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Senate Advances Two Bills Sponsored by Sen. Rob Mayer

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Senate today gave full approval to two bills sponsored by Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter – one that transfers money to a state fund that provides legal services for low-income Missourians and one that allows people whose property is primarily used to show horses to reclassify their land for tax purposes.

“These measures make needed revisions to existing law,” Sen. Mayer said.

Senate Bill 1016 transfers a portion of money from the tort victims’ compensation fund that previously went in another legal services fund to the existing Basic Civil Legal Services Fund. The tort victims’ compensation fund helps compensate people who have been injured due to the negligence or recklessness of another person – such as in a car crash or hunting accident – who have not been able to obtain full compensation because the party lacked insurance or filed bankruptcy.

According to Sen. Mayer, the transferred funds will continue to be distributed to qualifying state legal service organizations that provide legal services to eligible low-income persons. Other monies also supplement the legal services program.

Senate Bill 805 will allow property devoted to showing horses to be classified as agricultural and horticultural land. The reclassification could mean a decreased property tax burden and affects a large number of people, including many who reside in southeastern Missouri.

The bills now move to the House for similar consideration.

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Senator Rob Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.