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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Patterson in the Chair.

Prayer by Reverend Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, Chaplain.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will. (Mark 11:24)

We briefly pause in Your presence, God, this moment, praying that Your awesome power may come anew into our hearts and into the hearts of all our people. May we not only hear the cry of humanity for justice and freedom, but may we heed it. May violence cease; may understanding between politicians and citizens increase; may intelligent thought prevail; may the needs of the poor be met, that there be no cause for bitterness, hatred or division.

We pray that everyone in Missouri may have the chance to grow and to work and to live, that our state may be, in deed and in truth, the home of the brave, the land of the free, with liberty and justice for all.

Finally, bless our courts and our judges with a spirit of prudence and truth. Open our hearts to the message of our Supreme Court today.

And the House says, "Amen!"

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Journal of the twenty-eighth day was approved as printed by the following vote:

AYES: 124

Allen	Amato	Baker	Banderman	Barnes
Billington	Black	Boggs	Boykin	Bromley
Brown 149	Bush	Busick	Butz	Casteel
Caton	Chappell	Christ	Christensen	Clemens
Coleman	Cook	Costlow	Crossley	Davidson
Davis	Dean	Deaton	Dolan	Douglas
Durnell	Elliott	Falkner	Fogle	Fowler
Fuchs	Gallick	Gragg	Griffith	Hales
Haley	Harbison	Hardwick	Hausman	Hein
Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hruza	Ingle
Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison	Jobe	Jones 88
Jordan	Justus	Kalberloh	Kelley	Kimble
Laubinger	Lewis	Loy	Lucas	Mackey
Mansur	Martin	Mayhew	McGaugh	McGill
Meirath	Miller	Murphy	Murray	Myers
Nolte	Overcast	Owen	Parker	Perkins
Peters	Phelps	Price	Proudie	Reed
Reedy	Reuter	Riggs	Riley	Roberts

Rush	Schulte	Seitz	Self	Shields
Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 68	Smith 74	Steinhoff
Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler	Taylor 48
Taylor 84	Terry	Thomas	Van Schoiack	Verneti
Violet	Voss	Waller	Weber	West
Whaley	Williams	Wilson	Wolfen	Woods
Wright	Young	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker	

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 002

Collins Fountain Henderson

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 036

Anderson	Appelbaum	Aune	Bosley	Boyko
Brown 16	Burton	Byrnes	Cupps	Diehl
Doll	Ealy	Farnan	Haden	Hurlbert
Johnson	Jones 12	Keathley	Knight	Matthiesen
Mosley	Oehlerking	Plank	Pollitt	Pouche
Sassmann	Schmidt	Sharp 37	Sharpe 4	Sparks
Thompson	Titus	Veit	Walsh Moore	Warwick
Wellenkamp				

VACANCIES: 001

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

Representative Young offered House Resolution No. 542 and House Resolution No. 552.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Joint Resolution was read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HJR 95, introduced by Representative Sparks, relating to the registration of certain voters.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HB 1465, introduced by Representative Hruza, relating to the licensure of entities involved in the distribution of drugs.

HB 1466, introduced by Representative Taylor (48), relating to foam fire suppressants.

HB 1467, introduced by Representative Mayhew, relating to treatment courts.

HB 1468, introduced by Representative Weber, relating to tax credits for improving access to food.

HB 1469, introduced by Representative Price, relating to a tax credit for the property tax liabilities of certain vulnerable persons.

HB 1470, introduced by Representative Black, to authorize the conveyance of certain state property.

HB 1471, introduced by Representative Costlow, relating to the age of consent, with penalty provisions.

HB 1472, introduced by Representative Justus, relating to panic-alert technology in schools.

HB 1473, introduced by Representative Miller, relating to gifted education pupils.

HB 1474, introduced by Representative Schmidt, relating to health care.

HB 1475, introduced by Representative Sparks, relating to voter registration, with a contingent effective date.

HB 1476, introduced by Representative Butz, relating to the sheriff of the City of St. Louis.

HB 1477, introduced by Representative Seitz, relating to a modification of certain fees imposed on spirituous liquors.

HB 1478, introduced by Representative Hein, relating to income taxes.

HB 1479, introduced by Representative Strickler, relating to income taxes.

HB 1480, introduced by Representative Hein, relating to a tax credit for the property tax liabilities of certain vulnerable persons.

HB 1481, introduced by Representative Smith (74), relating to county municipal courts.

HB 1482, introduced by Representative Violet, relating to the distribution of certain funds for memorials and museums dedicated to veterans.

HB 1483, introduced by Representative Douglas, relating to a tax credit for the property tax liabilities of certain vulnerable persons.

HB 1484, introduced by Representative Cupps, relating to roundabout construction.

HB 1485, introduced by Representative Cupps, relating to headlamp requirements.

HB 1486, introduced by Representative Cupps, relating to diesel-powered vehicles, with penalty provisions.

HB 1487, introduced by Representative Wellenkamp, relating to rebates by electrical corporations.

HB 1488, introduced by Representative Baker, relating to water and sewer service for rental property.

HB 1489, introduced by Representative Vernetti, relating to electronic communication devices, with penalty provisions.

HB 1490, introduced by Representative Johnson, relating to parole hearings for certain offenders.

HB 1491, introduced by Representative Allen, relating to sports complex authorities.

HB 1492, introduced by Representative Brown (16), relating to prescriptive authority for certain health care professionals.

HB 1493, introduced by Representative Bush, relating to a memorial highway designation.

HB 1494, introduced by Representative Riggs, relating to the office of the lieutenant governor, with a contingent effective date.

HB 1495, introduced by Representative Jones (88), relating to child abuse or neglect.

HB 1496, introduced by Representative Billington, relating to married minors.

HB 1497, introduced by Representative Reedy, relating to tax rate ceilings.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Joint Resolution was read the second time:

HJR 94, relating to a sales tax for conservation purposes.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the second time:

HB 1439, relating to fees paid by offenders.

HB 1440, relating to Clyde S. Cahill, Jr. day.

HB 1441, relating to duties of the department of social services.

HB 1442, relating to the state natural resource and community protection act, with penalty provisions.

HB 1443, relating to supervised alcohol consumption by certain persons.

HB 1444, relating to the Missouri consolidated health care plan.

HB 1445, relating to the RX cares for Missouri program.

HB 1446, relating to tutoring programs and services.

HB 1447, relating to rights of military servicemembers.

HB 1448, relating to the over-the-counter purchase of certain medications, with an emergency clause.

HB 1449, relating to workforce opportunities for certain youth.

HB 1450, relating to curriculum transparency.

HB 1451, relating to workforce development, with a penalty provision.

HB 1452, relating to domestication of limited liability companies.

HB 1453, relating to the establishment of a contingency management program within the department of corrections.

HB 1454, relating to jurisdiction over Missouri land.

HB 1455, relating to regulations based on fuel sources.

HB 1456, relating to the sheriff of the City of St. Louis.

HB 1457, relating to judicial security, with penalty provisions.

HB 1458, relating to property tax appeal assistance programs for seniors.

HB 1459, relating to same sex marriages.

HB 1460, relating to unlawful discriminatory actions.

HB 1461, relating to the soil erosion control fund.

HB 1462, relating to artificial intelligence.

HB 1463, relating to the licensure of certain businesses.

HB 1464, relating to the protection of children and vulnerable persons, with penalty provisions.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following Senate Bills were read the second time:

SS#2 SB 4, relating to utilities, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

SS SB 40, relating to a missing and murdered African American women and girls task force.

