

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Welcome to the second issue of the 2015 Legislative Update with the 98th 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. Appropriation bill links will have a purple hyperlink.
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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
BC.....	Budget Control Committee

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**HB 142 - 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:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/3/14 Pre-filed (H)

CRIME

No pending legislation

EDUCATION***HB 42 - Wood** Issue 1

Establishes a system of school accreditation by building rather than by district and establishes standards for student transfers

Status:

1/15/15 Referred Emerging Issues in Education

Committee (H) Chair: Rowland, Vice Chair: Gannon

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 365 - Spencer Issue 1

Establishes the Student Accountability Act that requires a student score proficient or higher on a state assessment in order to receive a high school academic diploma

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read

1/6/15 Pre-filed (H)

HB 381 - Swan Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to high school equivalency testing

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 382 - Swan Issue 1

Requires school districts to establish comprehensive guidance and counseling programs for students attending school in the district

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

***HB 405 - Gannon** Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to high school equivalency examinations

Status:

1/12/15 Second Read (H)

1/8/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

***HB 458 - Allen** Issue 1

Changes the laws regarding bullying in schools and establishes specific components that a district must include in its antibullying policy

Status:

1/12/15 Second Read (H)

1/8/14 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 495 - English

Allows school districts to discipline students for cyberbullying that occurs off campus

This act allows school districts to discipline any student for cyberbullying. Districts can prohibit cyberbullying if it was conducted on a school campus using school or personal technology resources. Districts can prohibit off-campus cyberbullying if it is reasonably foreseeable that it would reach a school campus, the speech was directed at a school-specific audience or if the speech was brought on to or accessed on the school campus. The act includes guidelines for use when determining appropriate disciplinary action for cyberbullying. The act also defines cyberbullying.

Status:

1/14/15 Second Read (H)

1/13/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

***SB 1 - Pearce** Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to elementary and secondary education

Status:

1/13/15 Second Read and Referred Education

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

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

***SB 22 - Chappelle-Nadal** Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to elementary and secondary education

Status:

1/15/15 Second Read and Referred Education

committee (S) Chair: Pearce, Vice Chair: Romine

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 161 - Nasheed Issue 1

Modifies requirements for school antibullying policies and modifies provisions relating to reading instruction and student promotion

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/17/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 171 - Romine Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to high school equivalency degree testing

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/29/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 241 - Keaveny

Prohibits the use of corporal punishment and the use of spanking to discipline students in public schools

This act prohibits the use of corporal punishment and the use of spanking to discipline students in public schools. Each school district's discipline policy must prohibit the use of corporal punishment and the use of spanking.

Status:

1/14/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

EMPLOYMENT**HB 270 - Miller**

Issue 1

Changes the laws regarding unlawful employment or discriminatory practices

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/19/14 Pre-filed (H)

***SB 36 - Romine**

Issue 1

Modifies the law relating to the Missouri Human Rights Act and employment discrimination

Status:

1/15/15 Second Read and Referred Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence committee (S)

Chair: Dixon, Vice Chair: Onder

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

FUNDING/TAX RELIEF**HB 192 - Swan**

Issue 1

Changes the law requiring tax credits other than the senior citizens property tax credit requiring approval by the senate appropriations and the house budget committees to approval by the general assembly

Status:

1/6/15 Withdrawn (H)

12/9/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 230 - McNeil

Issue 1

Increases, from \$30,000 to \$32,000 the maximum upper limit used to calculate the Senior Citizens Property Tax Credit, commonly known as circuit breaker

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/15/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 469 - Rowland

Requires the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide grants to organizations that provide services to deaf-blind persons

This act requires the MO Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide grants to organizations that provide services to children who are deaf-blind and their families, organizations that provide services to adults who are deaf-blind, and organizations that train support service providers. It outlines examples of what types of services could be provided using the grants. It specifies that the grants will be awarded using a request-for-proposal process.

