

## SB 275 -- HEALTH CARE

### SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

Currently, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pays sheltered workshops an amount determined by a set formula, but no less than an amount equal to \$21 for each six-hour or longer day worked by a handicapped worker. This bill adds the requirement that the six-hour or longer day must occur in a standard work week of 38 hours or more worked. For a handicapped worker employed by a sheltered workshop for less than a 38-hour week or a six-hour day, the workshop receives a percentage of the corresponding amount normally paid based on the percentage of time worked by the handicapped employee (Section 178.931, RSMo).

### SENIOR SERVICES

This bill establishes the "Senior Services Growth and Development Program" within the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide additional funding for senior services through area agencies on aging. Beginning January 1, 2020, the Director of the Department of Revenue shall deposit 5%, phased in over two years, of the premium tax collected from certain insurance companies and associations, excluding any moneys statutorily mandated to be transferred to the State School Moneys Fund and excluding the cost of collection, into the "Senior Services Growth and Development Program Fund." The moneys in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Health and Senior Services to the area agencies on aging, and the area agencies on aging must apply at least 50% of the money to development and expansion of senior center programs, facilities, and services. All area agencies shall report annually to the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, and the General Assembly on the distribution and use of the funds (Section 192.385).

### DENTAL PRESCRIPTIONS

This bill specifies that long-acting or extended-release opioids shall not be used to treat acute pain in dentistry. If the dentist, in his or her professional judgment, believes a long-acting or extended-release opioid is necessary to treat the patient, the dentist shall document and explain in the patient's dental record the reason for the necessity for the long-acting or extended-release opioid.

Dentists shall avoid prescribing doses greater than 50 Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME) per day for treatment of acute pain. If the dentist believes doses greater than 50 MME are necessary to

treat the patient, the dentist shall document and explain the reason for the dose greater than 50 MME.

The Missouri Dental Board is required to maintain an MME conversion chart and instructions for calculating MMEs on its website (Section 332.361).

#### JOINT TASK FORCE ON RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST LICENSURE

This bill establishes the "Joint Task Force on Radiologic Technologist Licensure." The purpose of the task force is to review the current status of licensure of radiologic technologists and develop a plan to address the most appropriate method to protect public safety when radiologic imaging and radiologic procedures are utilized.

The task force shall consist of 15 members and shall meet within 30 days of its creation. The task force shall serve without compensation but may have reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses.

The task force must submit a report and public safety plan to the General Assembly and the Division of Professional Registration by January 15, 2020 (Section 334.1135).