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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 enters the final two weeks of session. The budget is poised to come down to the wire. Both chambers are piling on amendments to bills in an attempt to get priorities to the finish line. MOCPA priority bills continued to advance.

The Legislature is entering its final two weeks of session for this year. The Legislature is prohibited from working on budget bills in the last week of session, so that means the budget must be finished this week. Both chambers have passed their version of the budget and have agreed to go to conference this week to work out the differences. The conference committees will meet this week then their compromises will be voted by both chambers. Although there is a lot to work out, passing a final budget by Friday is certainly achievable.

The last two weeks of every session is always a hectic time. As time ticks away, legislators get anxious to get their priorities passed. Often at the end of session, the only way to accomplish that for many is to amend bills that have stalled onto bills that are moving. Although this process occurs regularly throughout the session, the volume increases dramatically the last two weeks. In this rush, the risk of mistakes and unintended consequences are much greater. As the amendments fly during the last two weeks, MOCPA's government advocacy team will be closely tracking the changes.

An area of extreme interest to MOCPA members is the passage of a SALT limit workaround. Three bills containing these provisions all advanced last week. [SB 807](#) was voted out of the House Special Committee on Government Oversight. It needs a favorable vote in the House Rules Committee then it goes to the floor for approval. Because it was amended in the House Committee, if approved it would have to back to the Senate for a vote on the changes. [SB 968](#) was heard by the House Judiciary Committee. [SB 931](#) was second read in the House but has not been assigned to a committee yet.

### **Legislation of Interest**

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

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