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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.*

### **Your Voice Matters**

**Attend CPA Day—*this week!***

Jan. 28 | 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Jefferson City

Join MOCPA members in Jefferson City for a meaningful day of advocacy and connection. CPA Day at the Capitol offers firsthand insights into legislative issues impacting the profession, conversations with House and Senate leaders, and the chance to meet directly with lawmakers to share why key concerns—namely, allowing alternative licensure pathways, and avoiding a tax on professional services—matter to Missouri CPAs.

**Register today** at [mocpa.org/cpaday](https://mocpa.org/cpaday)!

### **Session Update**

The third week of the legislative session has wrapped up, and momentum is clearly building. Despite a shortened schedule due to the MLK Day holiday, the week was packed with lengthy hearings, a high volume of bills considered, and numerous measures advanced.

In the House, several bills were voted out of committee and now await referral to one of the two Rules Committees. The bills voted out of committee included the use of autonomous vehicles, legislation to halt frivolous lawsuits against small business' websites that do not meet ADA standards, implementation of Tobacco 21 legislation, implementation of statewide agricultural education programs, and legislation regarding property tax assessments.

Additionally, the House took up its first bill of the session. House Complaint 1 was brought before the entire body for discussion as it is the result of an ethics complaint stemming from the Second Special Session in 2025 against Rep. Jeremy Dean.

Meanwhile, the Senate once again stalled when Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin attempted to have the list of gubernatorial appointments confirmed on the floor Wednesday. Democrats led a four-hour long filibuster that ended with Sen. O'Laughlin once again withdrawing the nominations. All interim appointments must be confirmed within 30 days before the appointee must either be withdrawn or barred from future appointments.

### **Bills of Interest:**

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking. New bills are filed daily, and the list is updated each week. 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](#) and [SB 1233](#) are bills proposing alternative pathways to CPA licensure. HB 1797 will be heard by the Professional Registration and Licensing Committee on Wednesday. MOCPA will attend and testify in support.

Bills on MOCPA's list with activity last week include:

[HB 2215](#), which would provide Missouri taxpayers some relief from paying personal property tax by establishing a dollar-for-dollar tax deduction on Missouri returns, was heard in the House Committee on Ways and Means. Additionally, the bill specifies you may take the federal standard deduction for your personal property taxes on your state tax form, or you may itemize your deductions, not both. The bill has a six-year sunset.

[HB 1771](#), which exempts taxpayers from penalties or interest on an income tax balance due if the taxpayer is denied part or all of a tax credit that they have qualified for due to the lack of available funds for the credit. The House Committee on Ways and Means convened to discuss the bill and passed it by an 8-0 vote.

[SB 994](#), which is similar to [HB 1771](#) highlighted above, creates a 60-day grace period for taxpayers who owe additional tax because a state tax credit they claimed was reduced or denied. Additionally, the bill changes the deadline for filing state income tax returns so that it matches the federal income tax filing due date. If the IRS changes its deadline for any reason, Missouri's deadline would automatically change to that same date. The Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee convened and received testimony.

[SB 1032](#), which would allow a taxpayer to claim the current \$1,200 exemption for each eligible dependent on unborn children up to \$2,400 and allows the deduction to be used the year the child was born, was heard by the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee.

[SB 872](#), which authorizes a sales tax exemption for baby bottles, baby wipes, and breast pump supplies, was heard by the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee.

[HB 1919](#), which seeks to align state statute with federal law that requires an employer with at least 10 employees to file electronically rather than by paper forms, was heard by the House Committee of Ways and Means.

**For Additional Information**

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