MOTION

Representative Riley moved that Rule 123 be suspended.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 137

Allen	Amato	Anderson	Barnes	Billington
Black	Boggs	Bosley	Boykin	Boyko
Bromley	Brown 16	Burton	Bush	Busick
Butz	Casteel	Caton	Christ	Christensen
Clemens	Coleman	Collins	Cook	Costlow
Crossley	Davidson	Davis	Dean	Dolan
Doll	Douglas	Durnell	Elliott	Fogle
Fountain Henderson	Fowler	Fuchs	Gallick	Gragg
Griffith	Haden	Haley	Harbison	Hausman
Hein	Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hurlbert
Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison	Jobe
Johnson	Jones 12	Jordan	Justus	Kalberloh
Keathley	Kelley	Kimble	Laubinger	Lewis
Lucas	Mackey	Mansur	Martin	Mayhew
McGaugh	McGill	Meirath	Miller	Mosley
Murphy	Murray	Myers	Nolte	Oehlerking
Overcast	Owen	Parker	Perkins	Peters
Phelps	Plank	Pollitt	Pouche	Price
Proudie	Reed	Reedy	Riggs	Riley
Roberts	Rush	Sassmann	Schmidt	Seitz
Self	Sharpe 4	Shields	Simmons	Smith 46
Smith 68	Smith 74	Sparks	Steinhoff	Steinmetz
Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler	Taylor 48	Taylor 84
Terry	Thomas	Thompson	Titus	Van Schoiack
Veit	Verneti	Violet	Waller	Walsh Moore
Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	West	Whaley
Wilson	Wolfen	Woods	Wright	Young
Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker			

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 000

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 025

Appelbaum	Aune	Baker	Banderman	Brown 149
Byrnes	Chappell	Cupps	Deaton	Diehl
Ealy	Falkner	Farnan	Hales	Hardwick
Hruza	Jones 88	Knight	Loy	Matthiesen
Reuter	Schulte	Sharp 37	Voss	Williams

VACANCIES: 001

JOINT SESSION

The hour of the Joint Session having arrived, the Senate in a body was admitted and Lieutenant Governor David Wasinger, presiding, called the Joint Assembly to order.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop F Color Guard presented the Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Secretary of the Senate called the roll, which showed a majority of the Senators present:

AYES: 29

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brown 26
Burger	Carter	Coleman	Crawford	Gregory 15
Gregory 21	Henderson	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer
May	McCreery	Moon	Mosley	Nicola
Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams	

ABSENT: 5

Brattin	Brown 16	Cierpiot	Fitzwater	Hough
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The Chief Clerk of the House called the roll, which showed a majority of the Representatives present:

AYES: 146

Allen	Amato	Anderson	Aune	Baker
Banderman	Barnes	Billington	Black	Boggs
Boykin	Boyko	Bromley	Brown 16	Burton
Bush	Busick	Butz	Casteel	Caton
Chappell	Christ	Clemens	Coleman	Collins
Cook	Costlow	Crossley	Davidson	Davis
Dean	Diehl	Dolan	Doll	Douglas
Durnell	Elliott	Falkner	Farnan	Fogle
Fountain Henderson	Fowler	Fuchs	Gallick	Gragg
Griffith	Haden	Haley	Harbison	Hardwick
Hausman	Hein	Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis
Hruza	Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison
Jobe	Johnson	Jones 12	Jones 88	Jordan
Justus	Kalberloh	Keathley	Kelley	Kimble
Knight	Laubinger	Lewis	Loy	Lucas
Mackey	Mansur	Martin	Mayhew	McGaugh
McGill	Meirath	Miller	Mosley	Murphy
Murray	Myers	Nolte	Oehlerking	Overcast
Owen	Parker	Perkins	Peters	Phelps
Pollitt	Pouche	Price	Proudie	Reed
Riggs	Riley	Roberts	Rush	Sassmann
Schmidt	Schulte	Seitz	Self	Sharpe 4
Shields	Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 68	Smith 74
Sparks	Steinhoff	Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett
Strickler	Taylor 48	Taylor 84	Terry	Thomas
Thompson	Titus	Van Schoiack	Veit	Vernetti
Violet	Voss	Waller	Warwick	Weber
Wellenkamp	West	Whaley	Williams	Wilson
Wolfen	Woods	Wright	Young	Zimmermann
Mr. Speaker				

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 004

Bosley	Hurlbert	Plank	Walsh Moore
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 012

Appelbaum	Brown 149	Byrnes	Christensen	Cupps
Deaton	Ealy	Hales	Matthiesen	Reedy
Reuter	Sharp 37			

VACANCIES: 001

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the approach of the Honorable Mary R. Russell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri. Chief Justice Russell was duly escorted to the House Chamber and to the Speaker's dais, where she delivered the following message to the Assembly in Joint Session.

**STATE OF THE JUDICIARY
ADDRESS BY
CHIEF JUSTICE MARY R. RUSSELL**

Lieutenant Governor Wasinger, Speaker Patterson, President Pro Tem O’Laughlin, statewide office holders, members of the General Assembly, judicial colleagues, and my fellow Missourians: It is an honor and privilege to serve as Missouri’s chief justice and to share with you this 51st state of the judiciary.

First off, I want to say I appreciate the sacrifices you and your families make so you can be here. My late husband Jim spent many years working in this incredible building, including four terms representing northwest Missouri in this very chamber. But he used to tell me, if I ever ran for office, he’d run for the state line!

Our families are important to all of us. So I’d like to introduce you to the members of my family here today – there’s quite a list, so give me a minute! We’ll start with my favorites – my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren, Nick, Alex, Avery, Evan, Isabelle, Claire, Harper, Miles and Dawson – plus their families, Kim, Allen, Heather, Tom, Laura and Allison. I love you all; please stand and be recognized!

When I first gave this speech, one of my young grandkids – in an otherwise quiet moment – blurted out “Mimi sure does talk a lot!” I hope my little ones keep their comments to themselves today!

Last year marked my 20th anniversary on the Court, but it feels just like yesterday when I first put on my robe across the street. It’s something this northeast Missouri farm girl never thought possible, even in her wildest dreams.

Through the years I’ve learned: as important as the work we do here in Jefferson City is, it is equally important to understand the impact of our work on people throughout our state. So, during this term as chief justice, my goal has been to visit all 46 judicial circuits. I’ve been to 36 so far, with just 10 to go!

Many of you have joined me to tour your local courthouses to hear from all your constituents who work there. By showing our gratitude to our “frontline court heroes” for their dedicated service to the people of our state, together, we have learned a lot.

We are the Show-Me State, and these tours have shown us that investing in our courts is an investment in our local citizens. Every day, more than 3,400 judges, court clerks, bailiffs and other court employees perform critical functions on behalf of – and for the benefit of – all Missourians. Day in and day out, these local court staff diligently work to provide vital services to the people we *all* serve.

This morning, I don't want to talk to you about the work we do that makes headlines. Our courts are about so much more than the handful of litigants, issues or cases that might attract your attention. Today, I want to tell you "the rest of the story" – how the daily activities of our courts matter in the lives of everyday people in all our communities, large and small.

In every county, work begins before the courts open. Staff show up early, unlocking doors, turning up the heat and – quite a few times so far this year – shoveling snow.

In the 8 o'clock hour, courthouses across Missouri are opening for business, from Rock Port to Kahoka, Caruthersville to Neosho, and all points in between. Court clerks are firing up their computers to start processing overnight filings. Last year, there were more than 6.4 million filings. Case.net averaged more than 5 million hits per day – some of those might have been from you! And people made more than 250,000 payments online totaling more than \$32 million.

Thanks to your ongoing support for court technology, information that was once on paper is now electronic. This saves counties, municipalities and people millions of dollars in postage, supplies and storage. Your support allows us to continue providing the high level of online services Missourians expect and deserve.

