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2022 Legislative Session**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - As the 2022 Legislative Session comes to a close, **Representative Matt Willhite (D-Wellington)** took a moment to highlight five pieces of legislation that he worked on. First, **[HM 63: Recognizing Veteran Suicide](#)** was approved by both chambers of the legislature and now makes its way to President Biden for his review. “I worked on this memorial last session and I’m glad that this year it finally made it past the finish line,” stated **Representative Willhite**.

Other pieces of legislation include **[HB 837: Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program](#)**, **[HB 459: Step Therapy Protocols](#)**, **[HB 773: Pub. Rec/ Law Enforcement Geolocation Information](#)**. All of these bills were approved by both chambers of the legislature and now await the Governor’s signature before they can become law.

When asked about these bills, **Representative Willhite** issued the following statement:

“These four pieces of legislation all aim to keep Floridians healthy and safe,” **Representative Willhite** continued. “Extending the Hurricane Loss Mitigation program for another ten years helps to ensure the safety of those who live in manufactured homes at the inevitable moment that a Hurricane hits Florida. I’m also glad to send HB 459 to the Governor’s desk. At some point all of us may have to deal with an insurance company and a pharmacist. By putting in place a few step-therapy protocols, we can guarantee that patients get the most effective treatment or medication as soon as possible and there is transparency in the process when insurance companies require the use of step-therapy. And finally, HB 773 will mitigate potential exposure of a law enforcement officers’ residence which puts the officers and their families at unnecessary risk.”

This legislative session, **Representative Willhite** was also the prime co-sponsor of **[HB 1233: Online Training for Private Security Guards](#)**. This legislation allows unarmed security guards to receive their license by collecting some credits through courses that are hosted online.

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