI) Center that includes Lyme. LDA testified against	
NJ	2010	A326	AN ACT requiring health insurance benefits for the treatment of Lyme disease	Dead	Mandatory insurance	Bill Info
NJ	2006	A269	AN ACT requiring health insurance benefits for the treatment of Lyme disease	Assembly Health Committee LDA testified in Hearing on A269.Dead	Mandatory Lyme insurance coverage	
NJ	2005		New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Gr. 6	Passed	To insert Lyme disease into the core curriculum content standards.	
NJ	1999	S626				
NJ	1998	S915 A392	An act requiring health insurance benefits for the treatment of Lyme disease	Dead	Mandatory insurance	
NJ	1997	A1004 S861		Dead	Mandatory insurance	
NJ	1997	S560	Vector Control Bill	Law	Placed tick control under existing Mosquito Control Commission.	
NJ	1995	Bill	Lyme Disease Curriculum Guidelines	Law #18A:35-5.1	Development of curriculum guidelines.	
NJ	1995	Bill	Availability of Guidelines	Law #18A:35-5.2	Make guidelines available to schools	
NJ	1995	Bill	Guidelines for training of teachers instructing infected students	Law #18A:35-5.3	Curriculum guidelines for training of teachers who instruct students with Lyme. Annual in-service mandatory for those teachers.	
NJ	1991	A4223	An act establishing a governor's Lyme disease advisory council	Law PL 1991 Chapter 27	Established governor's Lyme Disease Advisory Council.	
North East Region	2002	Res. #166	A Resolution of the New England Governors Conference, Inc. Concerning Lyme Disease & Other Tick-Borne Illnesses	Adopted & Certified	Encourages state & regional surveillance, prevention initiatives, increase in federal funding for testing & treatment, & encourages regional cooperation.	Bill Info
NY	2014	A7558-B S7854(Hannon)	Prohibits the investigation of any claim of medical professional misconduct based solely on treatment that is not universally accepted by the medical profession.	Signed into law 12/14	Doctor protection/amended	http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S7854-2013
NY	2013		Requires health insurers to provide coverage for long term medical care for Lyme disease and other tick borne related pathogens	Referred to Insurance 1/9/13	Dead	Bill Info

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NY	2011	A07696A S05354-A	AN ACT to amend the insurance law and the workers' compensation law, in relation to coverage of long term medical care for Lyme disease and other tick borne related pathogens	Dead	Mandatory insurance for Lyme	Bill Info
NY	2007	1041	AN ACT to amend the insurance law and the workers' compensation law, in relation to coverage of long term medical care for Lyme disease and other tick borne related pathogens	Dead	Mandatory insurance & workers comp changes	
NY	2005	OPMC Memo (Office of Professional Medical Conduct)	Investigation of Practitioners Utilizing Treatment Modalities that are not Universally Accepted by the Medical Profession.	In Force	Doctor protection for long term treatment.	OPMC Memo Info
NY	2004	S4148a	OPMC Reform Bill	Dead. Gov did not want legislation , so got OPMC memo	Expand due process for doctors who treated Lyme.	OPMC Memo Info
NY	2002	Hearing	Assembly Health Committee hearing	1/31/2002		
NY	2001	Hearing	Assembly Health Education & Codes Committee hearing	11/27/2001		
PA	2003-04	Bill		Dead	Appropriation of funds for eduction, prevention and treatment of Lyme disease.	
PA	2003-04	Bill		Dead	Making it easier for doctors to offer long term treatment.	
PA	2013/12014	SB177	Create Task Force (Greenleaf)	Passed into law 2014 Act 83	Task Force	
PA	2012	HB272	Establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies; and providing for powers and duties of the task force, the Department of Health, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission and for required coverage; AND EXECUTING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.	Dead	establish task force, required ins coverage, prevention & education strategies	Bill Info
PA	2011	SB210		Dead	Doctor protection, insurance, task Force	
PA	2010	HB894	An Act establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies; and providing for powers and duties of the task force, the Department of Health, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission, for certain antibiotic therapies and for misconduct proceedings.	DEAD	Task force, doctor protection	Bill Info