Last summer, an electrical event dramatically impacted our servers. But our amazing staff had all our courts back up and running within days. Although we continue serving the day-to-day technology needs of our courts and your constituents, more is required to bring us back to full functionality. Please consider funding to restore our data systems to capacity and help protect them against future problems.

By 9 a.m., court staff are greeting potential jurors gathering in anticipation of jury trials, most of which are in criminal cases. Right now, there may be trials involving a burglary in Bethany, forgery in Fulton, or stealing in Salem.

During my travels to your local courthouses, staff express concern about the low compensation for jurors, who are missing a paycheck or time with their families to perform this important civic duty. Last year, you considered changing jurors' compensation, in part by tying their mileage rate to that of state employees. Currently, the statute provides jurors just 7 cents a mile. This year, please send these changes to the governor's desk. Doing so will demonstrate respect for our jurors.

But the day is only just beginning. In the 10 o'clock hour, in our associate divisions, judges may be hearing cases ranging from contract disputes in Columbia to landlord-tenant actions in Liberty to small claims in Ste. Genevieve. By 11 a.m., they are handling arraignments for charges such as trespass in Trenton, vandalism in Versailles, or possession in Potosi.

There is plenty of work outside the courtrooms too. All morning, clerks are helping Missourians in a number of ways. Someone in Fredricktown needs to file a court form. Another person in Grant City wants to establish a garnishment. In Hermann, the circuit clerk – who also is the recorder of deeds – is helping a couple locate a property title.

Things don't stop over the lunch hour, when our municipal divisions may be the busiest, as clerks from Ava to Butler to Lancaster help people understand how to pay their traffic tickets.

Juvenile detention centers across the state are busy as well. Staff in St. Charles and St. Louis city are preparing to help students with afternoon school lessons so they don't fall behind, while employees down in Bloomfield are dishing up lunch for the teenagers detained there. These facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Their staff are always at work, through snow days and holidays alike. Their focus is steadfast on serving the youth.

Let me introduce you to Demetrius Evans, whose passion for juvenile justice stems from hard-learned lessons. He was in and out of our St. Louis County juvenile system starting at age 7. As an adult, he reached out to staff and mentors whom he had met while in juvenile detention. He was determined to share his story with at-risk youth. He wanted to help *them* avoid the same mistakes *he* had made, to change the course of their lives.

Now he works as a deputy juvenile detention officer in Clayton. His boss says Demetrius has faced things in life that would break most people, but he has found a way to thrive and now channels his energies into improving his community “one kid at a time.” Everyone, please join me in thanking Demetrius for investing this second chapter of his life in serving our youth. Demetrius, would you please stand to be recognized?

The increasing number of children in our juvenile detention centers continues to be a challenge. We have too few staff serving too many youth ... with too few beds available statewide. For example, it may be the middle of the night when a juvenile officer in Bowling Green gets a call to immediately find a bed in detention for a young person accused of a serious crime. After reaching out to several facilities, it turns out the closest bed may be several hours away, which puts a burden on the family and is not a very effective use of taxpayer dollars.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you this year to increase bed capacity in two central Missouri detention centers, while increasing our security and mental health services and maintaining juvenile detention staff throughout our state.

During the 1 o'clock hour, courthouse proceedings are starting up again. In the circuit division, a judge in Ava is getting ready to handle his favorite kind of case – an adoption. Meanwhile, a person is seeking a divorce in Doniphan, while another is hoping to modify child custody in Charleston. There may be an abandoned infant in need of court intervention in Independence, while children in Chillicothe may need protection from abuse or neglect. And in Tuscumbia, there is a hearing involving a preteen who has been truant.

Many of these cases involve juvenile officers. One such “frontline hero” is Jenn Willis, whose boss calls her “a phenomenal asset” to the team serving the counties around Macon and Shelbyville. She mentors others; attends home visits with children and their families; hosts birthday lunches for kids on her case load; and often drives long distances to visit local youth who are in residential facilities far from home. Jenn is here with us today; please give her a well-earned round of applause!

A lot of work is also happening in our probate divisions, from Palmyra to Pineville. For example, at 2 p.m., parents in Galena are seeking letters of guardianship over their child, who is turning 18 and has serious intellectual disabilities. In Gallatin, a brother and sister are seeking to become guardians of their grandmother, who is suffering from dementia. And in Camdenton, the probate clerk is helping a man file an annual report in his elderly uncle's conservatorship.

By 3 p.m., judges from Edina to Eminence are finalizing probate estates for families who have lost loved ones. In Warsaw and West Plains, individuals are presenting evidence in disputes over wills. Meanwhile, from Marshall to Mount Vernon, courts are holding emergency hearings to determine whether individuals having a mental health crisis need to be hospitalized or can be treated as outpatients.

During my travels, your constituents express concern about mental health issues impacting people in nearly every type of case, from juvenile to criminal to civil. To continue addressing these issues, we want to expand our treatment court divisions to include mental health courts and grow our pretrial services programs. Over three decades, our treatment courts have built a track record of success, helping people stay out of our criminal justice system and find new beginnings as both loving members of their families and productive community citizens.

Last year, you approved funding to expand pretrial services from two pilot sites to programs now in more than nine circuits. Not all defendants charged with a crime need to be detained before trial. We should reserve our county jails for those who are assessed as dangerous or a flight risk. But pretrial services involve more than just assessment and supervision. They also connect nonviolent defendants with community resources to help them find housing, jobs or transportation, or to stay free of substance abuse.

Connecting all of these resources with defendants saves counties money while ensuring public safety. But it also makes it more likely that defendants will actually show up in court and helps close their revolving door into our criminal justice system. Pretrial services are a promising tool to achieve positive results. Together, we can expand these programs to more circuits next year.

While the working day is drawing to a close, much activity continues. At 4 p.m., court clerks from Osceola to Plattsburg are helping women apply for orders of protection. In Springfield, the comfort dog, Derby, is taking a last lap around the courthouse, offering sniffs and snuggles to some children whose parents are getting divorced. Up in Unionville, a judge is performing a wedding for a local couple while the bailiff serves as a witness.

Meanwhile, things remain busy in Kansas City, where one municipal judge is working through an afternoon housing docket online. Another is hosting a walk-in docket in the courtroom for those who signed up to have their cases heard. A third municipal judge is preparing for virtual arraignments. In an effort to accommodate people's lives, these judges and staff have utilized a variety of scheduling options to make court appearances more convenient, so litigants don't have to miss work or family obligations.

By 5 p.m., most local courthouses are closing, but the day is far from done. Judges all over the state continue to electronically sign warrants at all hours of the night or review case files for the next day's proceedings. Here in Jefferson City, our information technology staff are implementing a scheduled update with local IT professionals.

These examples reflect a typical "day in the life" in courthouses throughout Missouri. I hope they show you how vital our courts are to your constituents. Most of the work does not generate headlines or go viral on social media, but ordinary duties create extraordinary results for citizens across our state.

From the frontlines, our local court staff experience first-hand how their everyday work impacts the people in their communities. They see the worry on the faces of their neighbors who come to court, seeking resolution of a legal problem. They hear the anxiety in the voices of people who call with questions. They can't help but internalize some of the traumatic stories shared in the courtroom. They understand how important *every* case is ... to the individuals involved.

Perhaps you'll find it corny, but I consider our 3,400-plus employees across the state to be one large court family ... a family brought together by a common purpose – to serve people in all corners of the state, to ensure the fair and effective administration of justice for all. I am grateful my judicial career has allowed me to get to know so many incredible members of our court family who make a difference every day.

