

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Welcome to the second issue of the 2017 Legislative Update with the 99th General Assembly. The *Legislative Update* will present a new bill by providing a summary description. When significant changes occur on the bill it will be summarized again. Any changes in bill status will be highlighted in **red** and an asterisk will be placed before the bill number.

- The *Legislative Update* issue number and current bill summary will be inserted each week along with the bill number, title, sponsor, and current status (includes the committee assigned, chair and vice chair of the committee). Online copies of the legislative updates will have a red hyperlink to take you to the description of the bill and sponsors.
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Bills are organized in the following categories:

- Assistive Technology
- Crime
- Education
- Employment
- Funding/Tax Relief
- Health Care and Personal Assistance
- Legal Rights and Responsibilities
- Mental Health
- Olmstead
- Safety/Prevention
- Services for people with Disabilities
- Other
- Appropriations

Note: When "incapacitated," "handicapped," appear in a bill description, it reflects the terminology of the legislation, not the Governor's Council on Disability.

## Abbreviations

HB .....	House of Representatives Bill
HA .....	House Amendment
HS .....	House Substitute
HR .....	House Resolution
HJR .....	House Joint Resolution
HCS .....	House Committee Substitute
SB .....	Senate Bill
SCS .....	Senate Committee Substitute
SA .....	Senate Amendment
SS .....	Senate Substitute
SR .....	Senate Resolution
SJR .....	Senate Joint Resolution
CCR .....	Conference Committee Report
CCS .....	Conference Committee Substitute

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**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY****\*HB 262 - Sommer** Issue 1

Revises the definition of "service dog" to include animals that provide support or therapeutic functions for individuals with psychiatric or mental disabilities

**Status:**

1/12/17 Referred to Veterans Committee (H) Chair:

Davis, Vice Chair: Wilson

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/19/16 Pre-filed (H)

**CRIME**

No pending legislation

**EDUCATION****HB 118 - Wood** Issue 1

Changes the laws regarding elementary and secondary education

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/2/16 Pre-filed (H)

**SB 23 - Chappelle-Nadal** Issue 1

Modifies several provisions relating to elementary and secondary education

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read and Referred Education

Committee (S) Chair: Romine, Vice Chair: Eigel

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 58 - Sifton** Issue 1

Modifies several provisions relating to elementary and secondary education

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred Education

Committee (S) Chair: Romine, Vice Chair: Eigel

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 206 - Sifton** Issue 1

Modifies the requirements for school anti-bullying policies

**Status:**

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred Education

Committee (S) Chair: Romine, Vice Chair: Eigel

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/15/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 255 - Nasheed** Issue 1

Creates the Every Child Can Learn Act to require turnaround options for certain underperforming schools, create personalized learning plans for certain students, address student promotion, and require letter grades for public schools

**Status:**

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred Education

Committee (S) Chair: Romine, Vice Chair: Eigel

1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**EMPLOYMENT****HB 167 - Peters** Issue 1

Increases the state minimum wage to \$15 per hour

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/7/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 470 - Butler**

Changes the laws regarding the minimum wage

Beginning January 1, 2018, this bill increases the minimum wage rate from \$7.70 to \$15 per hour. The percentage of the minimum wage rate of an employee who also receives tips is increased from 50% to 60%. The bill increases from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 the threshold amount of gross volume sales of a retail or service business below which amount an individual employed by the business will not be deemed an "employee" for purposes of the minimum wage law. Beginning January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the threshold will be adjusted by the increase or decrease in the cost of living as determined by the department director.

The amount of liquidated damages entitled to an employee who is not paid minimum wage when required by the employer is increased from an amount equal to the minimum wages owed to an amount twice the underpaid wages. The statute of limitations for an action for the collection of underpaid wages is increased from within two years of the accrual of the cause of action to three years.

