



Why is it so hard to pass legislation??

*How a bill becomes a law and
APRN legislative update*

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- Life at the Capitol
- APRN Practice in Missouri
- APRN Legislative update
- MONA PAC
- Moving Forward



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Meet the MONA Legislative Team!



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Meet the MONA Executive Director



**Heidi N. Lucas, MPA,
MONA Executive Director**

- Started with MONA in January 2017
- Expertise in health and healthcare policy, legislative advocacy, anti-poverty policies and strategies, organizing, grassroots community building, nonprofit and association management



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Meet the MONA Lobbyist

Kyna Iman, MONA Lobbyist

- Since 1985, Kyna Iman has lobbied in Jefferson City on legislation ranging from healthcare to economic development to education.
- Has lobbied for MONA since 2005
- Clients include:
 - Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
 - Gifted Association of Missouri
 - American Heart Association
 - Missouri Park and Rec Association
 - Boeing
 - Conservation Association of MO



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Meet the MONA Outreach Manager



Jack Seigel, MSW MONA Outreach Manger

- Started with MONA in March 2022
- Received his MSW from the Brown School of Social Work with a focus on Policy
- Previous experience in political campaigns, ballot initiatives, community organizing and nonprofit advocacy



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Legislative Benefits

Legislative Representation for Registered Nurses and the Nursing Profession

MONA maintains a registered lobbyist who represents MONA before the General Assembly.

Legislative Updates

When the General Assembly is in session, updates regarding legislative activities involving nursing are available to members via the MONA website & listservs.

Nurse Advocacy Days

An opportunity for registered nurses to expand their knowledge of the legislative process and develop effective techniques for advocating for their patients and practice.

