***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Business Development**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review an upcoming state law that relates to business development…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: the same as….**

[Senate Bills 894 & 825](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1558) was pre-filed on Dec. 1; heard by the [Missouri Senate Economic Development and Tax Policy Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/74) on Feb. 5; given preliminary Missouri Senate approval on March 26; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on April 4; truly agreed to and finally passed on May 17; and signed into law on July 9.

Senator Travis Fitzwater of Holts Summit sponsors Senate Bill 894, which also contains Senate Bill 825…

 **Fitzwater 1 :17 Q: lot of things.**

He also says this year’s effort mirrors last year’s…

 **Fitzwater 2 :20 Q: in the state.**

When Senate Bills 894 & 825 were first-discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on March 26, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis also pointed out this is not new legislation…

 **Beck 1 :11 Q: like, it’s okay.**

He also mentions Senate Bills 894 & 825 resembles what lawmakers did in 2023…

 **Beck 2 :15 Q: last year, too.**

In addition to the Right-to-Start Act, this new law will create the Office of Entrepreneurship within the Missouri Department of Economic Development; make changes to the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board; and establish the Regulatory Sandbox Act. This will create the Regulatory Relief Office within the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The Regulatory Relief Office will administer the new law with the purpose of identifying state regulations that could potentially be waived or suspended for participating businesses during a two-year period in which the participating business demonstrates an innovative product offering to consumers.

Senate Bills 894 & 825 will take effect on Aug. 28.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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