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- Federal Reimbursement Allowance Tax passed, which provides \$3.4 billion in funding to support Missouri's Medicaid patients, which MONA supported.
- Anti-Diversity, Equity & Inclusion language failed to pass, and MONA opposed its passage.
- Transition to Practice Legislation failed to pass. Sen. Schroer tried hard! Rep. Chad Perkin's HB1773 passed out of committee thanks to Advocates email action! Rep. Patty Lewis' TTP bill/Schedule II controlled substance bill was not granted a hearing.
- Nursing Grants: \$5 million in General Revenue funds was appropriated to the State Board of Nursing (BON) and an additional \$3 million was appropriated from BON's fees
- Geography Requirement. After the legislature removed the 75-mile requirement for APRN's, MONA worked with the BON and Board of Healing Arts to remove this barrier from their rules and regulations.
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Appreciation Day failed to pass after being amended on to numerous bills
- Omnibus women's healthcare bill -MONA supported numerous provisions in the legislation, which passed the House but died in the Senate in the last week of session.
- Telehealth Legislation failed to pass, which MONA supported to extend patient access.
- Human Trafficking: Nurses would have been required to complete one hour of sex and human trafficking training annually before they can have their license renewed. This language was removed in the Senate; however, the final language failed passage.
- "Truth in Advertising" & Doctor Titling: Legislation that would have prohibited any health care provider other than a physician to use the title "doctor", was never voted on following the House hearing.
- Workplace Violence Legislation: One of MONA's members continues to work on legislation to address safe work environments for nurses. There was a hearing in House General Laws; however, no vote was taken.

- Staffing Ratios, which requires hospitals to comply with the nurse staffing requirements established by the provisions of the bill, failed to get referred for a hearing.
- Pay Equity, which requires a health care provider to be reimbursed at the same rate for the same service if the service is within the provider's scope of practice, was voted out of Committee but not advanced to further debate.
- Prior Authorization Legislation. The bill establishes separate thresholds for requiring prior authorization for individual health care services or requiring prior authorization for all health care services. This bill did not make final passage.

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- Passed APRN Compromise language including APRN licensure, changes to mileage, changes to telehealth, changes to prescriptive authority for APRNs working in hospice and more
- Passed surgical smoke legislation, making Missouri the 14th state in the country to pass legislation addressing surgical smoke in operating rooms.
- Passed Postpartum Expansion legislation to extend coverage from 60 days to 1 year for low-income, pregnant women.
- Stopped harmful anti-DEI legislation that would have affected nursing schools and hospitals.
- Moved the "Health Professional Loan Repayment Program" from the Department of Health and Senior Services, to the Missouri State Board of Nursing, and secured \$8 million in loans for nursing schools' education expenses for nurses statewide.
- Prescription Labeling Requirements: Currently, the name of the collaborating physician for an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant shall be included on any label of a controlled substance sold or dispensed by a pharmacist. This bill repeals this requirement and only the name of the prescribing health care provider is needed.

LEGISLATIVE BENEFITS OF MONA MEMBERSHIP

- Legislative representation for registered nurses and the nursing profession - the Missouri Nurses Association maintains registered lobbyists who represents the association 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 the association's website and email lists.
- Nurse Advocacy Day - An opportunity for registered nurses to expand their knowledge of the legislative process and develop effective techniques for advocating for their patients and practice. Held annually in February.

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