***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Motor Vehicles**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new state law that covers a wide range of things that relate to motor vehicles…

**Nat Snd 1 :06 Q: the auto manufacturers…**

[Senate Bill 398](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=364446) was pre-filed on Dec. 1; heard by the [Missouri Senate Emerging Issues Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/76) on March 7; perfected on April 12; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on April 12; sent back to the Missouri Senate on May 10; truly agreed to and finally passed the same day; and signed into law on July 6.

Senator Nick Schroer of O’Fallon is the sponsor. His initial proposal only covered a small number of issues…

**Schroer 1 :14 Q: of the year.**

When Sen. Schroer presented this measure in committee, he told members his legislation would address electric vehicle spinoff brands…

**Schroer 2 :18 Q: current franchise agreements.**

As Senate Bill 398 moved through the process, it also picked up additions in both the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives. Key among these changes is wording that was contained in [Senate Bills 56 & 61](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44625), which relates to texting while driving. Senator Greg Razer of Kansas City sponsored Senate Bill 61, which was merged into Senate Bill 56…

**Razer 1 :16 Q: that bad habit.**

He also says simply having this law in place can make a difference…

**Razer 2 :23 Q: before they happen.**

The portion of Senate Bill 398 that relates to texting while driving will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2025. This rest of this measure became law on Aug. 28…

**Nat Snd 2 :01 Q: (sfx out)**

In the meantime, lawmakers are looking ahead to the upcoming legislative session. They have been able to pre-file legislation since July 1. Pre-filed measures will receive their official bill numbers for 2024 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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