Our courts are woven into the fabric of our daily lives. There is a reason our courthouses were built in the heart of every county seat in Missouri. If you haven't recently, please go watch a court proceeding, experience it first-hand, and thank the court staff for all they do, day in and day out, to serve everyone in your community. Don't take my word for it! Let our "frontline heroes" show you how strong and vibrant the state of Missouri's judiciary is.

As you tackle important issues this session, remember we stand with you, ready to assist, as your constitutional partners. Together, we can strengthen community safety, enhance the efficiency of our courts, and serve our citizens well. Together, we can leave a strong legacy for Missourians for years to come.

My very best wishes to you all, as you continue this legislative session. God bless you, and this great state!

The Joint Session was dissolved by Senator Luetkemeyer.

Speaker Patterson resumed the Chair.

On motion of Representative Riley, the House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The hour of recess having expired, the House was called to order by Speaker Pro Tem Perkins.

Representative Riley suggested the absence of a quorum.

The following roll call indicated a quorum present:

AYES: 071

Allen	Anderson	Banderman	Billington	Black
Brown 149	Caton	Christensen	Cook	Costlow
Crossley	Davidson	Davis	Diehl	Elliott
Farnan	Fogle	Fountain Henderson	Fuchs	Gallick
Griffith	Harbison	Hinman	Hruza	Irwin
Jacobs	Jones 12	Jones 88	Jordan	Kalberloh
Kimble	Loy	Lucas	Martin	McGill
Meirath	Mosley	Murphy	Myers	Nolte
Oehlerking	Overcast	Owen	Perkins	Phelps
Plank	Reuter	Roberts	Rush	Schulte
Self	Sharpe 4	Shields	Smith 68	Steinmetz
Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler	Terry	Thomas
Titus	Van Schoiack	Verneti	Voss	Waller
Warwick	Whaley	Wolfen	Young	Zimmermann
Mr. Speaker				

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 016

Amato	Baker	Bromley	Durnell	Falkner
Fowler	Hein	Mackey	Miller	Peters
Pouche	Reedy	Riley	Taylor 48	Weber
Wilson				

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 075

Appelbaum	Aune	Barnes	Boggs	Bosley
Boykin	Boyko	Brown 16	Burton	Bush
Busick	Butz	Byrnes	Casteel	Chappell
Christ	Clemens	Coleman	Collins	Cupps
Dean	Deaton	Dolan	Doll	Douglas
Ealy	Gragg	Haden	Hales	Haley
Hardwick	Hausman	Hewkin	Hovis	Hurlbert
Ingle	Jamison	Jobe	Johnson	Justus
Keathley	Kelley	Knight	Laubinger	Lewis
Mansur	Matthiesen	Mayhew	McGaugh	Murray
Parker	Pollitt	Price	Proudie	Reed
Riggs	Sassmann	Schmidt	Seitz	Sharp 37
Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 74	Sparks	Steinhoff
Taylor 84	Thompson	Veit	Violet	Walsh Moore
Wellenkamp	West	Williams	Woods	Wright

VACANCIES: 001

PERFECTION OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 810, relating to the designation of a memorial highway, was taken up by Representative Baker.

On motion of Representative Baker, the title of **HB 810** was agreed to.

On motion of Representative Baker, **HB 810** was ordered perfected and printed.

Representative Van Schoiack assumed the Chair.

HCS HB 943, relating to health care, was taken up by Representative Peters.

On motion of Representative Peters, the title of **HCS HB 943** was agreed to.

Representative Peters offered **House Amendment No. 1**.

House Amendment No. 1

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 943, Page 5, Section 190.101, Lines 2-3, by deleting said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Medical Services" which shall consist of ~~[sixteen]~~ **no more than twenty-three** members, one of which shall be ~~[a resident]~~ **the chief paramedic** of a city not within a county. The members of the council"; and

Further amend said bill, Page 11, Section 190.166, Line 60, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"190.800. 1. Each ground ambulance service~~], except for any ambulance service owned and operated by an entity owned and operated by the state of Missouri, including but not limited to any hospital owned or operated by the board of curators, as defined in chapter 172, or any department of the state,~~ shall, in addition to all other fees and taxes now required or paid, pay an ambulance service reimbursement allowance tax for the privilege of engaging in the business of providing ambulance services in this state.

2. For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Ambulance", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100;
- (2) "Ambulance service", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100;
- (3) "Engaging in the business of providing ambulance services in this state", accepting payment for such services.

191.227. 1. All physicians, chiropractors, hospitals, dentists, and other duly licensed practitioners in this state, herein called "providers", shall, upon written request of a patient, or guardian or legally authorized representative of a patient, furnish a copy of his or her record of that patient's health history and treatment rendered to the person submitting a written request, except that such right shall be limited to access consistent with the patient's condition and sound therapeutic treatment as determined by the provider. Beginning August 28, 1994, such record shall be furnished within a reasonable time of the receipt of the request therefor and upon payment of a fee as provided in this section.

2. Health care providers may condition the furnishing of the patient's health care records to the patient, the patient's authorized representative or any other person or entity authorized by law to obtain or reproduce such records upon payment of a fee for:

- (1) (a) Search and retrieval, in an amount not more than twenty-four dollars and eighty-five cents plus copying in the amount of fifty-seven cents per page for the cost of supplies and labor plus, if the health care provider has contracted for off-site records storage and management, any additional labor costs of outside storage retrieval, not to exceed twenty-three dollars and twenty-six cents, as adjusted annually pursuant to subsection 6 of this section; or

(b) The records shall be furnished electronically upon payment of the search, retrieval, and copying fees set under this section at the time of the request or one hundred eight dollars and eighty-eight cents total, whichever is less, if such person:

- a. Requests health records to be delivered electronically in a format of the health care provider's choice;
 - b. The health care provider stores such records completely in an electronic health record; and
 - c. The health care provider is capable of providing the requested records and affidavit, if requested, in an electronic format;
- (2) Postage, to include packaging and delivery cost;
 - (3) Notary fee, not to exceed two dollars, if requested.

Such fee shall be the fee in effect on February 1, 2018, increased or decreased annually under this section.

3. For purposes of subsections 1 and 2 of this section, "a copy of his or her record of that patient's health history and treatment rendered" or "the patient's health care records" includes a statement or record that no such health history or treatment record responsive to the request exists.

4. Notwithstanding provisions of this section to the contrary, providers may charge for the reasonable cost of all duplications of health care record material or information which cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine.

5. The transfer of the patient's record done in good faith shall not render the provider liable to the patient or any other person for any consequences which resulted or may result from disclosure of the patient's record as required by this section.

6. Effective February first of each year, the fees listed in subsection 2 of this section shall be increased or decreased annually based on the annual percentage change in the unadjusted, U.S. city average, annual average inflation rate of the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The current reference base of the index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, shall be used as the reference base. For purposes of this subsection, the annual average inflation rate shall be based on a twelve-month calendar year beginning in January and ending in December of each preceding calendar year. The department of health and senior services shall report the annual adjustment and the adjusted fees authorized in this section on the department's internet website by February first of each year.

7. A health care provider may disclose a deceased patient's health care records or payment records to the executor or administrator of the deceased person's estate, or pursuant to a valid, unrevoked power of attorney for health care that specifically directs that the deceased person's health care records be released to the agent after death. If an executor, administrator, or agent has not been appointed, the deceased prior to death did not specifically object to disclosure of his or her records in writing, and such disclosure is not inconsistent with any prior expressed preference of the deceased that is known to the health care provider, a deceased patient's health care records may be released upon written request of a person who is deemed as the personal representative of the deceased person under this subsection. Priority shall be given to the deceased patient's spouse and the records shall be released on the affidavit of the surviving spouse that he or she is the surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the health care records may be released to one of the following persons:

- (1) The acting trustee of a trust created by the deceased patient either alone or with the deceased patient's spouse;
- (2) An adult child of the deceased patient on the affidavit of the adult child that he or she is the adult child of the deceased;
- (3) A parent of the deceased patient on the affidavit of the parent that he or she is the parent of the deceased;
- (4) An adult brother or sister of the deceased patient on the affidavit of the adult brother or sister that he or she is the adult brother or sister of the deceased;
- (5) A guardian or conservator of the deceased patient at the time of the patient's death on the affidavit of the guardian or conservator that he or she is the guardian or conservator of the deceased; or
- (6) A guardian ad litem of the deceased's minor child based on the affidavit of the guardian that he or she is the guardian ad litem of the minor child of the deceased.