**Status:**

1/9/17 Second Read (H)

1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 516 - Ellington**

Increases the state minimum wage to \$15 per hour

This act increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour beginning January 1, 2018.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)

1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 550 - McGaugh**

Changes the laws regarding the Missouri Human Rights Act and employment discrimination

This act changes that standard to a motivating factor standard. The plaintiffs in employment cases are one of two groups that have the burden of proving these standards. It modifies the definition of employer. It directs the courts to rely heavily on judicial interpretations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The act states that parties can demand a jury trial and outlines the damage awards allowed.

**Status:**

1/11/17 Second Read (H)

1/10/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 552 - Austin**

Changes the laws regarding the Missouri Human Rights Act and employment discrimination

This act changes that standard to a motivating factor standard. The plaintiffs in employment cases

are one of two groups that have the burden of proving these standards. It modifies the definition of employer. It directs the courts to rely heavily on judicial interpretations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The act states that parties can demand a jury trial and outlines the damage awards allowed.

**Status:**

1/11/17 Second Read (H)

1/10/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*SB 43 - Romine****Issue 1**

Modifies the law relating to unlawful discrimination

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Small

Business and Industry Committee (S) Chair: Libla,

Vice Chair: Wieland

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 91 - Chappelle-Nadal**

Modifies the minimum wage laws

Beginning January 1, 2018, this act raises the minimum wage from \$7.70 to \$15.00.

The act specifies that the cost of living adjustment applies each year regardless of whether the statutory minimum or federal minimum is used.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Small

Business and Industry Committee (S) Chair: Libla,

Vice Chair: Wieland

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**\*SB 254 - Nasheed****Issue 1**

Modifies the minimum wage laws

**Status:**

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred to Small

Business and Industry Committee (S) Chair: Libla,

Vice Chair: Wieland

1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**FUNDING/TAX RELIEF**

**HB 105 - Love**

Issue 1

Repeals the sunset date for the Organ Donor Program Fund

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 154 - Corlew**

Issue 1

Establishes a limit on residential property assessment increases for the elderly and disabled who own and live in their principal residence proportional to the increase of their Social Security benefit

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/6/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 189 - Swan**

Issue 1

Creates an educational savings plan for K-12 educational expenses

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/9/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 500 - Bangert**

Increases the maximum upper limit used to calculate the Senior Citizens Property Tax Credit, commonly known as circuit breaker

This act increases the maximum upper limit used to calculate the Senior Citizens Property Tax credit to \$32,000 beginning with the 2017 calendar year.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)

1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 563 - Ruth**

Establishes the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act and authorizes a tax deduction for contributions to a savings account dedicated to buying a first home

This act allows a tax deduction for all tax years beginning with tax year 2018 for contributions made by a taxpayer to a first-time home buyer savings account. The deduction can be equal to fifty percent of the contribution. The act also allows individuals to establish savings accounts exclusively for first-time home buying. Individual contributions cannot be more than \$16,000 per year and \$32,000 per year for joint tax filers.

**Status:**

1/11/17 Second Read (H)

1/10/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*SB 32 - Emery**

Issue 1

Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

**Status:**

1/18/17 Hearing Scheduled (S)

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Government Reform Committee (S) Chair: Emery, Vice Chair: Schatz

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 248 - Kraus**

Issue 1

Repeals the expiration date for tax refund contributions to the Organ Donor Program Fund

**Status:**

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred to Ways and Means Committee (S) Chair: Kraus, Vice Chair:

Wallingford

1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SJR 8 - Romine**

Issue 1

Exempts disabled veterans from real and personal property taxes

**Status:**

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**HEALTH CARE/PERSONAL ASSISTANCE****\*HB 66 - Ruth**

Issue 1

Expands the newborn screening requirements to include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) and Hunter syndrome

**Status:**

1/18/17 Hearing Scheduled (H)  
1/10/17 Referred Health and Mental Health Policy Committee (H) Chair: Frederick, Vice Chair: Morris  
1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/1/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 124 - Frederick** Issue 1

Establishes the "Patients First Medicaid Reform Act"

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/2/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 144 - McGaugh** Issue 1

Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act"

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/5/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 211 - Redmon** Issue 1

Changes provisions relating to the scope of practice for physical therapists

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/13/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 268 - Brattin** Issue 1

