***The Senate Minute* Script: SB 237**

The week begins with discussion of [Senate Bill 237](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57577412), a measure that would change the definitions of "employee" and "physician employee" in actions against health care providers for personal injury or death.

Sponsor — Sen. Caleb Rowden of Columbia — tells his colleagues the term “physician employee” was defined, but not used, in the 2005 law. He says a judge picked up on this in a 2014 court decision…

**Rowden 1 / Runs :12 / OC: actions of non-employees.**

*“And, the court decided to use that definitional discrepancy to apply a significantly broader standard for imposing liability for the actions of non-employees.”*

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentioned she disagrees with the sponsor’s assessment…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :07 / OC: of that hospital.**

*“I think you go in with a presumption that the people who are working are employees of that hospital.”*

Missouri senators gave preliminary approval to Senate Bill 237 on Monday night.

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