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In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. We utilize both professional and grassroots lobbyists to ensure the CPA profession has a voice in Jefferson City. By keeping members informed, MOCPA is empowering you to contribute to the legislative process.

Session Update

Last week, the pace of hearings and floor debate increased as legislators push to have their priority bills cross the chamber before next week's legislative break. The House worked methodically through their calendar sending 18 bills to the Senate for further consideration. The Senate only sent five bills after Democrats conducted a filibuster Wednesday evening during debate over [SB 888](#), which seeks to modify various provisions regarding the criminal and juvenile justice system. The filibuster lasted roughly six hours before a compromise was reached, and the bill was perfected.

We anticipate the controversial resolution to phase out the state's income tax to be taken up in the House this week along with the House Committee on Budget to begin the mark-up process on the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation bills.

Bills of Interest

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking. The deadline for filing new bills has passed, but bills are regularly amended. The list is updated each week to reflect any changes. Be sure to check the list regularly to look for legislation that may be of interest to you or your clients.

Of special note, [HB 1797](#), which seeks to expand current CPA licensure requirements, was discussed on the House floor on Tuesday. After no debate, the House gave the first of two necessary approval votes and perfected the bill. The bill was revisited on Thursday, and after no further debate, was third read and passed with a 142-0 vote. The bill now will be sent to the Senate for further consideration.

[SB 1233](#), the Senate companion to HB1797, was heard by the House Committee on Professional Registration and Licensure. Supporting testimony was presented by the Missouri Society of CPAs and the State Auditor's Office. No opposing testimony was presented.

Other bills on MOCPA's priority list that had activity last week included:

[HB 2058](#) and [HB 2142](#), which are identical and known as the “Show MO Act,” would modify Missouri’s tax credit program for motion media production projects. The bills were heard in the House Committee on Economic Development. Supporting testimony was provided by several groups stating that the credit contributes to significant job creation, in-state spending, workforce development, and tourism benefits. No opposing testimony was presented.

[HB 1707](#), which modifies the definition of “gross receipts” for the purposes of sales tax, was debated on the House floor. The sponsor amended the bill’s title. Once modified and after a brief debate, the House gave the first of two necessary approval votes.

[SB 1534](#), the Senate companion to [HB 1707](#) highlighted above, was discussed in the Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development. A Senate Committee Substitute was adopted that specified only the processing fees are exempt from sales tax. Once modified, the committee passed the bill by a 3-2 vote.

[HB 1762](#) and [HB 2059](#), which modify provisions relating to income tax deductions for private pensions, were discussed in the House Committee on Pensions. The bills would allow those who privately fund their own retirement to receive the same tax deductions as those with public retirement. During discussion, a House Committee Substitute was adopted that combined the bills into one with [HB 1762](#) being the lead. The committee passed the bill by an 8-4 vote.

[HJR 173](#) and [HJR 174](#), which propose a constitutional amendment to taxation by establishing revenue triggers that, if met, would reduce and eliminate the top individual income tax rate, were discussed in the House Committee on Commerce. A House Committee Substitute was adopted that combined the resolutions into one with [HJR 173](#) being the lead. After considerable discussion and modifications, the committee passed the resolution by a 7-3 vote.

[HB 2205](#), which modifies provisions relating to income tax on retirement income from private and public sources, was heard in the House Committee on Pensions. No supporting or opposing testimony was presented.

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