Requires all inmates receiving an on-site non-emergency medical examination or treatment from correctional center personnel to be charged 50 cents per visit

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/19/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 290 - Fitzpatrick** Issue 1

Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/20/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 395 - Adams** Issue 1

Establishes the Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program to provide a publicly financed, statewide insurance program for all residents of the state

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
1/3/17 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 402 - Frederick** Issue 1

Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*HB 437 - Neely** Issue 1

Allows persons with certain serious medical conditions to use medical cannabis

**Status:**

1/9/17 Second Read (H)  
1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*HB 440 - Kidd** Issue 1

Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities

**Status:**

1/9/17 Second Read (H)  
1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 524 - Ellington**

Establishes the Death with Dignity Act to allow patients with terminal illnesses to end their life in a humane and dignified manner

This act establishes the "Missouri Death with Dignity Act" which allows patients with terminal illnesses who are MO residents and meet requirements outlined to make a written request for medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner. It specifies the responsibilities of the patient and the attending and consulting physicians. It states that disability cannot be a sole qualification for this act.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)

1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*SB 28 - Sater**

Issue 1

Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet

**Status:**

1/11/17 Hearing Scheduled and Completed (S)

1/5/17 Second Read and Referred to Seniors, Families and Children Committee (S) Chair: Sater, Vice Chair: Riddle

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**SB 56 - Holsman**

Issue 1

Allows marijuana to be produced, distributed, and consumed for medicinal purposes

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to General

Laws Committee (S) Chair: Onder, Vice Chair: Libla

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 96 - Sater**

Issue 1

Prohibits certain selective abortions relating to race, sex, race, or Down Syndrome

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Seniors, Families and Children Committee (S) Chair: Sater, Vice Chair: Riddle

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**SB 153 - Schaaf**

Issue 1

Permits the use of medical marijuana for the treatment of certain impairments

**Status:**

1/11/17 Second Read and Referred to General

Laws Committee (S) Chair: Onder, Vice Chair: Libla

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**SB 155 - Schaaf**

Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to prescription drug co-payments

**Status:**

1/11/17 Second Read and Referred to Insurance

and Banking Committee (S) Chair: Wieland, Vice

Chair: Cunningham

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 168 - Schaaf**

Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to health insurance discrimination

**Status:**

1/11/17 Second Read and Referred to Insurance

and Banking Committee (S) Chair: Wieland, Vice

Chair: Cunningham

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 203 - Sifton**

Issue 1

Relating to the MO HealthNet buy-in for workers with disabilities program

**Status:**

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred Health and

Pensions Committee (S) Chair: Schaaf, Vice Chair:

Koenig

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/15/16 Pre-filed (S)

**LEGAL RIGHTS/RESPONSIBILITIES****HB 89 - Rehder**

Issue 1

Changes the laws regarding the priority of persons to be appointed guardian of an incapacitated person or conservator of a disabled person

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
 1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
 12/1/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 184 - Franks** **Issue 1**

Requires the secretary of state to establish a system for automatic voter registration

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)  
 1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
 12/9/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 496 - Dunn**

Requires the secretary of state to establish a system for automatic voter registration

This act requires the Secretary of State's office to establish a process for automatic voter registration based on driver's licenses to provide recommendations to local election authorities regarding automatic registration of eligible voters. The act instructs the Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Division to provide the Secretary of State's office with information so that recommendations can be made. No later than two months after election authorities receive the recommendations from the Secretary of State's office of who should be included on the existing lists, the election authorities will send a paid postcard to all recommended individuals to provide the opportunity for individuals to state they do not want to be registered to vote. If the postcard is returned, the individual's name will be removed. If it is not returned, the individual's name will be added to the list.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)  
 1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 520 - Ellington**

Requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for blind or visually impaired voters at an election in order to comply with federal law.

