



In a week cut short by a holiday and an unplanned inclement weather day, little action took place in either chamber this week. With Wednesday serving as the only full day, lawmakers from both chambers joined together for the annual State of the Judiciary provided by Chief Justice George Draper.

In his 30-minute speech, Draper focused largely on recurring themes from the judicial branch priorities for the past several years. While applauding last year's efforts at criminal justice reform, he urged legislators to do more. He also implored policymakers to do something about the public defender system, noting the significant issues faced currently. And like his predecessor, Draper lauded drug treatment courts as a mechanism to help ease the non-violent incarceration dilemma and help address the opioid epidemic.

Following Draper's address, the House wasted no time in perfecting two bills. The first bill, HB 1450 filed by Rep. Nick Schroer, dealt with increasing penalties for marijuana violations when fentanyl is involved. The second bill perfected in 2020 was HB 2033, an eminent domain bill prohibiting the controversial Grain Belt Express Line. These two bills were perfected in nearly record time, as bill perfection is rare this early in session. Add the short week on top of it, and the speed at which the bills were passed makes it that much more remarkable.

Much like the House, the Senate accomplished very little this week. The upper chamber adjourned for the week on Wednesday evening after returning to Jefferson City on late Tuesday afternoon. All Senate floor activity this week was technical in nature, with bill readings and referrals and resolutions offered. Several Senate committees however did tackle some high profile topics this week including hearing testimony on voter identification changes championed by Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft as well as initiative petition reforms designed to stem the tide of ballot initiatives.

In House committee activity, the Rules Committee passed HB 1511/1452 and HB 2046, both professional licensing bills dealing with licensing reciprocity. These bills are teed up for floor debate as early as next week when lawmakers return for what is supposed to be a full week (barring any inclement weather).

For next week, House committees will be hearing two bills that AMNP will be keeping an eye on. HB 1442 prohibits any licensure board, commission, or committee within the Division of Professional Registration from using any occupational fees for the purpose of offering continuing education classes. HB 1486 exempts any entity registered with the Department of Health and Senior Services that possesses, distributes, or delivers

hypodermic needles or syringes for the purpose of operating a syringe exchange program or otherwise mitigating health risks associated with unsterile injection drug use from provisions of law prohibiting the distribution, delivery, or sale of drug paraphernalia. This bill also exempts any entity registered with the department that delivers or manufactures hypodermic needles or syringes for the purpose of operating a syringe exchange program or otherwise mitigating health risks associated with unsterile injection drug use from the provisions of law prohibiting the manufacture of drug paraphernalia.

In other news this week, Rep. Mike Stephens filed HB 2226 which removes all barriers to care for patients of APRN's and includes provisions to establish an APRN license. This bill joins a half-dozen other APRN bills that have been filed this year in our efforts to improve access and care for patients throughout Missouri.

*****Don't forget about AMNP's Advocacy Days*****

AMNP will offer two separate Advocacy Days in 2020 on February 12th and April 8th. 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 11th and April 7th. To sign up for one or both Advocacy Days, visit www.missourinp.org

ACTION ON BILLS OF INTEREST

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

Hearing Completed

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

Hearing Completed

HB 1511 - Modifies provisions relating to professional licensing reciprocity

Passed Out of Rules

HB 1693 - Establishes the "Narcotics Control Act"

Hearing Completed

HB 1721 - Prohibits medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of eighteen

Referred to Judiciary

HB 2046 - Modifies provisions relating to professional license reciprocity

Passed Out of Rules

HB 2057 - Modifies provisions relating to medical procedures

Referred to General Laws

HB 2125 - Modifies provisions relating to emergency medical services

Referred to Professional Registration

HB 2212 - Modifies provisions relating to the authorization of assistant physicians to issue physician certifications

Read Second Time

HB 2226 - Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses

Read Second Time

HB 2256 - Establishes Missouri as a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Read Second Time

HB 2260 - Adds provisions relating to medication-assisted treatment

Read Second Time

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

Hearing Completed

SB 609 - Limits certain uses of funds from any state-settled opioid cause of action

Hearing Completed

SB 647 - Establishes the Fresh Start Act of 2020

Referred to General Laws

SB 666 – Modifies provisions relating to antipsychotic drugs for MO HealthNet participants

Referred to Health & Pensions

SB 670 – Modifies provisions related to athletic trainers

Referred to Professional Registration

SB 677 - Establishes the Narcotics Control Act and provides for the incineration of certain controlled substances

Hearing Scheduled for Judiciary

SB 918 – Modifies provisions relating to the confidentiality of certain health records

First Read

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