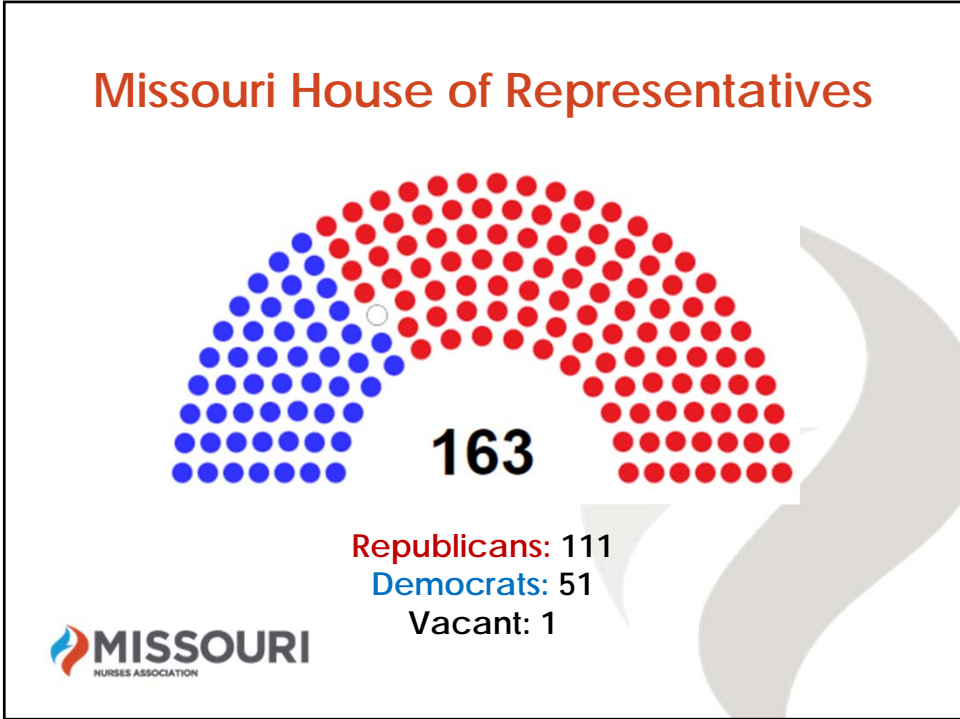


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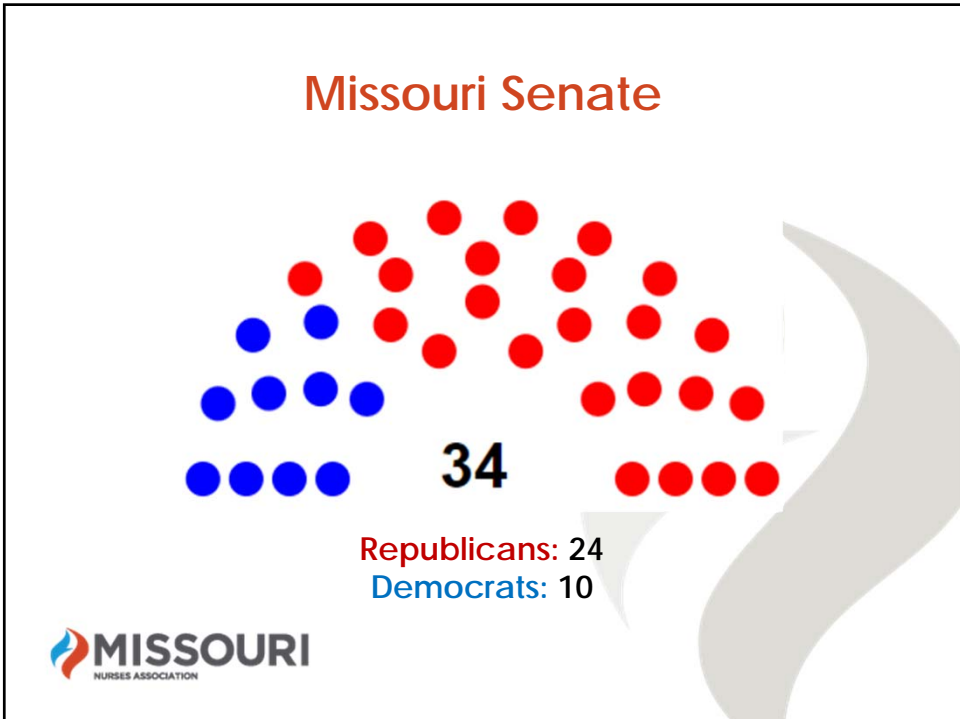
Life at the Capitol



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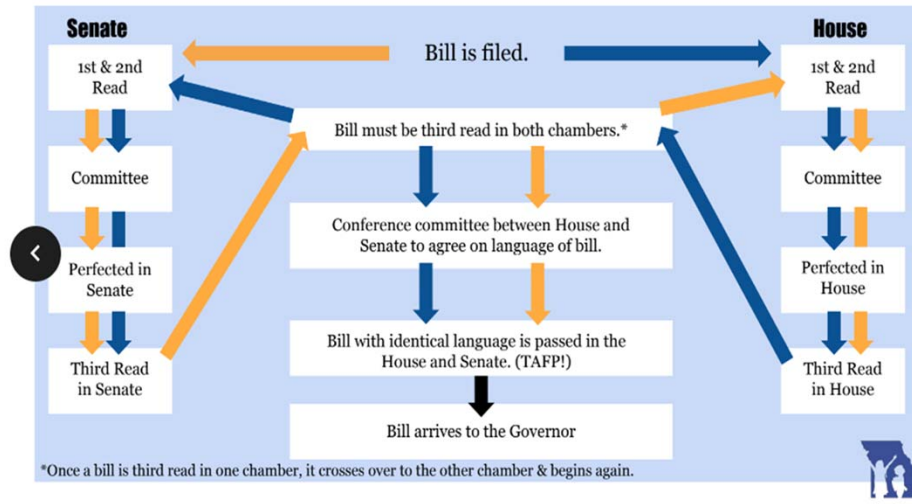
Legislative Process – Mechanics Overview

1. **Drafting & filing legislation**
 - Start fresh each regular session
2. **First chamber**
 - Committee = testify for, against, or informational
3. **Second chamber**
 - Repeat process
4. **Conference Committee** (if needed)
5. **“TAFP” = Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**
6. **Governor**
7. **Implementation**



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Very brief summary of how a bill becomes a law



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The Role of the Lobbyist

- Voice in the Capitol
- Work to influence public policy in favor of their clients' interests
- Get to know all of the State's Legislators
- How term limits have changed the lobbyist role
- Session is Jan-May; what does a lobbyist do the rest of the year?



