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In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. The society utilizes 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.

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Session Update

The Legislature has three weeks left in the session and two weeks left to pass a budget. Last week, the Senate finished committee work on the budget and the House finished work on the capital project budgets. Only one bill has passed both chambers so far, so expect a flurry of activity during the last three weeks.

The Senate had limited floor time last week to allow the Appropriations Committee to conduct its mark-up of the budget. This was completed by Thursday. The Senate made numerous changes to the budget the House sent them, including removing controversial language focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion statements or policies by state departments. This week, the Senate will take up the budget on the floor for approval.

The House finished the capital improvement budget for the state. Many of the items in these budgets are simply continuations of long-term projects, so these budgets normally do not generate much controversy. This year was no different, and the budget passed without controversy. They now go to the Senate for approval.

The Legislature has two weeks left to approve the budget. This week will likely see the Senate approve a budget and send it to the House. Because the Senate has made significant changes, the House will almost certainly want to go to conference and work out the differences. That will be a back-and-forth process next week.

While processing the budget, the Legislature also has a significant amount of work to do to pass other legislation. In a typical year, the Legislature will pass 100-150 bills, not counting budget bills. So far this year, it has only passed one. There is still plenty of time to pass legislative priorities, but it can only be accomplished by heavily amending bills in the final two weeks.

Legislation of Interest

Here is a summary of some of the bills on MOCPA's tracking list that had significant activity last week. Second chamber means House bills in the Senate or Senate bills in the House.

Bills Scheduled for Hearings in the Second Chamber this Week:

- [SB131](#)—Modifies provisions relating to firearms tax relief;
- [SB190](#)—Modifies provisions relating to tax relief for seniors;

- [HB316](#)—Modifies the historic preservation tax credit;
- [SB133](#)—Modifies provisions relating to taxation;
- [SB247](#)—Modifies provisions relating to taxation;
- [SB275](#)—Provides a sales tax exemption for the production of electricity;
- [SB540](#)—Modifies provisions relating to members of the armed forces; and
- [HB155](#)—Establishes provisions relating to workplace retirement savings plans.

Bills Voted Out of Committee Do Pass in the Second Chamber:

- [HB668](#)—Creates a grant program for employers to enhance cybersecurity;
- [HB415](#)—Requires dealers to collect and remit sales tax on motor vehicle sales;
- [SB25](#)—Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain federal grant money; and
- [HB154](#)—Provides a sales tax exemption for sales of certain medical devices.

Look for all of these bills to be heavily amended as they continue through the process.

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking. The deadline for filing new bills has passed. However, bills are frequently amended, 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.

For Additional Information

This *Government Advocacy Update* will continue weekly through the legislative session. If you have any questions on MOCPA's government advocacy efforts, please visit the [Web page](#), or contact [Dena Hull](#) at (800) 264-7966, ext. 105.

Provide Input on PTET to MODOR

MOCPA's government advocacy team and a small working group of volunteer members will be meeting with the Missouri Department of Revenue's taxation division to discuss the challenges CPAs are encountering with the PTET filings this year. We will be sharing ways to improve the process so that it will go better in the future.

If you have questions, issues or practical solutions that you'd like addressed during this meeting, please [click here](#) to share with us by **June 1**. Individual comments will not be responded to but will be aggregated and presented to the Department's personnel during our meetings.

Some of the issues CPAs have experienced this year can be fixed administratively in time for next filing season (our primary focus), while others will require legislation. Any legislative remedies will likely not be effective until 2025. Thank you for your ongoing input and patience during this process!

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