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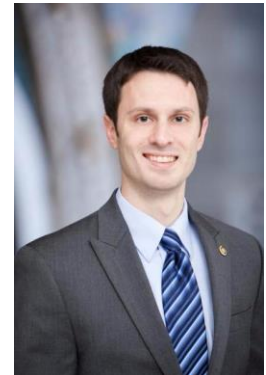
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A WORD FROM JON

Dear Ken,

I hope you're doing well!

The Missouri General Assembly finished its 2017 regular session on Friday. Below is a list of key pieces of legislation that passed this year. Although it doesn't include every bill, it contains what I believe are likely the most significant new laws from this session. I've also included a list of important bills that did not pass in 2017.



Thanks again for reading --

Sincerely,
Jon

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UPDATES FROM THE CAPITOL

Bills that passed

REAL ID (HB151): Attempts to bring Missouri driver's licenses and non-driver identification into compliance with the federal REAL ID of 2005.

MINIMUM WAGE PREEMPTION (HB1194): Prohibits cities from setting local minimum wages that are higher than the state minimum wage of \$7.70 an hour. It will have the effect of invalidating a St. Louis ordinance that currently sets the city's minimum wage at \$10 an hour and which was slated to increase to \$11 an hour in January.

RIGHT TO WORK (SB19): Makes it a crime for businesses to negotiate labor contracts that require employees to pay dues for the union representation they receive.

DISCRIMINATION (SB43): Makes it significantly more difficult for victims of illegal discrimination to successfully pursue their claims under the Missouri Human Rights Act.

FUND SWEEP (HCB3, SENATE VERISON): Authorizes excess revenue sitting unused in various special state funds to be redirected for in-home and nursing home care in order to prevent more than 8,000 disabled or elderly Missourians losing their services. The Senate version of the bill that ultimately passed is very different from the original House version that would have eliminated the \$500 tax credit for elderly and disabled Missourians who rent their homes. That tax credit will be preserved.

UMKC CONSERVATORY (HCR19): Authorizes the sale of \$48 million in public revenue bonds for new music and dance conservatory building at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

PENSIONS (SB62): Allows pensions for state employees to vest after five years of service instead of 10 years, returning the time period for vesting to what it was prior to 2011.

EXPERT WITNESSES (HB153): Increases the standards for admitting expert witness testimony in state court.

COLLATERAL SOURCE (SB31): Modifies the collateral

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source rule and allows litigants to introduce evidence of the actual cost, rather than the value, of medical care rendered.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (SB182): Prohibits local governments from entering into project labor agreements on public works projects. Under a project labor agreement, a government entity agrees to follow union labor standards on public construction projects.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY (HCR47): Creates a task force to study ideas for improving funding for the state highway system.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES (SB34): Makes various changes relating to criminal offenses and establishes a "blue alert" system to inform the public when a suspect alleged to have attacked a police officer is at large.

RIDE SHARING (HB130): Establishes a statewide regulatory framework for ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft.

Bills that did not pass

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING (HB90): Would have created a statewide database to monitor the prescription and dispensing of controlled substances.

REVOLVING DOOR (HB213): Sought to extend the waiting period for elected officials to become lobbyists after their term ends from the existing six months to five years.

MISSOURI NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (HB485, HB846, HB911, SB338): Would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, or public accommodations.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS (HB504): Would have required all uniformed law enforcement officers to wear a video camera while on duty to record any interaction with a member of the public.

DARK MONEY BAN (SB73): Sought to require public disclosure of donations to secretive "dark money" committees that are used to circumvent campaign contribution limits and hide the source of political

donations.

PREVAILING WAGE (HB104): Sought to prohibit contractors and subcontractors on public works projects to being required to pay workers the local prevailing wage.

PAYCHECK (HB251): Would have imposed new procedural barriers to the efficient and timely collection of union dues.

PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS (SB313): Sought to authorize \$25 million a year in tax credits to pay for private school tuition.

CHARTER SCHOOLS (HB634): Would have created a statewide expansion of charter schools, which are currently limited to the Kansas City and St. Louis school districts.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (HB288): Would have cut the maximum weeks of unemployment benefits from the current max of 20 weeks to only 13 weeks. Most states allow for up to 26 weeks. Workers fired for cause are not eligible for the benefit.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Tuesday, May 16

I will speak, along with colleagues, at the following events today (5/16):

Clay County Economic Development Council End of Session Wrap-Up

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

1251 NW Briarcliff Parkway, Suite 80

KCMO, 64116

Free and open to the public

Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Courtyard Marriott at Briarcliff

4000 N Mulberry Drive

Kansas City, MO 64116

\$30 luncheon

Northland Democratic Club

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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