Status:

1/13/15 Second Read (H)
1/12/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

SB 174 - Schmitt Issue 1

Relating to the Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience program

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)
12/30/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 265 - Schaefer

Extends the sunset on the intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled reimbursement allowance tax to September 30, 2016

This act extends the sunset from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2016, for the Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled Reimbursement Allowance Tax.

Status:

1/15/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

HEALTH CARE/PERSONAL ASSISTANCE**HB 153 - Gardner Issue 1**

Changes the laws regarding eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/4/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 198 - Morris Issue 1

Prohibits a health carrier or health benefit plan from denying coverage for dispensing drugs prescribed for the treatment of chronic illnesses to synchronize the refilling of prescriptions for a patient

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/11/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 262 - Frederick Issue 1

Requires health benefit plans cover diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/18/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 303 - Hicks Issue 1

Requires the MO HealthNet Division to reimburse licensed chiropractors for specific services

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/23/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 319 - Barnes Issue 1

Changes the laws regarding the provision of telehealth services

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/30/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 340 - Kendrick Issue 1

Defines an "originating site" for telehealth services and includes school-based health centers in the definition

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
1/5/15 Pre-filed (H)

HB 424 - Burlison*Issue 1**

Requires the Department of Social Services to terminate a recipient's MO HealthNet benefits if it receives information that such recipient resides out of state

Status:

1/12/15 **Second Read** (H)

1/8/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 439 - Koenig

Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2015 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis

This act establishes the "Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2015." This act states that it is illegal for a physician to knowingly and intentionally perform an abortion on a woman who wants the abortion solely because the unborn child has been diagnosed with or has the potential for a genetic abnormality. It outlines penalty provisions for physicians and outlines damages that may be sought.

Status:

1/12/15 **Second Read** (H)

1/8/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 466 - Engler

Changes the asset limits to qualify for MO HealthNet benefits to \$2,000 for a single person and \$4,000 for a married couple

This act changes the asset limits to qualify for MO HealthNet benefits to \$2,000 for a single person and \$4,000 for a married couple.

Status:

1/13/15 **Second Read** (H)

1/12/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 474 - Webber

Changes the laws regarding eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits

This act states that MO HealthNet will not provide coverage to parents or caretaker relatives living with a dependent child unless the dependent child is also receiving government funded health benefits. Beginning January 1, 2016, this act extends eligibility for an alternative package of MO HealthNet benefits to individuals who are between the ages of nineteen and sixty-five, are not pregnant, are not entitled to or enrolled in certain Medicare benefits, are not eligible or enrolled for mandatory coverage under the MO HealthNet Program, and have a household income that is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level. Those who are eligible for MO HealthNet benefits and are deemed to be "medically frail" are entitled to all the MO HealthNet benefits they are eligible for. "Medically frail" includes those with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, mental health disabilities, and others. The Departments of Social Services, Mental Health and Health and Senior Services will work together to develop a screening process to determine who will be considered "medically frail."

Status:

1/13/15 **Second Read** (H)

1/12/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 490 - English

Establishes a pilot program for the medical use of marijuana

This act establishes the "Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act". It allows individuals with certain debilitating medical conditions to use marijuana to alleviate or treat one or more of the debilitating medical conditions outlined in the act or its associated symptoms. It requires that the patient be deemed qualified by a physician, have written certification from a physician and be listed on the registry established by the MO Department of Health and Senior Services. It allows qualified individuals to possess two and a half ounces during a fourteen day period unless a quantity waiver is obtained. A registered designated caregiver is also allowed to possess the marijuana to assist someone who is a qualified individual. It also states that a qualified individual,

caregiver, physician, or any other entity engaged in medical marijuana activities allowed under this act will not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or other penalties. The act states that the MO Department of Health and Senior Services will establish and maintain the registry of qualifying patients, and issue identification cards to all qualified individuals as well as other responsibilities outlined in the act to effectively establish and maintain the program. The Department is also responsible for submitting a report to the General Assembly by September 30 of each year. The Department of Agriculture will be responsible for establishing cultivation centers.