This act requires that all election authorities provide at least one electronic voting machine that is accessible to those who are blind or have visual impairments at each polling location during every statewide, general assembly, or local election in order to comply with federal law. Any additional costs incurred for maintenance and use of the machine during statewide or general assembly elections will be paid by the state, subject to appropriation. Blindness or visual impairment does not need to be confirmed in order to use an accessible machine and those who are blind or have visual impairments are not required to use the accessible machine to cast a ballot.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)  
 1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 531 - Nichols**

Requires the secretary of state to establish a system of automatic voter registration

This act requires the Secretary of State's office to establish a process for automatic voter registration based on driver's licenses to provide recommendations to local election authorities regarding automatic registration of eligible voters. The act instructs the Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Division to provide the Secretary of State's office with information so that recommendations can be made. No later than two months after election authorities receive the recommendations from the Secretary of State's office of who should be included on the existing lists, the election authorities will send a paid postcard to all recommended individuals to provide the opportunity for individuals to state they do not want to be registered to vote. If the postcard is returned, the individual's name will be removed. If it is not returned, the individual's name will be added to the list.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)  
 1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 604 - Rone**

Changes the laws regarding public administrators to require the county to provide a staff if the public administrator handles over seventy cases

This act requires counties to provide a staff for any public administrator who handles over seventy cases.

**Status:**

1/12/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**SB 104 - Wallingford**

Modifies procedures in guardianship and conservator proceedings for incapacitated or disabled persons

This act provides that in guardianship and conservator proceedings, a court must determine that the incapacitated or disabled person's choice, spouse, or family member is deficient in his or her ability to serve prior to selecting a third person as a guardian of the incapacitated person or conservator of a disabled person. If there is a claim that a person is deficient because of the living conditions, then the court shall require an investigation by the Department of Health and Senior Services of the living conditions. A court must also make a determination that the living conditions are dangerous or unsanitary prior to making the finding that a person is deficient for the purposes of guardianship.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Seniors, Families and Children Committee (S) Chair: Sater, Vice Chair: Riddle

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**HB 227 - Hubrecht** **Issue 1**

Establishes the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/15/16 Pre-filed (H)

**\*HB 329 - Morris**

**Issue 1**

Establishes the Tricia Leann Tharp Act, which requires certain pharmacists to receive two hours of continuing education on suicide prevention

**Status:**

1/12/17 Referred to Professional Registration and Licensing Committee (H) Chair: Ross, Vice Chair: Helms

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/27/16 Pre-filed (H)

**\*SB 52 - Nasheed**

**Issue 1**

Creates several provisions relating to suicide awareness and prevention

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred Education Committee (S) Chair: Romine, Vice Chair: Eigel

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 221 - Riddle**

**Issue 1**

Authorizes legal counsel for the Department of Mental Health to have standing in certain hearings involving a person unable to stand trial due to a lack of mental fitness

**Status:**

1/17/17 Hearing Scheduled (S)

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred to Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee (S)

Chair: Dixon, Vice Chair: Onder

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/20/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 229 - Riddle**

**Issue 1**

Modifies the law relating to working hours for employees at certain mental health facilities

**Status:**

1/12/17 Second Read and Referred to Health and Pensions Committee (S) Chair: Schaaf, Vice Chair: Koenig

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/20/16 Pre-filed (S)



**OLMSTEAD**

No pending legislation

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/20/16 Pre-filed (H)

**SAFETY/PREVENTION****\*HB 186 - Frederick Issue 1**

Creates the Silver Alert System to aid in identifying and locating a missing endangered person

**Status:**

1/10/17 Referred Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee (H) Chair: Phillips, Vice Chair:

Hill

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/9/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 312 - Walker****Issue 1**

Restricts the use of handheld communications devices while driving unless the device is equipped for hands-free operation and is being used in that manner

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/21/16 Pre-filed (H)

**\*HB 235 - Roden Issue 1**

Specifies that only motorcycle riders under the age of eighteen operating with a motorcycle training permit shall wear a helmet and requires all other riders who wish to ride without a helmet to show proof of health insurance

**Status:**

1/10/17 Withdrawn (H)

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/15/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 331 - Morris****Issue 1**

