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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

Senate Democrats have filibustered gubernatorial interim appointees for the past two weeks, creating uncertainty ahead of the Feb. 6 confirmation deadline. Last week, Senate Republicans and Democrats reached a compromise that allowed Governor Kehoe's appointees to be approved. The agreement included two rule changes: one making it harder to end debate using the Previous Question, and another requiring conference committee reports, substitutes, and Senate bills amended in the House to sit on the Senate calendar for one day before being picked up to allow additional time for review.

The compromise also allowed the Senate to begin debating on the floor. Measures addressing oversight of statewide high school activities associations, regulation of DOR fee offices, and a "Parents Bill of Rights" were taken up but laid over for future consideration. The only bill brought to a vote involved land conveyances.

Meanwhile, the House was productive in committee and on the floor, passing two priority bills and sending them to the Senate. HB 1694, aimed at preventing predatory ADA-related lawsuits against small businesses, passed unanimously (149-0). HB 1667, the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," passed on a party-line vote of 103-40. Both measures now await Senate consideration.

In Brief...

The Missouri Gaming Commission reported \$538 million in wagers during December, the first month of legal sports betting in Missouri. Sportsbooks posted nearly \$21 million in losses after payouts and heavy promotions, including more than \$125 million in free bets. The state collected \$521,200 in sportsbook tax revenue. With Super Bowl promotions expected to ramp up, some sportsbooks may again report little to no taxable revenue next month.

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, [SB 1233](#), which seeks to expand current CPA requirements by allowing licensure after earning a bachelor's degree, attaining two years of work experience, and passing the Uniform CPA Exam, was heard by the Senate Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration. Supporting testimony was presented by MOCPA's Board Vice Chair Jeff Ward, CPA, and the Missouri State Auditor's Office. No opposing testimony was presented.

[HB 1797](#), the House companion bill to SB1233, was discussed in the House Committee on Professional Licensing and Registration. During discussion, a House Committee Substitute was adopted that clarified language to mirror the Senate version of the bill. Once modified, the committee passed the bill by a 21-0 vote.

One other bill on MOCPA's priority list had activity last week. [HB 2945](#) was discussed in the House Special Committee on Tax Reform. Beginning in 2026, the bill allows certain income that is usually taxed as ordinary income under federal rules be treated as capital gains for Missouri taxes, which can lower a taxpayer's state tax. It also allows estates and trusts to fully subtract capital gains and use the same reclassification, expanding the benefit beyond individual taxpayers. The committee passed the bill by a 5-3 vote.

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