The act establishes the "Medical Cannabis Cultivation Privilege Tax Law". It allows for a surcharge on cultivating medical marijuana on or after January 1, 2016. The rate is seven percent of the sales price per ounce. The money collected will be deposited in the compassionate use of medical cannabis fund.

Status:

1/14/15 Second Read (H)

1/13/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 549 - Zerr

Changes the asset limits to qualify for MO HealthNet benefits to \$5,000 for a single person and \$10,000 for a married couple

This act increases the limit of allowed resources to qualify for MO HealthNet benefits to \$5,000 for someone who is single and \$10,000 for a married couple.

Status:

1/15/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 548 - Rowden

Requires parity between out-of-pocket expenses charged for occupational therapist services and similar services provided by primary care physicians

This act requires that insurance companies and plans not charge individuals receiving occupational therapy services a co-payment or co-insurance percentage greater than would be charged for an

office visit to a primary care physician. The act instructs the oversight division of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to conduct an actuarial analysis of the cost impact related to this act beginning September 1, 2015.

Status:

1/15/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

***SB 9 - Schaaf**

Issue 1

Modifies the duties and powers of the Joint Committee on MO HealthNet

Status:

1/13/15 Second Read and Referred General Laws and Pensions Committee (S) Chair: Schaaf, Vice

Chair: Wieland

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

***SB 26 - Sater**

Issue 1

Establishes requirements for authorized entities to stock epinephrine (EPI) auto-injectors for use in emergencies

Status:

1/22/15 Hearing Scheduled (S)

1/15/15 Second Read and Referred Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee (S) Chair: Brown,

Vice Chair: Schaaf

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

***SB 35 - Wallingford**

Issue 1

Requires the Department of Social Services to terminate MO HealthNet services when it receives information that a MO HealthNet recipient resides out of state

Status:

1/22/15 Hearing Scheduled (S)

1/15/15 Second Read and Referred Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee (S) Chair: Brown,

Vice Chair: Schaaf

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

***SB 38 - Romine**

Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to the Joint Committee on MO HealthNet

Status:

1/15/15 Second Read and Referred General Laws and Pensions Committee (S) Chair: Schaaf, Vice

Chair: Wieland

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 90 - LeVota

Issue 1

Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning on January 1, 2016

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 118 - Brown

Issue 1

Requires MO HealthNet participants to pay an eight dollar co-pay for the use of emergency room services for the treatment of a nonemergency condition

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/3/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 125 - Schupp

Issue 1

Authorizes eligibility for an alternative package of benefits for certain individuals under the MO HealthNet program

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/3/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 145 - Pearce

Issue 1

Requires health benefit plans cover diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/12/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 186 - Curls

Issue 1

Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning on January 1, 2016

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

1/5/15 Pre-filed (S)

SB 197 - Brown

Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to the Joint Committee on MO HealthNet

Status:

1/7/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 230 - Romine

Modifies provisions relating to the MO HealthNet program

This act modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet.

NOTIFICATION TO SPENDDOWN PARTICIPANTS (Section 208.151.7)

Under this act the Department of Social Services shall notify any potential exchange-eligible participant who may be eligible for services due to spenddown that the participant may qualify for more cost-effective private insurance and federal premium tax credits available through the purchase of a health insurance plan in a health care exchange and the benefits that would be potentially covered under the insurance.

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS (Section 208.152.12)

This act provides that Licensed professional counselors (LPCs) and provisional LPCs may provide MO HealthNet behavioral health services to adults age twenty-one and older in a federally qualified health center setting.

ASSESSMENTS FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND JUVENILE COURT SERVICES (Section 208.186)

Assessments for drug and alcohol treatment shall be made to MO HealthNet participants when drugs

or alcohol were contributing factors to any crimes or to any child abuse and neglect allegations. Recommendations of the treatment provider may be used by the court in sentencing or rendering a disposition.

HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN LOW-INCOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Section 208.661)

The Department shall develop incentive programs, submit state plan amendments, and apply for necessary waivers to permit rural health clinics, federally-qualified health centers, or other primary care practices to co-locate on the property of public elementary and secondary schools with 50% or more students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. The act details the prohibitions on such clinics as well as the parental consent required.

TELEHEALTH (Section 208.670)

This act requires the Department of Social Services to promulgate rules regarding MO HealthNet telehealth to allow for out-of-state health care providers and hospitalists to use telehealth services to address access to care.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MO HEALTHNET (Section 208.952)

This act amends the Joint Committee on MO HealthNet to have as its purpose of study the efficacy of the program as well as the resources needed to continue and improve the MO HealthNet program over time. The committee shall receive and obtain information from the departments of Social Services, Mental Health, Health and Senior Services and Elementary and Secondary Education as applicable, regarding the projected budget of the entire MO HealthNet program including projected MO HealthNet enrollment growth, categorized by population and geographic area.

The committee shall meet at least twice a year. The committee is authorized to hire an employee or enter into employment contracts. The compensation of such personnel and the expenses

of the committee shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the senate and house contingent funds until an appropriation can be made. The committee may also hire or contract for an executive director to conduct investigations to fulfill the duties of the committee.

HEALTH CARE HOMES (208.997)

By July 1, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division shall implement the Health Care Homes Program as a provider-directed care coordination program for MO HealthNet participants who shall be transitioned from the fee-for-service program to a coordinated care organization. The program must provide payment to primary care clinics for care coordination for individuals deemed medically frail. Clinics must meet certain specified criteria, including the capacity to develop care plans; a dedicated care coordinator; an adequate number of clients, evaluation mechanisms, and quality improvement processes to qualify for reimbursement; and the capability to maintain and use a disease registry.

CURRENT MANAGED CARE POPULATION EXTENDED STATEWIDE (208.998)

The Department of Social Services shall seek a state plan amendment to extend the current MO HealthNet managed care program statewide no earlier than January 1, 2016, and no later than July 1, 2016, for all eligibility groups currently enrolled in a managed care plan as of January 1, 2015. Such eligibility groups shall receive covered services through health plans offered by managed care entities which are authorized by the Department.

The health plans must resemble commercially available health plans while complying with federal Medicaid Program requirements as authorized by federal law or through a federal waiver. The plans must include cost sharing for out-patient services to the maximum extent allowed by federal law and may include other co-payments and provide incentives that encourage and reward the prudent

use of the health benefit provided. In addition, the plans must encourage access to care through provider rates that include pay-for-performance and are comparable to commercial rates.

The managed care health plans shall also require all MO HealthNet managed care plans to provide coverage for ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health and substance abuse treatment, including behavioral health treatment; prescription drugs; habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness care, and chronic disease management; pediatric services, including oral and vision care; case management; and preventive services and any other services required by federal law.

The health plans shall also provide a high-deductible health plan option. Such high deductible health plan must include coverage for benefits as specified by Department rule after meeting a \$1,000 deductible; an account, funded by the Department, of at least \$1,000 per adult to pay the medical costs for the initial deductible; preventive care, as defined by Department rule, that is not subject to the deductible and does not require a payment of money from the account.

The managed care health plans shall also offer all participants with chronic conditions, as specified by the Department, an option to be included in an incentive program for MO HealthNet participants who obtain specified primary care and preventive services and who participate or refrain from specified activities to improve the participant's overall health.

A MO HealthNet participant is eligible to participate in only one of either the high deductible health plan or the incentive program for chronic conditions.

URGENT CARE CLINICS (208.999)

Subject to appropriations, the Department of Social Services shall develop incentive programs to encourage the construction and operation of urgent

care clinics that operate outside normal business hours and are located in or adjoined to emergency room facilities that receive a high proportion of patients who are participating in MO HealthNet to the extent that the incentives are eligible for federal matching funds.

