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## General Assembly Gives Approval to Legislation Sponsored by Sen. Jane Cunningham

Bills Regarding Education Credentials, Manufactured Housing & Insurance Trusts Await Governor's Signature for Signing into Law

JEFFERSON CITY — The General Assembly this week gave final approval to three bills sponsored by Senator Jane Cunningham, R-Chesterfield, dealing with education credentials, the titling and classification of manufactured homes, and irrevocable life insurance trusts. The bills now head to the governor's desk for signing into law.

<u>Senate Bill 232</u> seeks to prevent municipal fire and police departments, state agencies, state departments, and political subdivisions from discriminating in employment practices based on an individual's elementary or secondary education program — provided the program is permitted under Missouri law. Employers may require individuals to have other abilities or skills applicable to the position.

"This is going to ensure job seekers who have completed a state-approved education program, such as a home school course of study, are given an equal opportunity when considered or public jobs," Sen. Cunningham said.

Senate Bill 235 will allow owners of manufactured homes to change the classification of their home from personal property to real property by affixing the home to land and equipping it with utilities. Currently, manufactured homes are considered personal property, such as cars or televisions. It also allows an owner of a manufactured home to obtain a title for his or her home and be included on the deed in the recorder of deeds office.

"Now it will be easier for the owners of manufactured homes to obtain financing because their names are listed on the deed," Sen. Cunningham said. "By converting manufactured homes to real property, it's also easier to tell whether there are liens against a property, which provides an added protection for banks, lien holders, and potential future buyers of the home and property."

<u>Senate Bill 277</u> authorizes financial institutions to assign fiduciary obligations relating to irrevocable life insurance trusts to the Missouri trust office of an out-of-state bank with trust powers or an out-of-state trust company. "This law would bring more business to Missouri Banks and financial institutions," added Senator Cunningham.

For further information about Senator Jane Cunningham and her legislation, you may visit her Senate website at <a href="www.senate.mo.gov/cunningham">www.senate.mo.gov/cunningham</a> or contact her Chief of Staff, Lucy LePage, at (573) 751-1186.

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