



Lawmakers were back for the second week this week – the first full week of the 2020 legislative session. Since this is the second half of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, things are taking shape much more quickly than last year when a significant number of freshmen joined the legislature and committees had not yet been assigned. Much of the week was spent on technical session type items including bill readings, referrals, and introduction of resolutions.

Perhaps the most notable event of the week was the annual State of the State address provided by Governor Mike Parson. For those unfamiliar with the State of the State, it essentially mirrors the State of the Union speech given by presidents, albeit on the state scale rather than national. The speech is an opportunity for the governor to outline his policy and budget priorities for the year as well as highlight achievements of the prior year. Much of the content addressed by Governor Parson was the same for both achievements in 2019 and continued policy priorities for 2020. Key themes woven throughout included workforce development, infrastructure, and education. Parson highlighted the success of state programs in providing job skills for thousands of Missourians and lauded the investments of several corporations for bringing jobs to Missouri. The governor also applauded legislative leaders who put forward transportation bonding proposals last year to address bridge infrastructure and vowed to continue working to find solutions to the perennial transportation funding dilemma. Parson also acknowledged the violent crime epidemic in Missouri's urban areas and drew attention to his administration's work with mayors and police chiefs of the state's four largest cities to address the matter moving forward. Of specific interest to health care, Parson touched briefly on \$84 million in Medicaid savings as a result of the efforts of former House Speaker Todd Richardson while dismissing any possibility of his office supporting an expansion of Medicaid through legislative mechanisms. Additionally, Governor Parson expressed his support for license reciprocity as a way to further enhance workforce development efforts and permit skilled professionals to work in Missouri from other states. Parson capped his budget proposal by calling for a \$100 million transfer into the "Rainy Day Fund" as a result of available revenues not specifically earmarked in his proposed budget. That proposal may be scrapped by budget leaders in the House and Senate if several lingering expenses (such as the \$100 million + lawsuit payment to correctional officers) are paid during the next fiscal year.

As for floor activity in the chambers, much of the little time spent on floor activity this week was concentrated on resolutions and technical items that required no debate.

Despite it still being very early in the session, some items are already being teed up for early discussion and will likely see some floor time in the not too distant future.

On the Senate side, gubernatorial appointments commanded much of the attention this week as Governor Parson nominated, and the Senate confirmed, Sen. Jason Holsman to the Missouri Public Service Commission and Sen. Kiki Curls to the Missouri State Labor & Industrial Relations Commission. Holsman and Curls were both term-limited senators from the Kansas City area who took the appointments in their last year eligible for service.

In committee activity this week, the House Professional Registration Committee heard and passed two licensing bills that have been debated the last couple of years. The committee heard joint testimony on HB 1452 and HB 1511 which provides special license reciprocity for spouses of active duty military personnel. It essentially speeds up the timeline for processing a license in these circumstances from 6 months to 60 days as long as the applicant is licensed in another state with substantially similar requirements. Also considered by the committee was HB 2046 filed by Rep. Derek Grier which changes the current statutes on license reciprocity by removing some exclusions but requiring that the applicant no longer be at the same "practice level" as the originating state, but instead that the other jurisdiction have minimum education requirements and clinical supervision requirements. The bill also removes a provision that would allow an applicant to be denied a license if granting a license by reciprocity would endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Both HB 2046 and HB 1452/1511 passed out of committee with committee substitutes but will require some additional revisions during floor debate.

In other news this week, several APRN leaders met with a few elected officials this week to discuss APRN priorities in the 2020 session and were delighted with the response and commitment to moving NP issues forward. You'll hear more about these priorities in the coming weeks and we will be asking all NP's and NP students to engage throughout the next 5 months.

One of the easiest ways to engage is to attend an AMNP Advocacy Day to show grassroots support and put a constituent face on APRN issues with your local legislators. AMNP will offer two separate Advocacy Days in 2020 on February 12<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to briefings the day of, the AMNP lobbying team will hold webinars to explain the legislative process and the current status of bills the evening prior to both Advocacy Days. Webinars will be held at 7PM on February 11<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for one or both Advocacy Days, visit [www.missourinpn.org](http://www.missourinpn.org)

#### ACTION ON BILLS OF INTEREST

**HB 1387** - Establishes the "Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act"

*Referred to the Committee on Aging*

**HB 1415** - Adds provisions relating to health care costs

*Referred to the Committee on Insurance Policy*

**HB 1442** - Adds provisions relating to professional registration and occupational fees

*Referred to the Committee on Professional Registration*

**HB 1452** - Modifies provisions relating to professional licensing reciprocity

*Passed out of committee with a HCS*

**HB 1482** - Establishes the "Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act"

*Referred to the Committee on Aging*

**HB 1511** - Modifies provisions relating to professional licensing reciprocity

*Passed out of committee with a HCS*

**HB 1693** - Establishes the "Narcotics Control Act"

*Referred to the Committee on Insurance Policy*

**HB 1869** - Modifies provisions relating to the scope of practice for physical therapists

*Referred to the Committee on Professional Registration*

**SB 523** - Modifies provisions relating to the schedules of controlled substances

*Referred to Health & Pensions*

**SB 524** - Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet

*Hearing conducted in the Committee on Seniors, Families, and Children*

**SB 533** - Requires hospitals to adopt workplace violence prevention plans

*Referred to the Committee on Health & Pensions*

**SB 548** - Extends the sunset on certain health care provider federal reimbursement allowances

*Referred to Committee on Appropriations*

**SB 564** - Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021

*Referred to the Committee on Health & Pensions*

**SB 630** - Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021

*Referred to the Committee on Health & Pensions*

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