

The Association report

from the Capitol

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A senate version of “paycheck protection” legislation was heard this week in the Missouri Senate General Laws Committee. [SB771](#) would add burdensome requirements for associations such as ours by requiring annual written authorization for payroll deduction by each state employee member.

In addition, each member would be required to offer annual written authorization to allow dues to be used for political contributions. A record of these transactions and subsequent contributions must be sent to the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission.

“First responders” are exempted from the troublesome legislation. A “first responder” is described as “any person trained by law or rule to render emergency medical assistance or treatment. Such persons may include, but not be limited to; emergency first responders, police officers, sheriffs, etc....” The definition is loosely drafted and could include MoDOT personnel as well.

A similar bill in the house, [HB1413](#), does not provide any exemptions for state agencies or other public organizations. The house bill is in the House Rules Committee and is sponsored by Rep. Jared Taylor of Nixa. The senate bill is authored by Sen. Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg.

Another senate bill, [SB602](#), does not offer any exemptions. That bill, by Sen. Bob Onder, is on the Senate Perfection Calendar.

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