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Louisiana Enacts Two New Laws That Affect the Storage Industry

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards signed two bills last month that directly relate to the self storage industry. SB 128, sponsored by Senator Daniel Martiny, modernizes the Louisiana Self Storage Facilities Act, a section of law that was last visited in 1981.

- SB 128 addresses 6 of the seven lien provisions supported by the Self Storage Association to include the ability to email tenants, tow vehicles, online auctions and contractual value limitations.
- <u>HB 798</u>, sponsored by Kirk Talbot, allows operators the ability to offer point-of-sale tenant insurance, also known as limited lines. Louisiana is the 23rd state to allow some form of tenant insurance.

"Both bills were passed by nearly unanimous support at every level of the process," said Marcus Dunn, director of government relations for the SSA. "The success of this one-year effort is a testament to the industry's legislative agenda that offers common sense solutions to modernizing and improving the industry for both the operators and the tenants."

The team was made up of the <u>Louisiana Self Storage Association</u>, the lobby firm of KB Governmental Relations, the lobby firm of Capitol Partners and the national Self Storage Association.

"The Louisiana Self Storage Association is grateful for the tremendous support and guidance we received from the national Self Storage Association," said SSALA President Lana Griffin. "SSALA members, owners and managers were fully involved throughout the process, and I believe this team effort along with SSA and the lobby firms allowed us to success on these important pieces of legislation that benefit both operators and tenants."

About the Self Storage Association (SSA)

Headquartered in Alexandria, VA, the Self Storage Association (SSA) is the only national not-for-profit trade organization for the industry and the registered lobbying organization before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies. SSA is the official voice of the \$24 billion (revenues) self storage industry that currently numbers 48,500 self storage facilities nationwide. For more information about the national Self Storage Association, please visit our Web site at www.selfstorage.org.