8. (1) Records containing a patient's health history and treatment created by an emergency care provider, as defined in section 191.630, or a telecommunicator first responder, as defined in section 650.320, in the course of the provider's or responder's official duties while responding to a formal request for assistance shall be made available, upon written request, to any person authorized to obtain the patient's health care records under the provisions of this section.

(2) The furnishing of health care records under this subsection may be conditioned upon the payment of a fee in an amount equal to the fee allowed for the furnishing of any other health care record under this section.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall limit the release of information regarding the general nature of the event that resulted in a formal request of assistance as long as any personal health information is redacted.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall limit the release of information to facilitate the normal delivery of patient care or to evaluate the quality of care as part of an established quality improvement program."; and

Further amend said bill, Pages 17-19, Section 198.700, Lines 1-54, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"198.700. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Facility", an independent living facility or a long-term care facility, as those terms are defined in this section;

(2) "Independent living facility", a communal living structure in which at least fifty percent of the residents are fifty-five years of age or older that provides its residents with on-site access to dining, transportation, medical care, and basic housekeeping and laundry services and that is not licensed by the state;

(3) "Long-term care facility", any facility licensed under this chapter;

(4) "Referral agency", an individual or entity that provides referrals to a facility for a fee that is collected from the facility. The term "referral agency" shall not include a facility or its employees, a family member of a resident of a facility, or a resident of a facility regardless of whether the resident who refers a prospective resident to a facility receives a discount or other remuneration from the facility.

2. A referral agency shall disclose or provide, as applicable, to a prospective resident or the representative of the prospective resident referred to a facility:

(1) Written or electronic documentation of the existence of any relationships between the referral agency and the facility, including common ownership or control of the facility and financial, business, management, or familial relationships between the referral agency and the facility;

(2) That the referral agency receives a fee from the facility for the referral; and

(3) Written or electronic documentation of the agreement between the referral agency and the prospective resident or representative of the prospective resident. The agreement shall include:

(a) A detailed description of the services provided by the referral agency in exchange for the fee paid by the facility;

(b) The right of the prospective resident or representative of the prospective resident to terminate the referral agency's services for any reason at any time without a fee or other penalty for such termination;

(c) A requirement that the referral agency communicate the cancellation of the agreement to all facilities to which the prospective resident has been referred;

(d) The right of the prospective resident or representative of the prospective resident to request not to be contacted in the future by the referral agency; and

(e) The right of the prospective resident or representative of the prospective resident to receive the referral agency's privacy policy upon request to the referral agency.

3. (1) The referral agency and the prospective resident or representative of the prospective resident shall sign and date, in writing or electronically, the agreement required in subsection 2 of this section. The referral agency shall provide a written or electronic copy of the signed agreement to the facility on or before the date the resident becomes an occupant of or is admitted to the facility. No referral agency shall charge a fee or other penalty to any facility resulting from the termination of an agreement by a prospective resident or representative of a prospective resident.

(2) The facility shall:

(a) Not pay the referral agency a fee until such facility receives the written or electronic agreement required in subsection 2 of this section and the resident becomes an occupant of or is admitted to the facility; and

(b) Not sell or transfer the prospective resident's or prospective resident's representative's contact information to a third party without the written consent of the prospective resident or representative of the prospective resident.

4. A referral agency that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to five hundred dollars per violation.

5. The attorney general or a circuit attorney may bring a civil action on behalf of the state to seek the imposition of a civil penalty for a violation of this section or to enjoin the continuance of the violation by the referral agency."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 31, Section 210.030, Line 32, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"301.142. 1. As used in sections 301.141 to 301.143, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Department", the department of revenue;
- (2) "Director", the director of the department of revenue;
- (3) "Other authorized health care practitioner" includes advanced practice registered nurses licensed pursuant to chapter 335, physician assistants licensed pursuant to chapter 334, chiropractors licensed pursuant to chapter 331, podiatrists licensed pursuant to chapter 330, assistant physicians, physical therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 334, **occupational therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 324**, and optometrists licensed pursuant to chapter 336;
- (4) "Physically disabled", a natural person who is blind, as defined in section 8.700, or a natural person with medical disabilities which prohibits, limits, or severely impairs one's ability to ambulate or walk, as determined by a licensed physician or other authorized health care practitioner as follows:
 - (a) The person cannot ambulate or walk fifty or less feet without stopping to rest due to a severe and disabling arthritic, neurological, orthopedic condition, or other severe and disabling condition; or
 - (b) The person cannot ambulate or walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device; or
 - (c) Is restricted by a respiratory or other disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest; or
 - (d) Uses portable oxygen; or
 - (e) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as class III or class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
 - (f) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3) of subsection 16 of this section, a person's age, in and of itself, shall not be a factor in determining whether such person is physically disabled or is otherwise entitled to disabled license plates and/or disabled windshield hanging placards within the meaning of sections 301.141 to 301.143;
- (5) "Physician", a person licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 334;
- (6) "Physician's statement", a statement personally signed by a duly authorized person which certifies that a person is disabled as defined in this section;
- (7) "Temporarily disabled person", a disabled person as defined in this section whose disability or incapacity is expected to last no more than one hundred eighty days;
- (8) "Temporary windshield placard", a placard to be issued to persons who are temporarily disabled persons as defined in this section, certification of which shall be indicated on the physician's statement;
- (9) "Windshield placard", a placard to be issued to persons who are physically disabled as defined in this section, certification of which shall be indicated on the physician's statement.

2. Other authorized health care practitioners may furnish to a disabled or temporarily disabled person a physician's statement for only those physical health care conditions for which such health care practitioner is legally authorized to diagnose and treat.

3. A physician's statement shall:

- (1) Be on a form prescribed by the director of revenue;
- (2) Set forth the specific diagnosis and medical condition which renders the person physically disabled or temporarily disabled as defined in this section;
- (3) Include the physician's or other authorized health care practitioner's license number; and
- (4) Be personally signed by the issuing physician or other authorized health care practitioner.

4. If it is the professional opinion of the physician or other authorized health care practitioner issuing the statement that the physical disability of the applicant, user, or member of the applicant's household is permanent, it shall be noted on the statement. Otherwise, the physician or other authorized health care practitioner shall note on the statement the anticipated length of the disability, which shall determine the expiration date for the temporary

windshield placard, and which period shall not exceed one hundred eighty days. If the physician or health care practitioner fails to record an expiration date on the physician's statement, the director shall issue a temporary windshield placard for a period of thirty days.

5. A physician or other authorized health care practitioner who issues or signs a physician's statement so that disabled plates or a disabled windshield placard may be obtained shall maintain in such disabled person's medical chart documentation that such a certificate has been issued, the date the statement was signed, the diagnosis or condition which existed that qualified the person as disabled pursuant to this section and shall contain sufficient documentation so as to objectively confirm that such condition exists.

6. The medical or other records of the physician or other authorized health care practitioner who issued a physician's statement shall be open to inspection and review by such practitioner's licensing board, in order to verify compliance with this section. Information contained within such records shall be confidential unless required for prosecution, disciplinary purposes, or otherwise required to be disclosed by law.

