***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
PDMP**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a high-profile measure that is now set to become state law…

**Nat Snd :11 Q: a statewide PDMP**

The governor signed [Senate Bill 63](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54228843) into law on Monday afternoon. This new law will modify provisions relating to the monitoring of certain controlled substances.

Senator Holly Rehder of Scott City is the sponsor. She says she has worked on getting PDMP, or prescription drug-monitoring program, legislation to this point for nine years…

 **Rehder 1 :09 Q: all these years.**

Senator Rehder adds St. Louis County still has its own version of a prescription drug-monitoring program…

 **Rehder 2 :12 Q: a hundred percent.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says a statewide program would replace the St. Louis County effort…

 **Schupp 1 :04 Q: their own PDMP’s.**

Senate Bill 63 will establish the "Joint Oversight Task Force of Prescription Drug Monitoring," with members selected from the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Nursing and the Missouri Dental Board. The information would be retained for no more than three years before its deletion.

Senate Bill 63 will take effect on Aug. 28.

Senator Rehder says she believes this new law will benefit Missouri…

 **Rehder 3 :10 Q: to turn around.**

She also says she believes this is part of a larger piece relating to what she calls a stigma of mental illness and addiction…

 **Rehder 4 :09 Q: is so important.**

Senator Schupp refers to the new law as a way to fight opioid abuse in our state…

 **Schupp 2 :09 Q: on the streets.**

Senate Bill 63 is the first proposal to be signed since session ended last month.

By law, the governor has until July 14 to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature. This will include the 13 bills that comprise the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget, which has to be signed before the next fiscal year starts on July 1.

With some exceptions, most new laws will take effect on Aug. 28.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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