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Government Advocacy Update

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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.

Update provided by Chuck Pierce, CPA, MOCPA government relations consultant

Session Update

Last week, old tensions resurfaced in the Missouri Senate, slowing down progress on some bills. Meanwhile the House continued to work through at a typical pace. Some of the legislation being tracked by MOCPA advanced.

The past two years in the Senate have been rocky to say the least. Frequent contentious debate and filibusters have marked the Senate resulting in a slow pace for legislation and a complete halt to some issues. This year, the Senate has started out on a much more even keel. New leadership, new members and a declared truce by a conservative block of Senators resulted in a changed Senate. Capitol denizens were speculating on how long that would last. That speculation ended last week.

The Senate had managed to debate and pass several somewhat controversial issues so far this session, but many more contentious issues remain. Some of those came to the floor last week and resulted in lengthy debate where old grievances were aired. Legislation on Medicaid changes, vaccine administration, and gaming came to the floor and resulted in extensive debate and what some would characterize as “mini filibusters.” For the most part, this debate came to conclusion and ultimately legislation was allowed to advance, but it was clear that more discussions are to come. Whether these discussions result in compromise or gridlock, remains to be seen.

Meanwhile the House continues to move along a typical pace. Subject to different rules on floor debate and amendment processes the House has historically moved at faster pace than the Senate. So far this session leadership has been judicious in assigning bills committees. This has resulted in allowing higher priority bills to get on the calendar sooner.

Here are some bills of interest to MOCPA members that made significant advances last week.

- **SB 3**, outlining different processes for business start-ups, has passed the Senate and is awaiting assignment to a House Committee. The companion House bill, **HB268** needs one more floor vote to pass the House.
- **SB25**, making changes to the tax treatment of broadband grants, has passed the Senate and been assigned to a House committee.

Legislation 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.

For Additional Information

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