***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: New Transportation Laws**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the state’s new transportation laws…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :05 / OC: Consent Calendar and.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Senate Bill No. 222 be called from the Consent Calendar and….”*

[Senate Bill 222](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57373449) modifies provisions relating to motorized vehicles. The measure received Missouri Senate passage on March 16, was truly agreed to and finally passed on May 12, signed by the executive branch on June 28 and became law on Aug. 28.

The new law relates to autocycles, length of buses, requirements for certain work vehicles, agricultural machinery and implements, flashing lights on stationary vehicles and LED lights on certain vehicles.

Senator Jeanie Riddle of Callaway County sponsored Senate Bill 222 during the regular legislative session. During Missouri Senate floor discussion on March 16, she told her colleagues the idea for this new law came to her from a constituent…

**Riddle 1 / Runs :15 / OC: to be replaced.**

*“Who operates a bus company. What he described to me was a situation where indicator lights and brake lights were being failed because just one diode had gone out. There wasn’t the standard that existed, and therefore, it was considered a dysfunctional light and needed to be replaced.”*

Many of the changes to the original proposal were made in the Missouri House of Representatives…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :03 / OC: that Senate Bill.**

*“Senator from Franklin. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Senate Bill….”*

Another new law that relates to transportation is [Senate Bill 225](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57371730). This new law makes several changes to several aspects of transportation, including:

* Assessed value of tractor-trailers;
* College signage;
* Vehicle composition requirements;
* Historic trailer license plates;
* Ignition interlock devices;
* Autocycles;
* National Guard vehicles;
* Bus length; and
* Commercial zones.

The measure received Missouri Senate approval on March 1, was truly agreed to and finally passed on May 12, signed by the governor on June 29 and took effect on Aug. 28.

When Missouri senators talked about Senate Bill 225 on March 1, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City was most interested in the part of the proposal that deals with bus length…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :16 / OC: pretty big rig.**

*“We’re talking about allowing buses, of up to 60 feet in length, not including safety bumpers. I got a travel-trailer this summer. It’s a 23-foot travel-trailer, and with that and the truck — you know — we’re probably looking at around, I don’t know, 45 feet or so. [I] Feel like [it’s] a pretty big rig.”*

Both of these measures become law as the [21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force](http://www.senate.mo.gov/mttf/) nears its conclusion.

The panel came about as a result of [House Concurrent Resolution 47](http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills171/hlrbillspdf/2324H.02P.pdf), which was passed by lawmakers this year. The task force has met throughout the state to hear from people about what infrastructure needs the Show-Me State faces, and what ideas are out there to pay for improvements and new construction.

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