

MRN Legislative Priorities for 2009

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	SUMMARY	Support; Not Support; Monitor
HB 212	Deeken McGhee	Fund for the reduction of alcohol related problems	Establishes fund for reduction of alcohol-related problems and underage drinking to be used for prevention, treatment, and recovery of alcohol-related traffic safety	Support
SB 93 HB213	Green Deeken	Drunk Driving Risk Reduction Program	MODOT to establish and administer a memorial sign program, to be placed near the scene of a DWI crash.	Support
SB 140	Smith	Criminal Non-Support Case Disposition	Allow any circuit court to establish a division within family courts, for disposition of nonsupport cases. Such division shall have the authority to refer defendants to substance abuse treatment, education, vocational or employment training, or work programs.	Support
SB 26	Ridgeway	Prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverage vaporizers	This act prohibits any person from possessing or using an alcoholic beverage vaporizer. Such a vaporizer is defined as "any device which, by means of heat, a vibrating element, or any other method, is capable of producing a breathable mixture containing one or more alcoholic beverages to be dispensed for inhalation into the lungs via the nose or mouth or both." Also, no person shall intentionally induce or abuse solvents or ethyl alcohol. A violation of these provisions is a Class B misdemeanor. This act does not apply to substances that are FDA-approved or administered by a medical practitioner.	Support
FEDERAL HR1028	Robal-Allard	Support 21	To provide additional support for the efforts of community coalitions, health care providers, parents, and others to prevent and reduce underage drinking, and for other purposes.	Support
HB 33	Sater	Methamphetamine Offender Registry	Requires the State Highway Patrol to create, maintain, and make available for public inquiry on the Internet a registry of persons convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to or granted an SIS for certain drug offenses within the past 7 years.	Not Support
HB 277	Meiners	Legalization of Marijuana	Prohibits the arrest or prosecution of a qualifying patient who possesses a written certification for the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Prohibits a physician from being subject to arrest, prosecution, penalty or denial of any right for providing written certification. Prohibits medical use when it compromises the health or well-being of another. Requires the Dept. of Health and Senior Services to issue registry identification cards. Requires an organization to register with DHSS to sell, deliver, distribute, cultivate or possess marijuana for medicinal use.	Not Support
SB73	Stouffer	Requires drug testing for TANF applicants and recipients based upon reasonable suspicion	This act requires the Dept. of Social Services to develop a program to test applicants or recipients of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) benefits when a case worker believes, based on reasonable suspicion, that such person engages in illegal use of controlled substances. Any applicant or recipient who is found to have tested positive for the use of a controlled substance after an administrative hearing shall be declared ineligible for benefits for a period of three years. The department shall refer an applicant or recipient to an appropriate substance abuse treatment program. This act is identical to SB 1259 (2008).	Not Support
SB 192	Shoemyer	Re-Definition of "Intoxication-Related Offense"	Redefines the term "intoxication-related traffic offense" to include certain traffic offenses involving alcohol regardless of whether the defendant was represented by or waived the right to an attorney in writing. This term is used in the provisions providing enhanced penalties for persons who commit multiple intoxication-related traffic offenses.	Not Support