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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

Only four weeks remain in the 2026 legislative session. Last week, the House continued to methodically pass bills before sending them to the Senate for further consideration. The Senate, meanwhile, adopted a slower pace to allow time for the Senate Committee on Appropriations to complete the markup process on the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget. By Wednesday afternoon, all eyes turned to the Senate floor as it was anticipated that [HJR 173](#), which is the controversial measure that seeks to phase out the state income tax, would be brought up for debate. All the anticipation seemed to be for naught, as the bill was taken up, a Senate Substitute was adopted, and the bill passed with little fanfare. It now goes to the House for consideration of the Senate changes.

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, [HB 1797](#), related to alternative pathways for CPA licensure, was discussed in the Senate Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration. The committee passed the bill by a 6-0 vote and is now on the Senate calendar for debate.

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

[HB 1707](#), which 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, was discussed in the Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development. During discussion, a Senate Committee Substitute was adopted that included additional sales tax provisions related to the rental of certain

campgrounds and jet fuel. Once amended, the committee passed the bill by a 5-1 vote.

[HB 2591](#), which is an omnibus professional registration bill, now contains the CPA pathways language. It was voted out of committee and is on the Senate calendar for debate.

CALL to ACTION

As we enter the final weeks of the legislative session, your help is needed to ensure our licensure pathways bills cross the finish line. Please contact your state senator and representative and urge them to support the bills. Your outreach can be short and simple. For example:

Dear Senator/Representative [Last Name],

As your constituent and a member of the Missouri Society of CPAs, representing more than 8,000 CPAs statewide, I urge you to support HB1797 and SB1233. These bills expand pathways to CPA licensure while maintaining rigorous standards and protecting the public.

I would be happy to serve as a resource or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

[Click here](#) to look up your legislator. Their contact information can be found on their individual web pages. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dena Hull at dhull@mocpa.org or (314) 392-5805. Thank you in advance for helping on this important profession initiative.

For Additional Information

This *Government Advocacy Update* will continue regularly through the legislative session. If you have any questions on our legislative efforts, please contact [Dena Hull](#) at (800) 264-7966, ext. 105.

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