Changes the laws regarding vaccines

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/27/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 332 - Morris****Issue 1**

Changes the laws regarding vaccines and disorder monitoring

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/27/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 284 - Brown Issue 1**

Prohibits anyone from using a hand-held electronic wireless communication device while driving unless the device is equipped for hands-free operation and is being used in that manner

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/20/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 378 - Brown****Issue 1**

Prohibits text messaging while driving unless the device is equipped with technology allowing for hands-free texting and is being used in that manner

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

1/3/17 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 293 - Higdon Issue 1**

Establishes the Fair Fare Passenger Safety Act that prohibits any person operating a motor vehicle for compensation from using a hand-held wireless device

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

**HB 398 - McDaniel****Issue 1**

Establishes the Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

### HB 535 - Roden

Specifies that only motorcycle riders under the age of eighteen operating with a motorcycle training permit shall wear a helmet and requires all other riders who wish to ride without a helmet to show proof of health insurance

This act requires anyone who has a motorcycle training permit and motorcycle drivers and riders under age 18 to wear a helmet. A qualified motorcycle operator who is age 18 or older is not required to wear a helmet as long as the individual has medical payment insurance coverage with a minimum amount of one million dollars for any accident injuries.

#### Status:

1/12/17 Referred General Laws Committee (H)

Chair: Cornejo, Vice Chair: Mathews

1/10/17 Second Read (H)

1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

### HB 546 - Hansen

Prohibits text messaging while driving for all drivers

Currently, drivers under the age of 21 and drivers of commercial vehicles are prohibited from using hand-held cell phones to send, read, or write text messages or electronic messages. This bill applies the ban on use of hand-held cell phones to all drivers.

#### Status:

1/11/17 Second Read (H)

1/10/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

### HB 576 - McCaherty

Exempts motorcyclists 21 years of age or older from wearing a helmet when operating a motorcycle or motortricycle if they have the appropriate health insurance coverage

This act states that individuals who are age twenty-one or older do not have to wear a helmet when operating a motorcycle or motortricycle as long as

they have first-party insurance coverage, completed an approved motorcycle safety education course, have held the motorcycle license or endorsement for at least two years, and have not been issued an instruction permit. The act states that the first-party insurance coverage must include at least \$100,000 in medical coverage for injuries incurred in a motorcycle or motortricycle accident.

#### Status:

1/12/17 Second Read (H)

1/11/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

### HB 588 - Kelley

Prohibits law enforcement from stopping a motorcycle for failing to wear protective headgear

This act prohibits law enforcement officers from stopping, inspecting, or detaining an individual on a motorcycle if the only reason is because a helmet is not being worn.

#### Status:

1/12/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

### \*SB 117 - Schupp

Issue 1

Requires employee and volunteers of specified public and private institutions to receive an influenza vaccination every year

#### Status:

1/18/17 Hearing Scheduled (S)

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Health and Pensions Committee (S) Chair: Schaaf, Vice Chair: Koenig

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

### \*SB 165 - Schupp

Issue 1

Applies ban on using cell phones for text messaging while driving a motor vehicle to all drivers

#### Status:

1/11/17 Second Read and Referred Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee (S)

Chair: Schatz, Vice Chair: Romine

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**\*SB 253 - Nasheed** **Issue 1**  
Modifies the prohibition on certain use of electronic wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle

**Status:**  
**1/12/17 Second Read and Referred Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee (S)**  
Chair: Schatz, Vice Chair: Romine  
1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SCR 6 - Walsh**  
Urges the Department of Higher Education and Department of Health and Senior Services to encourage the dissemination of information about meningococcal disease and its vaccines

This resolution urges the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Health and Senior Services to encourage public and private high schools, colleges, and universities to provide students, parents, and guardians with information concerning meningococcal disease and its vaccinations.

