

The Association report

from the Capitol

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The 2019 Missouri Legislative Session ended Friday (May 17) with several pending bills pushed across the “finish line” including two proposals of considerable interest to our Association members.

They included HB499 (Griesheimer) which would require the automatic revocation of the license of a person whose vehicle strikes a worker in a designated construction or work zone. This is a bill we’ve worked on for the past couple of years.

Also on Friday, the House and Senate agreed on a final version of SCR 14 which would bring about funding for the repair and replacement of 215 Missouri bridges. The plan is for MoDOT to issue up to \$301 million in bonds for bridge repair and replacement. The bonds would be retired with general revenue. The plan is contingent on the state receiving federal funds for extensive repairs on the I-70 bridge over the Missouri River at Rocheport.

Another significant issue, employee pay, was approved and sent to the governor a couple of weeks ago. Appropriations bills included a raise for MoDOT workers in the amount of 1.1% plus a one-step raise.

Some other issues of interest; HB416 – state employees who work 10-hour days and 4 days per week would not be required to take two hours vacation leave for paid holidays – did not pass.

HB 1193 – Would require the Dept. of Health to administer a child care service for children of state employees – did not pass.

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