***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Health Care**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a number of changes made to health care rules in our state…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: taken up for….**

[House Bill 1682](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=35654010) relates to health care. The measure came to the Missouri Senate on March 12, and was discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on May 13.

Senator David Sater of Cassville is the bill handler. He tells his colleagues there are numerous items contained in what he calls omnibus health legislation…

**Sater 1 :22 Q: attorney general’s office.**

Where a majority of the added pieces to the proposal come from the Missouri House of Representatives, others are created in the Missouri Senate.

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City is among those who amend the bill. She believes too many people who are dealing with mental health issues become substance abusers…

**Arthur 2 :19 Q: at a time.**

Another addition that relates to the coronavirus pandemic comes from the Missouri Senate.

Senator Jeanie Riddle of Callaway County says currently, nursing home administrative license applicants need three years’ experience, two years’ secondary education and complete a state-mandated course…

**Riddle 3 :17 Q: 48 other states.**

Other amendments relate to health care, and are meant to recognize certain aspects of health in Missouri.

Senator Karla May of St. Louis wants to designate August as “Minority Organ Donor Awareness Month”…

**May 4 :08 Q: donations to minorities.**

Other aspects of this proposal establish the Long-Term Dignity Act, restrict using vapor products in Missouri schools and relate to medical marijuana.

Some portions of House Bill 1682 became law when the measure was signed into law on July 13. Other parts take effect on other dates.

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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