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Challenges

- House vs. Senate
- Time: You have ONE shot
- Filibusters
- "Real" issues vs. emotional issues
- Effect of an election year
- The role of MONEY \$\$\$\$



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APRN Practice in Missouri

MONA supports legislation that allows Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to practice to the full level of their education and training



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What is APRN Full Practice Authority?

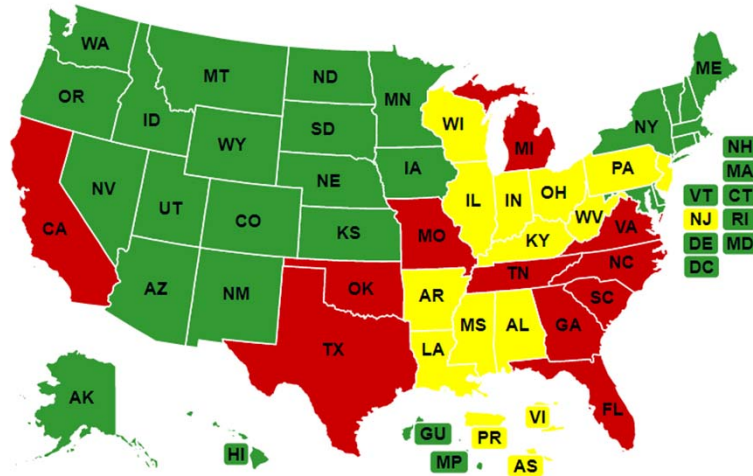
State practice and licensure law provides for all nurse practitioners to evaluate patients, diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests, initiate and manage treatments—including prescribe medications—under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing.



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FPA Across the Country

Since 2017, 6 states and 1 US territory have adopted a restriction free practice environment, including Kansas in 2022. No state has adopted a policy that further restricts practice in that same time period.



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Barriers to a healthier Missouri

- Collaborative Practice
- Geographic Proximity –An APRN must be within 75 miles
- Physician/APRN Ratio –1 physician with up to 6 APRNs
- 30-Day Practice Period
- Chart Review
- Follow Up with Collaborating Physician
- NP License/Scope



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Opposing Views?

- **Claim:** Quality of care will be at risk.
- **Reality:** No one has monopoly on quality; research shows APRNs provide quality and safe care.
- **Claim:** APRNs do not have the numbers of years of education that physicians do.
- **Reality:** Educational preparation does differ between physicians and APRNs, but the yardstick of effectiveness should be patient outcomes; APRN education is competency-based not time-based.
- **Claim:** Cost of care will increase.
- **Reality:** 50 years of research reveals that APRNs provide equivalent or improved medical care at a lower total cost than physicians; projections are that savings could be seen if practice restrictions are removed.



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APRN Legislative Advocacy:

Current State of APRN Bills



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APRN Legislation in 2023...