**Status:**  
**1/12/17 Referred to Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee (S)** Chair: Kehoe, Vice Chair: Richard  
1/11/17 Offered (S)

**SERVICES**

**HB 47 - Lichtenegger** **Issue 1**  
Requires health carriers to reimburse physical therapists in the same amount as licensed physical therapists for rendering the same services

**Status:**  
**12/19/16 Withdrawn (H)**  
12/1/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 102 - Swan** **Issue 1**  
Provides that music therapists who have completed certain education and training requirements shall

be deemed a certified music therapist by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the purpose of providing certain services

**Status:**  
**1/5/17 Second Read (H)**  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/1/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 157 - Frederick** **Issue 1**  
Modifies provisions relating to physician referrals to physical therapists

**Status:**  
**1/5/17 Second Read (H)**  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/6/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 165 - Hubrecht** **Issue 1**  
Changes provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses

**Status:**  
**1/5/17 Second Read (H)**  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/7/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 209 - Wiemann** **Issue 1**  
Specifies that licensed chiropractic physicians may treat and be reimbursed for conditions currently reimbursed under MO HealthNet

**Status:**  
**1/5/17 Second Read (H)**  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/12/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 244 - Rowland** **Issue 1**  
Modifies laws relating to advanced practice registered nurses in collaborative practice agreements

**Status:**  
**1/5/17 Second Read (H)**  
1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)  
12/19/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 298 - Lichtenegger** Issue 1

Specifies the minimum reimbursement amount for covered physical therapy services delivered under health benefit plans

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/20/16 Pre-filed (H)

**HB 429 - Cornejo** Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to physician referrals to physical therapists

**Status:**

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*HB 455 - Bahr** Issue 1

Allows structured family caregiving as a covered service under MO HealthNet, subject to the approval of federal waivers

**Status:**

1/9/17 Second Read (H)

1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*HB 481 - Fitzwater** Issue 1

Establishes a language assessment program for children from birth through the age of eight who are deaf or hard of hearing

**Status:**

1/9/17 Second Read (H)

1/5/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**\*SB 51 - Walsh**

Establishes a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth through the age of eight

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read and Referred to Seniors, Families and Children Committee (S) Chair: Sater, Vice Chair: Riddle

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (S)

**SB 263 - Riddle**

Requires licensed chiropractors to be reimbursed for the provision of MO HealthNet services

This act authorizes MO HealthNet reimbursement for services provided to MO HealthNet participants by licensed chiropractic physicians.

**Status:**

1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**OTHER****\*HB 28 - Pike** Issue 1

Designates the month of November as "Diabetes Awareness Month" in Missouri

**Status:**

1/10/17 Referred to Special Committee on Tourism

(H) Chair: Justus, Vice Chair: Gannon

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

12/1/16 Pre-filed (H)

**\*HB 390 - Vescovo** Issue 1

Designates March as "Von Willebrand Awareness Month"

**Status:**

1/10/17 Referred to Special Committee on Tourism

(H) Chair: Justus, Vice Chair: Gannon

1/5/17 Second Read (H)

1/4/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 527 - Ellington**

Establishes the Customer Utility Protection Act

This act creates the "Consumer Utility Protection Act." It states that public utilities which discontinue a customer's service will not charge any fees or penalties except for that associated with re-connecting service. The fee for re-connecting service cannot be more than twenty dollars and can only be charged one time. A customer whose service was disconnected and then re-connected can be charged a monthly fee over a twelve month period. The fee cannot be more than five dollars. It can be charged in addition to the one-time fee. A customer will not be required to pay a balance

owed before service is restored. The losses from this act can be used in a rate increase hearing.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Second Read (H)

1/9/17 Introduced and First Read (H)

**SB 270 - Schaaf**

This act modifies provisions relating to public utilities

Only the section related to people with disabilities is summarized.

Currently, water, sewer, electric and gas utilities may terminate utility service for nonpayment of a delinquent utility bill, except when the Hot Weather Rule and Cold Weather Rule is in effect for electrical and gas corporations. This act repeals all termination of service provisions for nonpayment of a delinquent utility bill, and instead prohibits utilities from terminating service due to nonpayment of a delinquent utility bill.

**Status:**

1/10/17 Introduced and First Read (S)

**APPROPRIATIONS**

No pending legislation