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## **THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 152<sup>ND</sup> DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY- JUNE 15, 2023**

Among the legislation the League supports (and in rare occasions opposes) are the following priorities:

### ***Voting***

#### **SB3\*** Removing restrictions on absentee voting.

- Constitutional amendment to remove restrictive language on absentee voting.
- Lays the groundwork for no-excuse absentee voting.

#### **HB202 \*** Prohibiting firearms in polling places.

- Limits individuals who may possess a firearm at a polling place.

### ***Public Health***

#### **SS1 for SB2\*** Handgun training and permit-to-purchase.

- Mandates completion of a firearms training course.
- Requires "handgun qualified purchaser permit".
- Provides a voucher program to cover the costs of firearms training for low-income residents.

#### **HS1 for HB110** Coverage for abortion services.

- Requires nearly all individual and group health insurance plans, including Medicaid, to cover the full cost of abortion services.
- State would cover the full cost for Medicaid recipients (use of federal funds for abortion is prohibited except in cases of life endangerment, rape, or incest).

**HB 140** \*Authorizes medical aid in dying.

- Personal choice.
- Supported by a majority of Delawareans.

### *Climate*

**HB 99\*** Climate Solutions Act & Emissions standards.

- Sets emission reduction goals.
- Requires state agencies to consider climate in their planning.
- Requires state agency accountability.

**HB 170\*** Study offshore wind feasibility

- Requires a study and report back to the Governor and the General Assembly on a process for procuring offshore wind power.
- Directs DNREC to work with neighboring states on offshore wind transmission.

### *Criminal Justice*

**SB 169** Compensation for wrongful conviction.

**SB 4\*** Probation Reform

- No incarceration for technical violations.
- Customize conditions to meet individual needs.
- Limit probation to one year.
- Invest in community-based reentry programs.

### *Social Policy*

**HB 70\* and SB 118** Death Penalty

- HB 70 would strike the death penalty from the Delaware Code.
- SB 118 would reinstate death penalty (LWVDE opposes).

\* LWVDE has submitted testimony in favor of this bill.