

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Circuit Breaker Tax Credit/Repeal

Original Bill: [HB 1228](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Smith, Cody (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to a property tax credit.

Position Statement: Oppose: Seniors who pay rent should continue to be afforded a tax credit for the portion of their rent attributed to state property taxes as a means of helping them cover their medical expenses and to help them continue to live independently. This current tax credit, if amended, should not be eliminated. 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-01-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 208](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Wallingford, Wayne

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the Senior Citizens Property Tax Credit.

Position Statement: Oppose: Seniors who pay rent should continue to be afforded a tax credit for the portion of their rent attributed to state property taxes as a means of helping them cover their medical expenses and to help them continue to live independently. This current tax credit, if amended, should not be eliminated. 01/25/19

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Ways and Means

Earned Income Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB 1194](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Carpenter, Jon (D)

Description: Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.

Position Statement: Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Excerens, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-01-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 291](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Kidd, Bill (R)

Description: Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.

Position Statement: Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Excerens, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Voted do pass from committee on House-Ways and Means

Original Bill: [HB 846](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Carpenter, Jon (D)

Description: Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.

Position Statement: Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Excerens, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-13-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Ways and Means

Original Bill: [SB 183](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Arthur, Lauren (D)

Description: Creates the Missouri Earned Income Tax Credit.

Position Statement: Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Excerens, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-12-19 S Meeting set for 8:00 AM, Senate Lounge, Senate-Ways and Means

Food Stamps/Work Requirements

Original Bill: [SB 4](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sater, David (R)

Description: Modifies the law relating to work requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Position Statement: Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to children. There are better ways to encourage work. 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Medicaid Global Waiver

Original Bill: [HB 659](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Shields, Brenda (R)

Description: Requires the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Social Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver program.

Position Statement: Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-20-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

Original Bill: [SB 77](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sater, David (R)

Description: Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet.

Position Statement: Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable healthcare for all. 01/25/19

Last Action: 01-22-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HB 1172](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Trent, Curtis (R)

Description: Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements.

Position Statement: Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable healthcare for all. 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-01-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 183](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Trent, Curtis (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to public assistance benefits.

Position Statement: Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable healthcare for all. 01/25/19

Last Action: 01-16-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

Original Bill: [SB 76](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 76 **Sponsor:** Sater, David (R)

Description: Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements.

Position Statement: Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable healthcare for all. 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Merchandising Practices Act

Original Bill: [HB 714](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Trent, Curtis (R)

Description: Changes the laws regarding civil actions for unlawful merchandising practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions.
01/25/19

Last Action: 01-29-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 814](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Gregory, David (R)

Description: Changes the laws regarding unlawful merchandising practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions.
01/25/19

Last Action: 2-6-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 150](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Koenig, Andrew(R)

Description: Modifies provisions regarding interpretation of unlawful merchandising practice claims.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions.
01/25/19

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Voted do pass as substitute from committee on Senate-Government Reform

Original Bill: [SB 276](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rowden, Caleb (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to civil actions to recover damages for unlawful merchandising practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions.
01/25/19

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Voted do pass as substitute from committee on Senate-Government Reform

Original Bill: [SB 62](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Burlison, Eric (R)

Description: Modifies provisions regarding class actions for unlawful merchandising practice claims.

Position Statement: Amend per position: Legislation must be amended to protect the poor from potentially predatory business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions.
01/25/19

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Voted do pass as substitute from committee on Senate-Government Reform

Minimum Wage Repeal

Original Bill: [HB 858](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Ross, Robert (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the state minimum wage rate.

Position Statement: Oppose: The MCC supported the intent of the state-wide ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage approved by voters in November 2018. All workers deserve a just wage in order to support themselves and their families. A just wage is one way to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2434) This bill would repeal the state minimum wage, resulting in Missouri's minimum wage being in line with the federal minimum wage, which is currently too low. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-11-19 H Read second time

Mo Rx Funding

Original Bill: [HB 252](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Morris, Lynn (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the MO Rx plan.

Position Statement: Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 01/25/19

Last Action: 1-10-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 802](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Kendrick, Kip (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to certain MO HealthNet provider reimbursement allowance taxes and the MO Rx Plan.

Position Statement: Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 01/25/19

Last Action: 2-5-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 78](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sater, David (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri Rx plan.

Position Statement: Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-13-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

Payday Lending Reform

Original Bill: [HB 323](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Helms, Steve (R)

Description: Changes the law regarding unsecured loans of five hundred dollars or less.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation makes important first steps in protecting consumers from predatory lending. In his 2009 encyclical, Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI said, "The weakest members of society should be helped to defend themselves against usury, just as poor peoples should be helped to derive real benefit from micro-credit, in order to discourage the exploitation that is possible in these two areas." 01/25/19

Last Action: 1-10-19 H Read second time

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB 11](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Smith, Cody (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.555 provides \$37 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program. This includes funding for prenatal care and related services for pregnant women and their unborn children.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 11.555 that provides funds for Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which is designed to provide improved access to prenatal care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 H Meeting set for 12:00 PM, HR 3, House-Budget
