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Sen. Jack Goodman and Rep. Kevin Wilson Team Up to Rescind Missouri's Estate Tax

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jack Goodman, R-Mt. Vernon, and Rep. Kevin Wilson, R-Neosho, will be working together this session to advance legislation protecting the family assets of hardworking Missourians.

The lawmakers this week introduced to their respective chambers Senate Bill 911 and House Bill 1351, which would both eliminate Missouri's tax that is levied on possessions given to others by a person after their death.

"The estate tax is terrible policy and fundamentally unfair. Missourians pay taxes on income and property throughout their lives. It is absurd to consider death a taxable event," Goodman said. "When a loved one dies, family members and friends are left to pick up the pieces, and paying extra taxes for their rightful inheritance is an unfair blow at an already difficult time."

The federal government has yet to develop a permanent plan to deal with the estate tax issue. Goodman and Wilson are opting for a state-level move to address the problem.

"Missourians have a right to own property and valuable assets," Wilson said. "When they die, that right should not be suppressed in the name of taxation, and we shouldn't wait around for Congress to come up with a plan for us to follow."

The measures will soon be referred to the appropriate legislative committees, where they will be put before public hearings. Committee approval will send the bills to the chamber floors for debate by the full bodies.

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