MANAGED CARE DATA AND NETWORK ADEQUACY REQUIREMENTS (208.1500)

This act requires managed care organizations to provide to the Department of Social Services, and the Department to publicly report, certain information regarding medical loss ratios, total payments to the managed care organization in any form, provider compensation rates, service utilization information, data regarding complaints, grievances and appeals, quality measurements and consumer satisfaction.

CURRENT FEE-FOR-SERVICE POPULATION MOVED TO ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS (208.1503)

Beginning July 1, 2019, participants in the MO HealthNet fee-for-service program as of January 1, 2015, shall begin enrollment in regionally-based or statewide coordinated care organizations except for those participants transitioning to the MO HealthNet managed care program, those residing in skilled nursing facilities, and those with developmental disabilities receiving state plan services or home- and community-based services through a waiver administered by the Department of Mental Health. A "Coordinated care organization" or "CCO" shall mean an organization of health care providers, including health care homes, that agrees to be accountable for the quality, cost, and overall care of a defined group of MO HealthNet participants. The regional CCOs shall be reimbursed through a global payment methodology developed by the department. Participants under a CCO shall be placed in a health care home.

The Department shall also advance the development of systems of care for medically complex children who are recipients of MO

HealthNet benefits by accepting cost-effective regional proposals from and contracting with appropriate pediatric care networks, pediatric centers for excellence, and medical homes for children to provide MO HealthNet benefits when the Department determines it is cost effective to do so. Such entities shall be treated as coordinated care organizations.

The act requires the Departments of Social Services, Health and Senior Services and Mental Health and the Division of Budget and Planning to jointly conduct a study on the feasibility, practical implications and risks of integrating all of the aged, blind and disabled population, including Medicare and Medicaid dual eligibles, skilled nursing facility, health home, home-and community-based waiver and Department of Mental Health waiver populations into the coordinated care organization model established under this act.

PRIVATE INSURANCE PREMIUM SUBSIDY
(208.1506)

Beginning July 1, 2016, any MO HealthNet participant who elects to receive medical coverage through a private health insurance plan instead of through the MO HealthNet program shall be eligible for a private insurance premium subsidy to assist the participant in paying the costs of such private insurance if it is determined to be cost effective by the Department. The subsidy shall be provided on a sliding scale based on income, with a graduated reduction in subsidy over a period of time not to exceed two years.

Status:
1/13/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

LEGAL RIGHTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

***HB 30 - Dugger** Issue 1

Requires a person to submit a specified form of photo identification in order to vote in a public election with specified exemptions

Status:
1/15/15 Referred Elections Committee (H) Chair: Entlicher, Vice Chair: Dogan

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/1/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 240 - Davis Issue 1
Requires a person to submit a specified form of photo identification in order to vote in a public election with specified exemptions

Status:
1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/16/14 Pre-filed (H)

***HB 454 - English** Issue 1
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

Status:
1/12/15 Second Read (H)
1/8/14 Introduced and First Read (H)

SB 169 - Schaaf Issue 1
Modifies the law relating to voting procedures

Status:
1/7/15 First Read (S)
12/19/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 170 - Kraus Issue 1
Relating to voting procedures

Status:
1/7/15 First Read (S)
12/22/14 Pre-filed (S)

***HJR 1 - Dugger** Issue 1
Proposes a constitutional amendment specifying that a person seeking to vote in a public election may be required by general law to provide a valid government-issued photo identification

Status:
1/15/15 Referred Elections Committee (H) Chair: Entlicher, Vice Chair: Dogan
1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/1/14 Pre-filed (H)

SJR 5 - Kraus **Issue 1**

Allows for photographic identification for voting

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)
12/22/14 Pre-filed (S)

MENTAL HEALTH

HB 49 - Kirkton **Issue 1**

Adds board certified psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists to the list of medical professionals from whom treatment costs may be compensated

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/1/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 90 - Berry **Issue 1**

Changes the membership of the Mental Health Commission

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/2/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 108 - McCaherty **Issue 1**

