***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Tort Reform**

Another change to our state’s tort reform laws is coming.

[Senate Bill 7](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=29) modifies provisions of civil procedure regarding joinder and venue.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar sponsored the measure this year…

 **Emery :06 Q: plaintiffs’ attorney side.**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis adds their main goal was to protect every Missourian…

 **May :10 Q: the same product.**

Part of Senate Bill 7 cites a [specific court case](https://law.justia.com/cases/missouri/supreme-court/2019/sc96704.html) as its guide for how such lawsuits proceed from here. The decision was made public at the same time the committee hearing and first floor debate started on this particular measure, back in February.

The new law takes effect Aug. 28.

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