



2025 End of the Legislative Session Report

The 2025 Missouri legislative session delivered both meaningful reforms and missed opportunities. Progress was made in areas such as education, health care, and regulatory reform, but other important policy changes needed to move Missouri forward did not make it across the finish line. There's more work to be done.

Here's an overview of some of the legislation passed this session (some of which is still awaiting the governor's signature):

\$50 MILLION FOR MOSCHOLARS PROGRAM

- First public investment in the K–12 scholarship program, with \$50 million approved in the state budget
- Could triple the number of students served, expanding access to private school, homeschooling, and specialized support

TELEHEALTH AND HEALTH CARE REFORMS: SB 79

- Improves telehealth access by allowing both audio-only and audiovisual services on any HIPAA-compliant platform
- Expands health benefit offerings by allowing certain organizations to offer health plans to members, sometimes referred to as farm bureau or association health plans, without many of the burdensome state and federal restrictions that apply to traditional insurance offerings

PROTECTING PROPERTY RIGHTS: HB 595 AND HB 343

- Prohibits cities and counties from requiring landlords to participate in voluntary federal housing programs such as Section 8 housing vouchers
- Bans caps on security deposits and restrictions on tenant screening criteria like income, credit, and criminal history

CAPITAL GAINS TAX EXEMPTION: HB 594

- Exempts 100% of long-term capital gains from Missouri state income tax for individuals
- Applies to all individual income reported as capital gains for federal tax purposes, starting tax year 2025
- Designed to encourage investment and entrepreneurship by reducing the tax burden on productive activity

EXPANDING LICENSE PORTABILITY: SB 150

- Expands access to temporary occupational licenses across most licensed professions in Missouri by repealing the harmful compact exemption, ensuring that more professionals moving to Missouri can start working without unnecessary delays
- Provides expedited occupational licenses to law enforcement spouses moving to Missouri, allowing those licensed in another state for at least one year and in good standing to receive a Missouri license within 30 days of applying

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