

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Application for Social Service Benefits

Original Bill: [HB2048](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: Simplifies the application form for certain public assistance benefit programs and allows certain periodic eligibility review forms to be submitted as an attachment to a recipient's state tax return.

Position Statement: Support: Simplifying the application process for social service benefits will help those seeking services to access the programs they need. Part of the effort to promote human dignity. 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

Broadband for Underserved Areas

Original Bill: [HB2737](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Johnson (D)

Description: Establishes a program within the department of economic development to provide high-speed internet access to underserved areas.

Position Statement: Support: Providing broadband service to underserved of the state is one means of ensuring access to healthcare, education, and information necessary for economic justice and human flourishing in the digital age. 03/17/22

Last Action: 03/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed House-Special Committee on Broadband and Infrastructure Committee

COVID Unemployment Compensation

Original Bill: [HB2513](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Clemens (D)

Description: Creates new provisions relating to the recovery of overpaid unemployment benefits.

Position Statement: Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Workforce Development

Original Bill: [HB2918](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

Description: Prohibits the State of Missouri from recollecting certain incorrectly distributed employment security benefits.

Position Statement: Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 03/10/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Public Policy

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

Original Bill: [HB2346](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marlon Anderson (D)

Description: Allows a person convicted of a drug-related felony to become eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits upon meeting certain conditions.

Position Statement: Support: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

Original Bill: [HB2350](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marlon Anderson (D)

Description: Allows a person convicted of a drug-related felony to become eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits upon meeting certain conditions.

Position Statement: Support: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

Food Stamps/Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HB2156](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to work requirements for 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 parents and/or children. There are better ways to encourage work. If the state is going to impose work requirements for social programs, it should appropriate sufficient funding for the administration of these requirements. 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

Medicaid Expansion

Original Bill: [HB3014](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 3014 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for supplemental purposes, including Medicaid expansion.

Position Statement: Support in part: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/28/22

Last Action: 02/24/2022 G - Signed by the Governor

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HJR117](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HJR 117 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/28/22

Last Action: 04/21/2022 S - Referred to Senate-Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight

Original Bill: [HJR92](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. John Eggleston (R)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/28/22

Last Action: 03/01/2022 H - Public hearing completed House-Budget Committee

Minimum Wage/Repeal

Original Bill: [HB2919](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

Description: Repeals the state minimum wage law.

Position Statement: Oppose: 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) 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Workforce Development

Mo Rx Funding

Original Bill: [HB2820](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mike Stephens (R)

Description: Extends the Missouri Rx Plan to August 28, 2029.

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. 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [SB1179](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lincoln Hough (R)

Description: Extends the Missouri Rx Plan to August 28, 2029.

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. 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 710

Postpartum Care

Original Bill: [HB2242](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Phifer (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to health care services for pregnant and postpartum women.

Position Statement: Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

Original Bill: [HB2374](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

Description: Extends coverage for mothers in the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program to one year postpartum.

Position Statement: Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

Original Bill: [HB2604](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jon Patterson (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

Position Statement: Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/28/22

Last Action: 04/05/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [HB2644](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

Position Statement: Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Insurance

Original Bill: [SB639](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

Position Statement: Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/28/22

Last Action: 01/26/2022 S - Superseded by SB 698

Original Bill: [SB698](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SBs 698 & 639 **Sponsor:** Sen. Elaine Gannon (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

Position Statement: Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/28/22

Last Action: 03/02/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB3011](#) **Amended Bill:** CCS SS SCS HCS HB 3011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.805 provides \$53 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 11.805 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. 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/06/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

Solutions for Food Deserts

Original Bill: [HB1570](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

Description: Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Agriculture Policy

Original Bill: [HB1919](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1919 **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert and establishes an agricultural socially disadvantaged communities outreach program.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 03/22/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [HB2020](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Yolanda Young (D)

Description: Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 02/15/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Agriculture Policy

Original Bill: [HB2871](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

Description: Establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers an incentive for grocery stores to establish retail stores in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 03/10/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Agriculture Policy

Original Bill: [SB717](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 03/08/2022 S - Voted Do Pass

Original Bill: [SB790](#)

Amended Bill:

Sponsor: Sen. Doug Beck (D)

Description: Establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers an incentive for grocery stores to establish retail stores in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

Last Action: 03/01/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Economic Development Committee