Where we started

Regulatory Reduction for APRNs (FPA)

- House Bill 271 (Rep. Alex Riley) and Senate Bill 79 (Sen. Nick Schroer)

Geographic Proximity for Correctional Centers

- Senate Bill 157 (Sen. Rusty Black) and House Bill 69 (Rep. Chris Dinkins)

APRN Licensure

- House Bill 330 (Rep. Bennie Cook) and Senate Bill 208 (Sen. Karla Eslinger)

Message: Missouri patients deserve access to quality health care



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APRN Compromise Language

- APRN license (instead of the current "document of recognition") under the Board of Nursing (NOT Board of Healing Arts)
- Mileage:
 - Mileage-restriction waivers for those doing telehealth;
 - for APRN's working in correctional facilities (200 miles);
 - or APRN's can apply to the SBON and SBOHA for a waiver past the 75-mile rule;
- Removal of the 30-day preceptorship if the APRN is not new to the patient population but the physician is;
- Allows APRN's to refer to a physician other than their collaborating physician for the two-week follow-up;
- Allows APRN's to prescribe Schedule II hospice drugs in certain settings;
- Removes the limitation for APRN's to only practice telehealth in rural areas of need.



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APRN Legislation in 2023...

Where we are at currently

- **HCS SS SCS SB 157:** Geographic Proximity for Correctional Centers
- **SS HCS HBs 115 & 99:** Modifies provisions relating to the scope of practice for physical therapists
- **SS HB 402:** Modifies provisions relating to hospitals
- **SCS SB 79 & HCS HB 271:** Regulatory Reduction for APRNs



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Your Voice Matters



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Legislators want to hear from YOU!



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Nurse Liaison Program - Overview

- 34 State Senate Districts
- Personal Relationships
- Regular communication
- Legislative Advocacy
- Training and Support



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Advanced Practice Council

Purpose Statement:

A forum for APRNs and related groups in Missouri to connect on Legislative issues, strategize, and pursue removal of barriers so APRNs can practice and provides access to care for the citizens of Missouri

The group will meet quarterly starting summer 2023.



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Days at the Capitol

- Weekly trips in partnership with outside groups
- Feedback we heard at a legislative picnic
- Good way to get involved



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Be an active, informed voter

The screenshot shows the Missouri Secretary of State's website. At the top, it says "JOHN R. ASHCROFT MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE". Below that is a navigation menu with options like "Business Services", "Elections & Voting", "Investor Protection & Securities", "State Library", "Records & Archives", "Administrative Rules", and "Publications & Forms". The main content area is titled "ELECTIONS & VOTING" and "VOTE MISSOURI REGISTER TO VOTE". It includes a sidebar with links like "Register to Vote", "How to Vote", "Where Do I Vote?", "View Candidates & Issues", "What Do I Bring To The Polls", "Absentee Voting", and "Military and Overseas". The main text states: "Your Voter Registration Form must be POSTMARKED by the 4th Wednesday before the election. Click here for upcoming election deadlines. To update your name and address or register to vote for the first time, complete a voter registration application by:" followed by two steps: "FILLING OUT THE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION" and "PRINTING & MAILING YOUR APPLICATION". The Missouri Nurses Association logo is at the bottom left.

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You can't win if you don't play...

"WE IN AMERICA
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Thomas Jefferson



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Join us...

The Missouri Nurses Association is here for you!

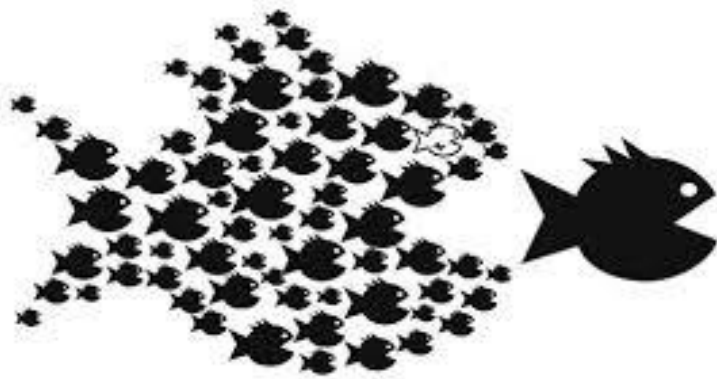
Joint membership in the Missouri Nurses Association and ANA is now only \$15/month or \$174/year.

We are looking out for you and your patients best interests day in and day out.



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We are one strong voice...



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Thank you!!

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