

Columbia/Boone County Board of Health

Legislative Report

January 16, 2018

- Legislative session started January 3, 2018.
- SB 556 (Sen. Brown) – Assigned to committee - Persons under 18 shall wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle. Anyone over 18 who has been issued an instruction permit shall wear a helmet. Qualified operators who are 18 or older may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle without a helmet if they have medical payment insurance coverage of at least \$1 million. Proof of such coverage shall be provided on request of law enforcement.
- SB 737 (Sen. Schupp) – not assigned to committee yet - Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.
- SB 741 (Sen. Chappelle-Nadal) – not assigned to committee yet - prohibits the use of vaccine containing mercury as administered to a child or adult in Missouri.
- SB 762 (Sen. Schatz) –not assigned to committee yet - Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.
- HB 1298 – (Rep. Brown) – not assigned to committee yet - Prohibits text messaging while driving unless the device is equipped with technology allowing for hands-free texting and is being used in that manner.
- HB 1302 – (Rep. Higdon, Jr.) – not assigned to committee yet - Prohibits the use of hand-held electronic wireless communications devices while driving non-commercial & commercial motor vehicles; but allows the use of such devices when hands-free by operators of non-commercial motor vehicles who are licensed and 18.
- HB 1426 – (Rep. Kelley) – not assigned to committee yet - Prohibits law enforcement from stopping a motorcycle for failing to wear protective headgear.
- HB 1467 (Rep. Stevens) – not assigned to committee yet - establishes a needle and syringe exchange pilot program.
- HB 1554 (Rep. Neely) – not assigned to committee yet - Allows persons with certain serious medical conditions to use medical cannabis.
- HB 1619 (Rep. Rehder) – not assigned to committee yet - Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.
- HB 1620 (Rep. Rehder) – Assigned to committee - Exempts health care entities registered with the Department of Health and Senior Services that distribute hypodermic needles or syringes from the crime of unlawful delivery of drug paraphernalia

CHIP Reauthorization – The Congressional Budget Office provided a new estimate for the cost of CHIP and found that a 10 year reauthorization would save the federal government \$6 billion over the next decade. As a result, some Democrats are pushing for a permanent reauthorization, while Republicans are considering a funding extension of at least five years in a stopgap spending bill to fund the government past January 19, 2018.

