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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

Although it was a shortened week due to the Easter holiday, there was no shortage of activity at the Capitol last week. Governor Mike Kehoe signed three bills into law: [SB 888](#), which modified several provisions relating to the criminal and juvenile justice system; [HB 1908](#), which allows the court to enter a judgment of dissolution of marriage or legal separation if a person is pregnant; and, [HB 2273](#), which modifies and establishes provisions that focus on preventing sex trafficking and grooming, enhances training for professionals, and improves coordination to protect vulnerable populations. All three measures took immediate effect upon the governor's signature.

The Capitol building was packed on Wednesday as advocates from across the state flocked to have their voices heard on a wide range of issues. Meanwhile, both chambers continued to work through their respective calendars and continue to move key priorities forward for further consideration. Only five weeks remain for members to guide their priorities to the governor's desk.

Bills of Interest

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

Of special note, MOCPA's bills related to alternative pathways for CPA licensure continue to progress. [HB 1797](#) is expected to be voted out of the Senate Professional Registration Committee tomorrow. After which, it may be placed on the Senate calendar for debate. [SB 1233](#) will next be heard in the House Rules Committee. After it is voted out of that committee, the Speaker of the House can put it on the House calendar for debate.

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

[HJR 173](#), which proposes a constitutional amendment that would phase out Missouri's individual income tax through revenue-based triggers. The Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development convened to discuss the bill, and during discussion, a Senate Committee Substitute was adopted making several revisions. It changes the revenue baseline used to trigger tax rate reductions; limits the mechanism for continued tax reductions; alters how constitutional sales tax rates are adjusted; extends the timeframe for certain constitutional revenue-limit exemptions; and updates the ballot language to further emphasize reductions in personal property and other local taxes tied to revenue increases. Once modified, the committee passed the bill by a 5-1 vote.

[HB 1707](#), modifies the definition of "gross receipts" for the purposes of sales tax, to provide that charges related to the extension of credit will include applicable credit/debit card fees. The bill was heard in the Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development. Several business associations testified in support of the bill. No opposing testimony was presented.

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