

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 231**  
**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Senior Citizen Advocacy March 3, 2005 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 231 Do Pass by Consent. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(26)(f).

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri senior advocacy and efficiency commission.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 192.375, to read as follows:

**192.375. 1. There is hereby established within the department of health and senior  
2 services the "Missouri Senior Advocacy and Efficiency Commission". The commission  
3 shall consist of the following nineteen members, or their designees, who are residents of this  
4 state:**

5 **(1) The director of the department of health and senior services;**

6 **(2) Two members of the Missouri senate, appointed by the governor;**

7 **(3) Two members of the Missouri house of representatives, appointed by the  
8 governor;**

9 **(4) A pharmacist licensed in the state of Missouri, recommended by the Missouri  
10 board of pharmacy and appointed by the governor;**

11 **(5) A representative of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of  
12 America, appointed by the governor;**

13 **(6) Two members of the Missouri silver-haired legislature, appointed by the  
14 governor;**

15 **(7) Two members of the Missouri senior Rx commission, appointed by the**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 governor;

17 (8) One representative from the assisted living community who currently serve on  
18 the personal independence commission, appointed by the governor;

19 (9) One representative of the American Association of Retired People who currently  
20 serves on the personal independence commission, appointed by the governor;

21 (10) Two members of the special health, psychological, and social needs of minority  
22 older individuals commission;

23 (11) Two members of the governor's advisory council on aging, appointed by the  
24 governor;

25 (12) The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as chair of the commission; and

26 (13) One member from the Missouri council for in-home services, appointed by the  
27 governor.

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29 Members of the commission shall be appointed by October 1, 2005. Members shall  
30 continue to serve until their successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on the  
31 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The  
32 commission shall be dissolved on December 31, 2007.

33 2. Service on the commission shall be voluntary. Subject to appropriations,  
34 members of the commission shall receive with reasonable reimbursement for expenses  
35 actually incurred in the performance of the member's official duties for members who are  
36 not employees of the state of Missouri.

37 3. The department of health and senior services shall provide administrative  
38 support and staff as is necessary for the effective operation of the commission.

39 4. Meetings shall be held at least every ninety days or at the call of the commission  
40 chair.

41 5. The senior advocacy and efficiency commission shall:

42 (1) Hold public hearings in accordance with chapter 536, RSMo, to gather  
43 information from any state agency, commission, or public entity on issues pertaining to the  
44 quality and efficiency of all senior services offered by the state of Missouri;

45 (2) Analyze state statutes, commissions, and administrative rules regarding services  
46 offered by the state of Missouri for senior citizens and designate which programs provide  
47 effective and efficient support to seniors and the programs that lack quality;

48 (3) Establish a mechanism to utilize the staff of the member's of the Missouri  
49 general assembly to assist seniors, including but not limited to assisting seniors in applying  
50 for any and all prescription drug assistance offered under the federal Medicare  
51 Prescription Drug Modernization Act of 2003;

52           **(4) Serve as a resource for any pharmaceutical benefits available either through the**  
53 **state of Missouri or the federal government;**

54           **(5) Develop a plan that delays the need for the provisions of long-term care outside**  
55 **the residence of senior citizens and allows seniors to remain at home for as long as possible;**

56           **(6) Maintain a web site with detailed information regarding all programs and**  
57 **services offered by the state of Missouri which are available to seniors;**

58           **(7) Maintain a toll-free senior advocacy support telephone number which directs**  
59 **seniors to all services offered by the state of Missouri which are available to seniors;**

60           **(8) Submit an annual report on the activities of the commission to the director of**  
61 **the department of health and senior services, the members of the Missouri general**  
62 **assembly, and the governor by February 1, 2007, and every February first thereafter. Such**  
63 **report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**

64           **(a) Efficiencies that can be realized by consolidation of senior services offered by**  
65 **Missouri;**

66           **(b) Effectiveness of all senior services, programs, and commissions offered by the**  
67 **state of Missouri;**

68           **(c) Information regarding the impact and effectiveness of prior recommendations,**  
69 **if any, that have been implemented; and**

70           **(d) Measurable data to identify the cost effectiveness of the services, programs, and**  
71 **commissions evaluated.**

72           **6. The department of health and senior services may accept on behalf of the**  
73 **commission any federal moneys, gifts, and donations from individuals, private**  
74 **organizations, and foundations, and any other moneys which may become available.**

75           **7. For purposes of this section, any gifts or donations from individuals, private**  
76 **organizations, or foundations shall be considered one hundred percent deductible for**  
77 **purposes of Missouri income tax liability.**

78           **8. Unless reauthorized, the provisions of this section shall sunset on December 31,**  
79 **2007.**