

# MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT LEGISLATIVE REPORT #17 FOR 2011 SESSION MAY 17, 2011

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### NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HAS CLOSED

The following is a brief highlight of bills that have passed the session. This list is by no means the final outcome of the 2011 legislative session. A more complete report will be forthcoming in a week or two.

- **\$200,000 increase in FF training is on the Governor's desk. The Governor did announce today that the state is \$90M out of balance. He will make spending restrictions, so we will see what that means. We now need to turn our focus on the governor to approve our funding. He has to act on the budget before July 1.**
- **Mandatory Consolidation (St Louis County) was introduced and heard in committee but failed to pass. A fallback position of creating an interim committee to study how to best approach/implement consolidation did get amended onto a local government bill, but it too failed to pass.**
- **The bill to extend the Federal Reimbursement Allowance for Medicaid payments to ambulance services passed in the final hours of session.**
- **The bill merging the Fire Investigators and Private Investigators Boards passed (HB464), but we did attach an amendment to ensure the training standards continue to be set by the Division of Fire Safety and certification program for instructors remain with the Division of Fire Safety.**
- **A fix to a property tax problem created by SB711 which passed a few years back, was passed. This bill took the long route to passage but made it nonetheless. This was a big group effort including Chief Russ Mason's efforts in Jefferson City as well as Mark Habbas with the Missouri State Council of Firefighters and the Fire Alliance.**
- **Legislation delaying local government's ability to require sprinklers for all new residential construction passed. The new date now is 2019, but we did amend the bill to ensure additional fire safety construction standards must be met if no sprinklers are installed.**

- Legislation to earmark 20% of a \$15 fee, for taking a driver's test, to fund the duties of the State Fire Marshall's office failed to pass as it was viewed as a tax/fee increase.
- The bill which prohibited a political subdivision from restricting a firefighter from running for public office and engaging in other political activities failed.
- Legislation recognizing "rescue squads" in statute and therefore allowing them to jump calls and respond to incidents that are within the jurisdiction of another EMS provider area failed.