***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
SB 391 Signed Into Law**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a major overhaul coming soon to concentrated animal feeding operations in our state…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: Senate Bill 3-9-1….**

[Senate Bill 391](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=3780907) was introduced on Feb 14, heard by the [Missouri Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/AGRI/) on March 5, discussed by the full Missouri Senate on April 16 and 29, sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on May 2, truly agreed to and finally passed on May 14 and signed by the governor on May 30.

During initial Missouri Senate discussion, sponsor — Sen. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City — briefly touched on a change made in the substitute version…

 **Bernskoetter 1 :10 Q: chapter or chapters.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur notes this is more than just a “rural issue”…

 **Schupp :09 Q: throughout our state.**

Senator Bernskoetter mentions operating permits were eliminated a few years ago…

 **Bernskoetter 2 :07 Q: have a permit (2x).**

Senator Jason Holsman of Kansas City adds he believes proponents have legitimate reasons to support this legislation…

 **Holsman :10 Q: between those two.**

Senator Bernskoetter also says he thinks it’s good to have a public comment period before building a CAFO…

 **Bernskoetter 3 :10 Q: okay with it.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton says the goal, for his side, was to keep as much oversight as possible with local governments…

 **Sifton :06 Q: an operating permit.**

In addition to new rules on CAFOs, Senate Bill 391 will establish the Joint Committee on Agriculture. The panel will study the economic impact of Missouri's agricultural industry in the state, the agricultural industry's ongoing efforts to improve environmental stewardship while improving the economic sustainability of Missouri agriculture and ways to create incentives to encourage members of the agricultural industry to adopt best practices. The committee will then send a report to the Missouri General Assembly before Jan. 15 of each year.

Senate Bill 391 will become law on Aug. 28.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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