7. Owners of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of Missouri, and who are physically disabled, owners of motor vehicles operated at least fifty percent of the time by a physically disabled person, or owners of motor vehicles used to primarily transport physically disabled members of the owner's household may obtain disabled person license plates. Such owners, upon application to the director accompanied by the documents and fees provided for in this section, a current physician's statement which has been issued within ninety days preceding the date the application is made, and proof of compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, shall be issued motor vehicle license plates for vehicles, other than commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds, upon which shall be inscribed the international wheelchair accessibility symbol and the word "DISABLED" in addition to a combination of letters and numbers. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. If at any time an individual who obtained disabled license plates issued under this subsection no longer occupies a residence with a physically disabled person, or no longer owns a vehicle that is operated at least fifty percent of the time by a physically disabled person, such individual shall surrender the disabled license plates to the department within thirty days of becoming ineligible for their use.

8. The director shall further issue, upon request, to such applicant one, and for good cause shown, as the director may define by rule and regulations, not more than two, removable disabled windshield hanging placards for use when the disabled person is occupying a vehicle or when a vehicle not bearing the permanent handicap plate is being used to pick up, deliver, or collect the physically disabled person issued the disabled motor vehicle license plate or disabled windshield hanging placard.

9. No additional fee shall be paid to the director for the issuance of the special license plates provided in this section, except for special personalized license plates and other license plates described in this subsection. Priority for any specific set of special license plates shall be given to the applicant who received the number in the immediately preceding license period subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of this section and any applicable rules or regulations issued by the director. If determined feasible by the advisory committee established in section 301.129, any special license plate issued pursuant to this section may be adapted to also include the international wheelchair accessibility symbol and the word "DISABLED" as prescribed in this section and such plate may be issued to any applicant who meets the requirements of this section and the other appropriate provision of this chapter, subject to the requirements and fees of the appropriate provision of this chapter.

10. Any physically disabled person, or the parent or guardian of any such person, or any not-for-profit group, organization, or other entity which transports more than one physically disabled person, may apply to the director of revenue for a removable windshield placard. The placard may be used in motor vehicles which do not bear the permanent handicap symbol on the license plate. Such placards must be hung from the front, middle rearview mirror of a parked motor vehicle and may not be hung from the mirror during operation. These placards may only be used during the period of time when the vehicle is being used by a disabled person, or when the vehicle is being used to pick up, deliver, or collect a disabled person, and shall be surrendered to the department, within thirty days, if a group, organization, or entity that obtained the removable windshield placard due to the transportation of more than one physically disabled person no longer transports more than one disabled person. When there is no rearview mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard on the driver's side.

11. The removable windshield placard shall conform to the specifications, in respect to size, color, and content, as set forth in federal regulations published by the Department of Transportation. The removable windshield placard shall be renewed every four years. The director may stagger the expiration dates to equalize

workload. Only one removable placard may be issued to an applicant who has been issued disabled person license plates. Upon request, one additional windshield placard may be issued to an applicant who has not been issued disabled person license plates.

12. A temporary windshield placard shall be issued to any physically disabled person, or the parent or guardian of any such person who otherwise qualifies except that the physical disability, in the opinion of the physician, is not expected to exceed a period of one hundred eighty days. The temporary windshield placard shall conform to the specifications, in respect to size, color, and content, as set forth in federal regulations published by the Department of Transportation. The fee for the temporary windshield placard shall be two dollars. Upon request, and for good cause shown, one additional temporary windshield placard may be issued to an applicant. Temporary windshield placards shall be issued upon presentation of the physician's statement provided by this section and shall be displayed in the same manner as removable windshield placards. A person or entity shall be qualified to possess and display a temporary removable windshield placard for six months and the placard may be renewed once for an additional six months if a physician's statement pursuant to this section is supplied to the director of revenue at the time of renewal.

13. A windshield placard shall be renewable only by the person or entity to which the placard was originally issued. Any placard issued pursuant to this section shall only be used when the physically disabled occupant for whom the disabled plate or placard was issued is in the motor vehicle at the time of parking or when a physically disabled person is being delivered or collected. A disabled license plate and/or a removable windshield hanging placard are not transferable and may not be used by any other person whether disabled or not.

14. At the time the disabled plates or windshield hanging placards are issued, the director shall issue a registration certificate which shall include the applicant's name, address, and other identifying information as prescribed by the director, or if issued to an agency, such agency's name and address. This certificate shall further contain the disabled license plate number or, for windshield hanging placards, the registration or identifying number stamped on the placard. The validated registration receipt given to the applicant shall serve as the registration certificate.

15. The director shall, upon issuing any disabled registration certificate for license plates and/or windshield hanging placards, provide information which explains that such plates or windshield hanging placards are nontransferable, and the restrictions explaining who and when a person or vehicle which bears or has the disabled plates or windshield hanging placards may be used or be parked in a disabled reserved parking space, and the penalties prescribed for violations of the provisions of this act.

16. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every applicant for issuance of a disabled license plate or placard shall be required to present a new physician's statement dated no more than ninety days prior to such application, and for renewal applications a physician's statement dated no more than ninety days prior to such application shall be required every eighth year.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the applicant has presented proof of disability in the form of a statement from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs verifying that the person is permanently disabled, the applicant shall not be required to provide a physician's statement for the purpose of issuance or renewal of disabled person license plates or windshield placards.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (f) of subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section, any person seventy-five years of age or older who provided a physician's statement with the original application shall not be required to provide a physician's statement for the purpose of renewal of disabled person license plates or windshield placards.

17. The director of revenue upon receiving a physician's statement pursuant to this subsection shall check with the state board of registration for the healing arts created in section 334.120, or the Missouri state board of nursing established in section 335.021, with respect to physician's statements signed by advanced practice registered nurses, or the Missouri state board of chiropractic examiners established in section 331.090, with respect to physician's statements signed by licensed chiropractors, or ~~with~~ the board of optometry established in section 336.130, with respect to physician's statements signed by licensed optometrists, or the state board of podiatric medicine created in section 330.100, with respect to physician's statements signed by physicians of the foot or podiatrists, **or the Missouri board of occupational therapy established in section 324.063, with respect to physician's statements signed by licensed occupational therapists**, to determine whether the physician is duly licensed and registered pursuant to law.

18. The boards shall cooperate with the director and shall supply information requested pursuant to this subsection. The director shall, in cooperation with the boards which shall assist the director, establish a list of all Missouri physicians and other authorized health care practitioners and of any other information necessary to administer this section.

19. Where the owner's application is based on the fact that the vehicle is used at least fifty percent of the time by a physically disabled person, the applicant shall submit a statement stating this fact, in addition to the physician's statement. The statement shall be signed by both the owner of the vehicle and the physically disabled person. The applicant shall be required to submit this statement with each application for license plates. No person shall willingly or knowingly submit a false statement and any such false statement shall be considered perjury and may be punishable pursuant to section 301.420.

20. The director of revenue shall retain all physicians' statements and all other documents received in connection with a person's application for disabled license plates and/or disabled windshield placards.

21. The director of revenue shall enter into reciprocity agreements with other states or the federal government for the purpose of recognizing disabled person license plates or windshield placards issued to physically disabled persons.

22. When a person to whom disabled person license plates or a removable or temporary windshield placard or both have been issued dies, the personal representative of the decedent or such other person who may come into or otherwise take possession of the disabled license plates or disabled windshield placard shall return the same to the director of revenue under penalty of law. Failure to return such plates or placards shall constitute a class B misdemeanor.

