***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: SB 5**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the newest Missouri law…

**Nat Snd / Runs :08 / OC: by the state?**

Senator Koenig: *“Gives our attorney general concurrent, original jurisdiction.”*

*Senator Schupp: “Is that, if they go from one county to another county, aren’t doctors licensed by the state.”*

[Senate Bill 5](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407391) was the result of the second extra session to be called this year. The new law modifies several provisions relating to abortion, and took effect on Oct. 24.

A legal challenge to the new law was struck down by a judge right before it went into effect. Another suit was filed this week.

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester sponsored Senate Bill 5. When his measure was heard by the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) on June 13, he told the panel a big part of his proposal is focus on the state attorney general’s office…

**Koenig 1 / Runs :08 / OC: parental consent laws.**

*“The AG has, also — along with local prosecutors — can seek an injunction relief against anyone who violates parental consent laws.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur serves on the committee. She wonders why there’s an issue with licensed physicians…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :15 / OC: what’s the problem?**

*“You stated this is for the health and protection of, I think you said of the abortion bills. But, you also stated that people are crossing state lines, and crossing county lines. So, if they’re licensed in the state of Missouri, what’s the problem?”*

During Missouri Senate floor discussion on Senate Bill 5 the following day, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis talked about another aspect of the measure: provider inspections…

**Onder 3 / Runs :11 / OC: of the noncompliance.**

*“The facility does not respond in a satisfactory way, and the department has to find them not in compliance. So, if they don’t provide the documentation the department asks, they won’t have the documentation of the noncompliance.”*

Senator Jacob Hummel of St. Louis believes this new law to be part of a pattern in the Legislature this year…

**Hummel 4 / Runs :12 / OC: make life better.**

*“A lot of very specific legislation aimed at my city, particularly legislation that has passed in St. Louis City, that people have done to make life better.”*

After Senate Bill 5 was sent to the executive branch on July 24, Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville said the new law also moves against so-called “sanctuary city” legislation…

**Cunningham 5 / Runs :08 / OC: be forced that.**

*“By being a sanctuary city for abortions, they could force religious schools to hire somebody that was pro-choice. Religious schools shouldn’t be forced that.”*

But, Sen. Schupp says she believes this new law sets a dangerous precedent…

**Schupp 6 / Runs :17 / OC: which you live.**

*“Once again, the State Legislature sees it as its role and authority to overstep and to undermine your decisions, and to — frankly — outlaw your ability to put in place laws, rules and regulations that support the communities in which you live."*

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