***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
SB 652 and SB 655**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review two more new laws set to take effect here in the Show-Me State…

**Nat Snd 1 :03 Q: ticket sales tax….**

[Senate Bill 652](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259767) was pre-filed on Dec. 1 of last year; heard by the [Missouri Senate Progress and Development Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/PROG/) on Feb. 16; perfected on the floor of the Missouri Senate on March 2; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on March 10; sent back to the Missouri Senate on May 12; truly agreed to and finally passed later the same day; and signed into law on June 23.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence is the sponsor. He tells the Missouri Senate Progress and Development Committee his proposal will provide a sales tax exemption for the sale of 2026 FIFA World Cup tickets to matches held in Jackson County…

 **Rizzo 1 :09 Q: the World Cup.**

Senator Rizzo adds the idea is to take the opposite approach of what some cities have done previously…

 **Rizzo 2 :22 Q: local sales tax.**

Senate Bill 652 will take effect on Aug. 28; however, the sales tax exemption will only be in effect between June 1 and July 31 of 2026…

 **Nat Snd 2 :03 Q: Currently, political subdivisions….**

[Senate Bill 655](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71261043) was pre-filed this past Dec. 1; heard in the [Missouri Senate Health and Pensions Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/HPEN/) on Feb. 16; perfected by Missouri senators on March 2; sent to the Missouri House on March 10; truly agreed to and finally passed on May 13; and signed by the governor on June 16.

Senator Sandy Crawford of Buffalo sponsors this measure. She tells the Missouri Senate Health and Pensions Committee her proposal will modify provisions relating to Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System, or LAGERS, in order to provide for coverage of certain employee classes…

 **Crawford 1 :09 Q: offering pension benefit.**

When this legislation was discussed by the full Missouri Senate, Sen. Crawford spelled out what LAGERS does…

 **Crawford 2 :10 Q: it’s 95.6 percent pre-funded.**

Senate Bill 655 will also become law on Aug. 28.

Next up for lawmakers will be the annual veto session in September.

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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