23. The director of revenue may order any person issued disabled person license plates or windshield placards to submit to an examination by a chiropractor, osteopath, or physician, or to such other investigation as will determine whether such person qualifies for the special plates or placards.

24. If such person refuses to submit or is found to no longer qualify for special plates or placards provided for in this section, the director of revenue shall collect the special plates or placards, and shall furnish license plates to replace the ones collected as provided by this chapter.

25. In the event a removable or temporary windshield placard is lost, stolen, or mutilated, the lawful holder thereof shall, within five days, file with the director of revenue an application and an affidavit stating such fact, in order to purchase a new placard. The fee for the replacement windshield placard shall be four dollars.

26. Fraudulent application, renewal, issuance, procurement or use of disabled person license plates or windshield placards shall be a class A misdemeanor. It is a class B misdemeanor for a physician, chiropractor, podiatrist [or], optometrist, **or occupational therapist** to certify that an individual or family member is qualified for a license plate or windshield placard based on a disability, the diagnosis of which is outside their scope of practice or if there is no basis for the diagnosis."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 40, Section 338.010, Line 121, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"338.710. 1. There is hereby created in the Missouri board of pharmacy the "RX Cares for Missouri Program". The goal of the program shall be to promote medication safety and to prevent prescription drug abuse, misuse, and diversion in Missouri.

2. The board, in consultation with the department, shall be authorized to expend, allocate, or award funds appropriated to the board to private or public entities to develop or provide programs or education to promote medication safety or to suppress or prevent prescription drug abuse, misuse, and diversion in the state of Missouri. In no case shall the authorization include, nor the funds be expended for, any state prescription drug monitoring program including, but not limited to, such as are defined in 38 CFR 1.515. Funds disbursed to a state agency under this section may enhance, but shall not supplant, funds otherwise appropriated to such state agency.

3. The board shall be the administrative agency responsible for implementing the program in consultation with the department. The board and the department may enter into interagency agreements between themselves to allow the department to assist in the management or operation of the program. The board may award funds directly to the department to implement, manage, develop, or provide programs or education pursuant to the program.

4. After a full year of program operation, the board shall prepare and submit an evaluation report to the governor and the general assembly describing the operation of the program and the funds allocated. ~~[Unless otherwise authorized by the general assembly, the program shall expire on August 28, 2026.]~~"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Peters, **House Amendment No. 1** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Peters, **HCS HB 943, as amended**, was adopted.

On motion of Representative Peters, **HCS HB 943, as amended**, was ordered perfected and printed.

HB 121, relating to newborn safety incubators, was taken up by Representative Murphy.

On motion of Representative Murphy, the title of **HB 121** was agreed to.

Representative Peters assumed the Chair.

On motion of Representative Murphy, **HB 121** was ordered perfected and printed.

HCS HB 236, relating to civil liability for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors on the internet, was taken up by Representative Gallick.

On motion of Representative Gallick, the title of **HCS HB 236** was agreed to.

On motion of Representative Gallick, **HCS HB 236** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Gallick, **HCS HB 236** was ordered perfected and printed.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were referred to the Committee indicated:

HCS HBs 177 & 469 - Fiscal Review
HB 269 - Fiscal Review
HB 245 - Special Committee on Rural Issues
HB 532 - Local Government
HB 609 - Health and Mental Health
HB 650 - Special Committee on Tourism
HB 745 - Transportation
HB 927 - Children and Families
HB 954 - Veterans and Armed Forces
HB 957 - Special Committee on Urban Issues
HB 1171 - Economic Development
HB 1222 - Government Efficiency
HB 1298 - Special Committee on Urban Issues
HB 1413 - Elementary and Secondary Education
HB 1441 - Children and Families
HB 1447 - Veterans and Armed Forces
HB 1464 - Legislative Review

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Agriculture, Chairman Justus reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred **HB 489**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (15): Brown (149), Busick, Diehl, Durnell, Elliott, Farnan, Haley, Harbison, Justus, Knight, Nolte, Pollitt, Sharpe (4), Van Schoiack and Whaley

Noes (1): Weber

Present (6): Clemens, Fuchs, Jobe, Plank, Price and Young

Absent (1): Haden

Committee on Children and Families, Chairman Jones (88) reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Children and Families, to which was referred **HB 1259**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (12): Costlow, Dolan, Gragg, Jamison, Jones (88), Kelley, Laubinger, Loy, Mansur, Peters, Terry and Violet

Noes (0)

Absent (4): Hausman, Proudie, Schmidt and Steinmetz

Committee on Commerce, Chairman Casteel reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Commerce, to which was referred **HB 794**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Casteel, Gragg, Mayhew, Miller, Peters, Seitz and Wilson

Noes (3): Butz, Kimble and Mansur

Absent (0)

Committee on Elections, Chairman Reedy reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections, to which was referred **HJR 67**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Banderman, Barnes, Byrnes, McCaugh, Reedy, Simmons, Smith (46), Voss, Waller and Woods

Noes (1): Wright

Present (1): Christensen

Absent (2): Bosley and Coleman

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections, to which was referred **HB 126** and **HB 367**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Banderman, Barnes, McGaugh, Reedy, Smith (46), Waller and Woods

Noes (4): Christensen, Coleman, Simmons and Wright

Absent (3): Bosley, Byrnes and Voss

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections, to which was referred **HB 507**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Banderman, Barnes, Byrnes, McGaugh, Reedy, Voss, Waller and Woods

Noes (3): Coleman, Simmons and Wright

Present (2): Christensen and Smith (46)

Absent (1): Bosley

Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, Chairman Lewis reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which was referred **HB 220**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (17): Banderman, Boykin, Boyko, Hurlbert, Jacobs, Kelley, Laubinger, Lewis, Mackey, Martin, Meirath, Overcast, Pollitt, Schmidt, Smith (68), Steinhoff and Steinmetz

Noes (0)

Absent (6): Baker, Byrnes, Gragg, Hewkin, Loy and Williams

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which was referred **HB 368**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (17): Banderman, Boykin, Boyko, Jacobs, Kelley, Laubinger, Lewis, Mackey, Martin, Meirath, Overcast, Pollitt, Schmidt, Smith (68), Steinhoff, Steinmetz and Williams

Noes (1): Hurlbert

Absent (5): Baker, Byrnes, Gragg, Hewkin and Loy

Committee on General Laws, Chairman Keathley reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on General Laws, to which was referred **HB 242**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Dean, Gragg, Justus, Keathley, Matthiesen, Myers, Simmons, Smith (46), Veit and Williams

Noes (3): Ingle, Mackey and Parker

Absent (1): Reuter

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on General Laws, to which was referred **HB 1175**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Gragg, Justus, Keathley, Matthiesen, Myers, Parker, Simmons, Veit and Williams

Noes (4): Dean, Ingle, Mackey and Smith (46)

Absent (1): Reuter

Committee on Government Efficiency, Chairman Baker reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Government Efficiency, to which was referred **HB 520**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (14): Baker, Boyko, Burton, Chappell, Cook, Davis, Irwin, Mansur, Riggs, Self, Smith (74), Van Schoiack, West and Wolfen

Noes (0)

Absent (6): Clemens, Jordan, Knight, Mayhew, Murphy and Reed

Committee on Health and Mental Health, Chairman Stinnett reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Health and Mental Health, to which was referred **HB 232**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Appelbaum, Bush, Caton, Dolan, Doll, Fogle, Harbison, Kelley, Peters, Stinnett and Whaley

Noes (0)

Absent (6): Bosley, Griffith, Haden, Hruza, Laubinger and Schmidt

Committee on Insurance, Chairman Diehl reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance, to which was referred **HB 618**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Allen, Appelbaum, Casteel, Diehl, Hewkin, Hinman, Murphy, Phelps, Thomas, Thompson and Waller

