***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Vulnerable Persons**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another soon-to-be new law…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: 24, little background….**

[Senate Bill 24](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44697) was pre-filed on Dec. 1; heard by the [Missouri Senate Insurance and Banking Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/12) on Jan. 31; perfected on Feb. 14; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on Feb. 23; returned to the Missouri Senate on May 4; truly agreed to and finally passed the next day; and signed into law on July 6.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield is the sponsor. He says this measure had one goal in mind. Early on, though, Sen. Hough says he knew there would be additions…

 **Hough 1 :12 Q: last year with.**

Missouri senators saw the first changes to the proposal on Feb. 14…

 **Hough 2 :29 Q: to do so.**

During Missouri Senate discussion on May 5, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis says he likes the legislation…

 **Beck :19 Q: I can tell.**

In addition to emergency services, Senate Bill 24 also includes language pertaining to the adoption tax credit; early childhood education services; opioid overdoses; emergency telephone service charges; peer support counseling programs; rural emergency hospitals; the Second Injury Fund; certain employment rights; the voluntary critical-illness benefits pool; fentanyl testing; crime victims’ rights; certain financial assistance; and advance health care directives.

Senate Bill 24 will become law on Aug. 28.

Missouri senators, in the meantime, are approximately six weeks removed from the annual veto session, which will take place on Sept. 13. By law, veto session can last as long as 60 calendar days.

From there, Missouri senators may continue to pre-file legislation for the next regular legislative session, which will start in January. These measures will receive their official bill numbers starting on Dec. 1.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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