Establishes a two-year statute of limitations for actions against a mental health professional for malpractice, negligence, error, or mistake

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/3/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 200 - Morris **Issue 1**

Establishes the "Tricia Leann Tharp Act" that requires pharmacists to receive two hours of continuing education on suicide prevention as a requirement for license renewal

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)
12/11/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 364 - Solon **Issue 1**

Authorizes certain licensed social workers and counselors to provide behavioral health services in the MO HealthNet program

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)
1/7/15 First Read (H)
1/6/15 Pre-filed (H)

***SB 85 - Emery** **Issue 1**

Authorizes certain social workers and licensed professional counselors to provide behavioral health services in the MO HealthNet program

Status:

1/12/15 Withdrawn (S)
1/7/15 First Read (S)
12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 226 - Emery

Authorizes certain social workers and licensed professional counselors to provide behavioral health services in the MO HealthNet program to MO HealthNet managed care program participants

This act provides that in the MO HealthNet program, all licensed master social workers, licensed clinical social workers, provisional licensed professional counselors, and licensed professional counselors may provide behavioral health services to all participants in the MO HealthNet managed care setting.

Status:

1/12/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

OLMSTEAD

HB 343 - Lair **Issue 1**

Establishes a committee to assess the continuation of the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program in order to help disabled or aging

individuals transition from nursing facilities to community settings

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

1/5/15 Pre-filed (H)

SAFETY/PREVENTION

HB 27 - Kratky Issue 1

Prohibits drivers of non-commercial vehicles from text messaging while operating a moving vehicle unless the device being used is equipped with technology allowing for voice-recognition hands-free texting

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 290 - Kelley Issue 1

Exempts any stairway inclined lift owned and operated by a church in the City of Greenfield from safety inspections unless requested by the owner

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/23/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 295 - Kelley Issue 1

Raises the maximum speed limit on rural interstates and freeways of the state from 70 to 75 miles per hour

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/23/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 310 - Roden Issue 1

Specifies that only motorcycle riders under the age of 18 or operating with a motorcycle training permit shall wear a helmet

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/24/14 Pre-filed (H)

***HB 398 - Peters** Issue 1

Prohibits texting while operating a moving motor vehicle by drivers of all ages

Status:

1/12/15 Second Read (H)

1/8/14 Introduced and First Read (H)

***HB 450 - English** Issue 1

Prohibits anyone from sending, reading, or writing a text message while operating a motor vehicle

Status:

1/12/15 Second Read (H)

1/8/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 498 - Spencer

Prohibits any person under the age of 18 from operating a motorcycle or motortricycle without protective headgear

This act requires all persons who are under eighteen years old and driving or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle to wear a helmet.

Status:

1/14/15 Second Read (H)

1/13/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HCR 9 - Gardner Issue 1

Designates May 31 each year as "Missouri No Smoking/Tobacco Day" in order to increase awareness on the dangers of tobacco use

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 523 - Burlison

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 anyone who is age 21 years or older can operate a motorcycle or motortricycle without wearing a helmet if he or she has first-party insurance coverage with medical benefits with a

minimum amount of \$50,000 so that injuries sustained in an accident while operating the motorcycle or motortricycle are covered.

Status:

1/15/14 Introduced and First Read (H)

***SB 3 - Pearce**

Issue 1

Expands ban on using cell phones while driving to all drivers and to include telephone calls

Status:

1/13/15 Second Read and Referred Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee (S)

Chair: Libla, Vice Chair: Schatz

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 135 - Holsman

Issue 1

Relating to the operation of motorcycles and motortricycles

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/8/14 Pre-filed (S)

SERVICES**HB 86 - Walton Gray**

Issue 1

Establishes the Sickle Cell Standing Committee to study and make recommendations regarding the impact of sickle cell disease on urban communities

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/2/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 170 - Ellington

Issue 1

Specifies that a person applying for state employment, public assistance, or state housing assistance cannot be required to disclose any prior nonviolent felony plea or conviction with certain exceptions