Noes (1): Butz

Absent (2): Johnson and Matthiesen

Committee on Transportation, Chairman Hurlbert reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **HB 971**, **HB 293** and **HB 978**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (16): Boggs, Bromley, Brown (149), Burton, Busick, Butz, Caton, Chappell, Fountain Henderson, Hurlbert, Johnson, Jones (12), Jordan, Shields, Waller and Woods

Noes (0)

Absent (4): Cupps, Ealy, Mayhew and Riggs

Committee on Utilities, Chairman Bromley reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Utilities, to which was referred **HB 376**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (17): Banderman, Black, Bromley, Costlow, Fowler, Lewis, Loy, Meirath, Myers, Oehlerking, Pollitt, Schulte, Simmons, Steinmeyer, Taylor (84), Van Schoiack and Warwick

Noes (2): Thomas and Weber

Present (4): Boykin, Boyko, Ingle and Woods

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Utilities, to which was referred **HB 748**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (22): Banderman, Black, Boykin, Boyko, Bromley, Costlow, Fowler, Ingle, Lewis, Loy, Meirath, Myers, Oehlerking, Pollitt, Schulte, Simmons, Steinmeyer, Taylor (84), Thomas, Van Schoiack, Weber and Woods

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Warwick

Committee on Rules - Administrative, Chairman Shields reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 73**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Smith (46) and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Mackey and Stinnett

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HB 74**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Smith (46) and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Mackey and Stinnett

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 87**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Shields and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Present (2): Proudie and Smith (46)

Absent (2): Mackey and Stinnett

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 119**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Smith (46) and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Mackey and Stinnett

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 169**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Christ and Mackey

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HBs 296 & 438**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Shields and Taylor (48)

Noes (1): Smith (46)

Present (1): Proudie

Absent (2): Mackey and Stinnett

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 607**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Christ and Mackey

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 615**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Smith (46) and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Mackey and Stinnett

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HB 714**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Oehlerking, Perkins, Proudie, Shields, Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Smith (46)

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS - RULES

The following House Bills were referred to the Committee indicated:

HB 58 - Rules - Administrative
HB 116 - Rules - Administrative
HCS HB 176 - Rules - Administrative
HCS HB 202 - Rules - Legislative
HCS HBs 222 & 580 - Rules - Administrative
HCS HB 326 - Rules - Legislative
HB 397 - Rules - Administrative
HB 416 - Rules - Administrative
HB 431 - Rules - Legislative
HCS HB 497 - Rules - Legislative
HCS HB 531 - Rules - Legislative
HB 543 - Rules - Administrative
HCS HB 643 - Rules - Administrative
HB 671 - Rules - Legislative
HCS HBs 684 & 414 - Rules - Administrative
HCS HB 712 - Rules - Administrative
HB 755 - Rules - Legislative
HB 766 - Rules - Administrative
HB 834 - Rules - Administrative
HCS HBs 974, 57, 1032 & 1141 - Rules - Administrative
HB 1193 - Rules - Legislative
HB 1200 - Rules - Administrative

COMMITTEE CHANGES

February 26, 2025

Mr. Joseph Engler
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Engler:

I hereby make the following change to the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement:

I hereby appoint Representative Doug Clemens to the committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Patterson
Speaker of the House

February 25, 2025

Joe Engler
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Engler:

Pursuant to RSMo. 42.007.2, I hereby appoint Representative Will Jobe to the Missouri Veterans Commission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ashley Aune
House Minority Caucus Leader
District 14

The following members' presence was noted: Byrnes, Cupps, and Sharp (37).

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Riley, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

BUDGET

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 8:15 AM, House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session will be held: HB 14, HB 70

Markup of House Committee Substitute for HB 14.

CONSENT AND PROCEDURE

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 4:00 PM, House Hearing Room 5.

Executive session will be held: HB 313, HB 200, HCS HBs 513, 413 & 536

FISCAL REVIEW

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 9:15 AM, House Hearing Room 4.

Executive session will be held: HCS HJR 23 & 3, HCS HB 247, HB 875, HCS HBs 177 & 469, HB 269

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Added HB 875, HB 177, and HB 269.

AMENDED

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 8:15 AM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

Organizational meeting. No public testimony will be taken.

Portions of the meeting may be closed pursuant to section 610.021(3) of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

PENSIONS

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 329, HB 976

Executive session will be held: HB 205, HB 977

RULES - ADMINISTRATIVE

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 10:30 AM or upon adjournment of Rules - Legislative (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 4.

Executive session will be held: HB 1086

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

RULES - LEGISLATIVE

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 10:15 AM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 4.

Executive session will be held: HCS HBs 35, 1081, 1038 & 1016, HCS HBs 113, 624 & 36, HCS HB 117, HCS HBs 145 & 59, HB 147, HB 148, HB 207, HB 225, HCS HB 378, HCS HBs 408, 306 & 854, HCS HB 477, HB 499, HB 660, HB 825, HCS HB 970

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION,
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Monday, March 3, 2025, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Discuss budget recommendations for the Department of Agriculture (HB 6), Department of Conservation (HB 6), Department of Natural Resources (HB 6), Department of Economic Development (HB 7), Department of Commerce and Insurance (HB 7), and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (HB 7).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 3:00 PM or upon adjournment of Subcommittee on Appropriations - Health, Mental Health, and Social Services (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 3.

Discuss budget recommendations for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (HB 2) and the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (HB 3).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 3.

Discuss budget recommendations for the Office of Administration (HB 5), Employee Benefits (HB 5), Elected Officials (HB 12), Judiciary (HB 12), the Public Defender (HB 12), the General Assembly (HB 12), and Real Estate (HB 13).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 3.

Discuss budget recommendations for the Department of Health and Senior Services (HB 10), Department of Mental Health (HB 10), and the Department of Social Services (HB 11).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS,
TRANSPORTATION, AND REVENUE

Monday, March 3, 2025, 1:00 PM or upon adjournment of Subcommittee on Appropriations - Agriculture, Conservation, Natural Resources, and Economic Development (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 3.

Discuss Budget recommendations for the Department of Transportation (HB 4), Department of Revenue (HB 4), Department of Public Safety (HB 8), Department of the National Guard (HB 8) and Department of Corrections (HB 9). Amended to add National Guard.

AMENDED

VETERANS AND ARMED FORCES

Monday, March 3, 2025, 4:30 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 954, HB 1447

Executive session will be held: HB 829

Presentations by Terry Woodcock, Manager, Mid-Missouri Fisher House, and Daniel P. Slawski, MD, President with Guardian Hills Veterans Healing Center.

Added HB 1447.

AMENDED

HOUSE CALENDAR

THIRTIETH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

HJR 95

HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING

HB 1465 through HB 1497

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR PERFECTION

HCS HJR 4 - Coleman

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

HB 939 - Jones (12)

HCS HB 999 - Fowler

HCS HB 798 - Warwick

HB 563 - Boggs

HB 233 - Gallick

HB 352 - McGaugh

HB 816 - Reedy

HB 629 - McGirl

HCS HBs 296 & 438 - Kalberloh

HCS HB 538 - Diehl

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

HCS HJR 23 & 3, (Fiscal Review 2/20/25) - Caton

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING

HCS HB 247, (Fiscal Review 2/20/25) - Bromley

HCS HBs 243 & 280 - Williams

HB 875, (Fiscal Review 2/25/25) - Chappell

HCS HBs 850, 53 & 482 - Hausman

HB 269, (Fiscal Review 2/26/25) - Shields

HCS HBs 177 & 469, (Fiscal Review 2/26/25) - Parker

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS SCS HCS HB 2002 - Deaton

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