




MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

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2021 SESSION RECAP

- Worker Compensation Issues—SB 303, HB 604 and SB 45
 - COVID Funding—CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Funds
 - COVID Liability—HB's 51 and 42
 - Medicaid Expansion—Statewide Vote of the People and Legal Challenge
 - Fuel Tax Increase—SB 262
 - Second Amendment Preservation Act—HB's 85 and 310
 - Wayfair tax—SB 153
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LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED ON MAY 15TH

- Total of 2248 bills filed in both House and Senate.
 - Only 69 bills were Truly Agreed and Finally Passed—by far lowest number in recent history for a full session.
 - Both chambers still controlled by super majorities of the Republican party.
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WORKERS COMPENSATION BILLS

■ SB 303—TAFP

- Supplemental Surcharge-remains at no more than 3% in 2022. Reduces to no more than 2 ½ % in 2023. Provision sunsets in 2023.
- Electronic filings with Labor and Industrial Relations Commission.
- Insolvent group trusts and ability for DWC to call security and hire a third party administrator.
- Electronic transfer of disability payments. Selection by the claimant.
- Priority of payment of certain SIF expenses prior to 2014.

■ HB 604—TAFP

- Provisions related to the Second Injury Fund Surcharge were added to the bill.
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WORKERS COMPENSATION BILLS

SB 45—Allows for the creation of a trust by three or more employers to pay benefits to firefighters who have contracted cancer.


- Pool will establish a board of directors to determine benefits within the parameters set out in SB 45.
- Establishment of the trust is strictly voluntary and will be administered by the State Fire Marshall's office.

Other similar bills dealing with police, EMT's and other first responders did not pass.






OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE SESSION

- COVID Funding—Cares Act and American Rescue Plan
 - COVID Liability
 - Medicaid Expansion
 - Fuel Tax Increase
 - Second Amendment Preservation Act
 - Wayfair Tax
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WHAT'S TO COME IN 2022 SESSION

- Guns and abortion.
 - Issues that drive out the political base.
 - Mid term elections—Open U.S. Senate seat. Shifting Congressional seats as current members weigh a possible Senate race.
 - What that does to possible Congressional Races.
 - Impact of redistricting—Congressional seats and entire House and Senate maps will be redrawn. Will they be done by the Commissions or the courts?
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