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PA	2010	SB1199	An Act establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies; and providing for powers and duties of the task force, the Department of Health, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission, for certain antibiotic therapies and for misconduct proceedings.	Dead	Doctor protection, insurance and task force.	
PA	2010	Senate Banking and Insurance Committee	Hearing	6/22/2010	On Bill #2010-SB1199. (LDA provided testimony)	
PA	2009	SB346	An Act providing for Lyme disease education, prevention and treatment.			Bill Info
PA	2007	HB798		Dead	Physician protection and mandatory insurance.	
PA	2007	PA House Health Committee Hearing		9/14/2007	To testify on HB798 doctor protection and mandatory insurance. (Click here for LDA testimony)	
PA	2005	Bill		Dead	Doctor protection, mandatory insurance and task force creation.	
RI	2003-04	S2939 H7240	Act Relating to Health & Safety - Lyme Disease and Treatment	Law - Chapter 04-035	Mandates insurance coverage for long term treatment. (Passed 2003 - 2004 new version passed removing sunset provision) (LDA provided testimony for Senate & Assembly)	
RI	2001-02	RI Governor's Commission on Lyme		2 day hearing	LDA testimony provided testimony	Bill Info
RI	2010	H7418 S2265 substitute A	Beth Bowley Coen Lyme Disease Educational Act	Law - Chapter 087	Lyme disease awareness and prevention resources shall be made available for all public school students in the state. (Click here for LDA testimony)	
RI	2002	H7996A	The Lyme Disease Diagnosis and Treatment Act of 2002	Law #159	Prevents Rhode Island Board from prosecuting physicians for long treatment.	
RI	2001	Executive Order	The Governors Commission on Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Infections	Executive Order	Created a Lyme commission to study Lyme and co-infections in Rhode Island.	
TX	2009	House Concurrent Resolution 152			Study availability of medical treatments	Bill Info

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TX	1999	Hearing		Hearing held, The Senate Committee on Administration submits its Interim Report in accordance with the Interim Charges that were issued September 28, 1999. The committee was given the charge to study the effects of tick-borne illnesses on the citizen's of Texas.	To produce an interim report on diverse use of diagnosis and treatment of Lyme.	
VA	2013	HB1933 SB971	Lyme disease; written information to patient when ordering laboratory test for presence of disease.	Signed by House & Senate Leaders 2-23-13 as amended HB 1933ER. Gov. McDonnell signed into law 3/12, Effective 7/1/13. Expires 7/1/18	Requires physicians to provide to patient getting test for Lyme, a written notice about Lyme, about testing, and the need for the patient to contact his physician with questions or concerns about Lyme. Licensees are immune from civil liability for providing such notice absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.	Bill Info
VA	2010	Governor & Human Resources Sec. formed TF	Lyme Task Force	Created	Creation of a Lyme task force.	
VA	2010	HB1017	Lyme disease; reporting and treatment	Dead		
VA	2010	HB 36	Lyme disease; added to list of diseases required to be reported to Department of Health.	Dead	Mandatory disease reporting	Bill Info
VT	2010	HB512 (Compilation of HB 897, 1017,512, 1288)		Voted to carry over to 2011 session	Long term treatment	
VT	2013	H 123 S0112	"An Act Relating to Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Illnesses,"	Signed by Gov 5/22/14	It permits doctors to prescribe long- term antibiotics for Lyme disease and requires insurers to cover such treatment	http://openstates.org/vt/bills/2013-2014/H123/
WV	2010	HB2605	require accident and sickness insurance providers and health maintenance organizations to cover certain Lyme Disease treatments.	Dead	Mandatory insurance.	Bill Info

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WV	2008	HB4568	The purpose of this bill is to require accident and sickness insurance providers and health maintenance organizations to cover certain Lyme disease treatments.		Mandatory insurance.	

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