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/5/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 189 - Swan

Issue 1

Establishes licensure requirements for music therapists

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/9/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 288 - Dohrman

Issue 1

Changes the laws regarding speech-language pathologists

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/22/14 Pre-filed (H)

***HB 441 - English**

Issue 1

Requires the Department of Social Services to seek a federal waiver to mandate the use of photo identification for continued eligibility in the food stamp program

Status:

1/12/15 Second Read (H)

1/8/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 472 - Sommer

Changes the laws regarding the Brain Injury Fund

This act adds community-based services to comprehensive brain injury day rehabilitation programs and home and community supports for purposes of using the money deposited in the Brain Injury Fund. It also states that the surcharge will not be waived for any criminal case including municipal ordinances except if the violation is dismissed or the cost is covered by the state, county, or municipality.

Status:

1/13/15 Second Read (H)

1/12/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 545 - Crawford

Allows a complaint to be filed against any physical therapist or physical therapy assistant who has

failed to renew or has surrendered his or her license for certain actions

This act specifies that a complaint may be filed against any physical therapist or physical therapy assistant who has failed to renew or surrender his or her license for specific reasons specified in the act.

Status:

1/15/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

HB 551 - Fitzpatrick

Sets a reimbursement rate for primary care physicians under Medicaid and requires MO HealthNet to contract with a third party for eligibility verification

This act sets the reimbursement rate for primary care physicians under MO HealthNet at no less than primary care physicians receive under the Medicare program.

Under this act, the MO HealthNet Division will obtain a contractor to verify individuals' eligibility for assistance by January 1, 2016. Eligibility will be verified using data matches. The contractor will contact the MO HealthNet Division once a determination is made regarding eligibility. The MO HealthNet Division has 20 business days to accept or reject the determination. The contractor will keep a record of all initial determinations involving ineligible individuals. A joint report will be provided to the Governor and the General Assembly 30 days after the conclusion of each calendar quarter. The act specifies what should be included in the report.

Status:

1/15/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

SB 146 - Pearce

Issue 1

Modifies provisions of law relating to licensing and certification for speech-language pathologists and audiologists

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/12/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 151 - Sater

Issue 1

Sets a reimbursement rate for primary care physicians under Medicaid and requires MO HealthNet to contract with a third party for eligibility verification

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/15/14 Pre-filed (S)

SB 154 - Wallingford

Issue 1

Requires those practicing music therapy to have a license issued by the Director of the Division of Professional Registration

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/16/14 Pre-filed (S)

OTHER

HB 83 - Curtman

Issue 1

Requires a utility to offer to residential customers on a fixed income the opportunity to pay their utility bill on a reasonable schedule that is adjusted for their periodic receipt of income

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (H)

HB 307 - Gardner

Issue 1

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

Status:

1/8/15 Second Read (H)

1/7/15 First Read (H)

12/23/14 Pre-filed (H)

***HB 400 - Peters**

Issue 1

Designates the month of November each year as "Epilepsy Awareness Month"

Status:

1/12/15 Second Read (H)

1/8/15 Introduced and First Read (H)

SB 82 - Chappelle-Nadal **Issue 1**

Requires long-term care facilities to be encouraged to institute policies facilitating familial involvement in the well-being and support of its residents

Status:

1/7/15 First Read (S)

12/1/14 Pre-filed (S)

SCR 2 - Nasheed **Issue 1**

Designates the month of November as Pica Awareness Month in Missouri

Status:

1/8/15 Referred Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee (S) Chair: Richard, Vice Chair:

Dempsey

1/7/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

SCR 4 - Walsh

Recognizes every September 26th as Mesothelioma Awareness Day

This resolution recognizes every September 26th as Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Missouri.

Status:

1/15/15 Second Read and Referred Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee (S) Chair:

Richard, Vice Chair: Dempsey

1/12/15 Introduced and First Read (S)

APPROPRIATIONS

No pending legislation