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LD 254 An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 24 designates the month of November of each year as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and directs the Governor to issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

LD 286 An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 100 amends the law governing the date of payment for a county tax bill by municipalities by allowing county commissioners to establish a due date or dates for payment of the tax.

LD 321 An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 81 designates the month of May of each year as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month and directs the Governor to issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

LD 358 An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 328 increases fees paid to a county register of deeds for certain services in the following ways.

1. It increases fees applicable to electronic or printed images from a county registry of deeds website and increases the surcharge a register of deeds may collect per document.

2. It repeals a $13 fee for requests for more than one previously recorded instrument, removes all references to the term “electronic abstract” and repeals the definition of “electronic abstract”.

3. It requires county registers of deeds to send an electronic or paper copy of transfers received to the assessors of the appropriate municipality in the format requested by the assessors within 30 days of recordation instead of requiring county registers of deeds to send a photocopy of each warranty or quitclaim deed received as provided under current law. The law also clarifies that county registers of deeds may charge a reasonable fee for a paper copy provided.