

Bill & Sponsor	Bill Details
<p>HB 396 Rep. Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway</p> <p>SB 212 Sen. Doug Beck</p> <p>SB 462 Sen. Elaine Gannon</p>	<p>Subject: This bill provides that, by January 1, 2025, every hospital and ambulatory surgical center that performs procedures that produce surgical smoke, as defined in the bill, must adopt policies and procedures for the implementation of a surgical smoke plume evacuation system to ensure reduction of surgical smoke. Any procedure performed after December 31, 2024 that generates surgical smoke shall be subject to the policies and procedures adopted pursuant to the provisions of this bill.</p> <p>MONA's Position: <i>MONA supports this legislation. Like cigarette smoke, surgical smoke can be seen and smelled. It is the result of human tissue contact with mechanical tools and/or heat-producing devices, such as lasers and electro-surgery pencils commonly used for dissection and hemostasis. An estimated 90% of all surgical procedures – including such common surgeries as cesarean sections, mastectomies, knee replacements and appendectomies – generate surgical smoke. Surgical smoke is full of carcinogenic and mutagenic cells, can include 150 hazardous chemicals, 16 of which are on the EPA Priority Pollutant List, and likely exposes O.R. staff to biological (human) contaminant, including aerosolized blood</i></p> <p>Action: Contact your legislators and urge them to Support this bill.</p>
<p>SB 45 Sen. Elaine Gannon</p> <p>SB 90 Sen. Tracy McCreery</p>	<p>Subject: Pregnancy and Postpartum Medicaid Coverage for Women</p> <p>MONA's Position: <i>MONA supports this legislation. These bills are identical and seek to extend MO HealthNet coverage for low-income women for the duration of the pregnancy and for one year following the end of the pregnancy. Currently, MO HealthNet coverage only covers the duration of the pregnancy and up to 60 days following the end of the pregnancy. During committee discussion, a committee substitute was adopted to combine the two bills into one legislative vehicle.</i></p> <p>Action: Contact your legislators and urge them to support this bill.</p>
<p>SB 410 Sen. Andrew Koenig</p> <p>HB 489 Rep. Ben Baker</p>	<p>Subject: "Do No Harm Act": Anti-DEI requirements in Healthcare Education</p> <p>MONA's Position: <i>MONA opposes this legislation. These bills target higher education institutions in Missouri by not allowing them to offer or engage in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training in healthcare education. They attempt to ban bias training and anti-racism education from schools and healthcare organizations.</i></p> <p><i>DEI is an important tool to help teach students about racism and how it affects public health. It should be part of a balanced public health curriculum and we oppose attempts to ban it.</i></p> <p>Action: Contact your legislators and urge them to support this bill.</p>
<p>HB 271 Rep. Alex Riley</p> <p>SB 79 Sen. Nick Schroer</p>	<p>Subject: These bills remove the requirement that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) practice through a collaborative practice arrangement. This bill also addresses removing all unnecessary barriers to APRN practice in the state of Missouri; including mileage, chart review, Physician/APRN Ratios, and the 30-day practice period.</p> <p>MONA's Position: <i>MONA supports this legislation. APRNs across the country are educated, trained, and board certified, yet in Missouri they are unable to practice without being delegated that authority from a physician. The current statute, as well as the rules/regulations, are not supported by research, data, or evidence-based practice. They are outdated, truly unnecessary, and add cost to the health care system in Missouri.</i></p> <p><i>APRNs in states across the country, including in Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska, do not work with many of these regulations. However, in Missouri APRNs are unable to practice without being subjected to odious restrictions that do nothing to improve access to care. There is no other profession where a person attends graduate school for 2-5 years and cannot expect to fully practice in their trained discipline upon graduation and certification.</i></p> <p>Action: Contact your legislators and urge them to support these bills.</p>

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