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*By Rob Mayer*

More than 1,600 bills and joint resolutions were filed during the 2012 legislative session. Of those, 114 measures were passed by the General Assembly and have been sent to the governor, many of which still await his executive action. This past session, I sponsored and co-sponsored some of the measures that now lay on the governor's desk for his approval.

Legislation that requires certain funds received by sheriffs to be placed in a special fund in the county treasury is among those bills waiting the governor's stamp of approval. Currently, there is a special fund in each county treasury for certain funds coming into the possession of sheriffs that is to be used for each sheriff's office. However, land sale proceeds and regular budget allocations are not to be directed into the fund. In addition, the fund may not exceed \$50,000. Any proceeds in excess of this amount go into the county treasury's general revenue fund. Senate Bill 834, which is contained in a larger judiciary measure (SB 628), specifies that charges received by sheriffs for executing service of process or other court orders must be placed in the special fund, subject to the \$50,000 cap.

I also signed on to co-sponsor SB 812, a bill that establishes the Missouri Electric Prior Authorization Committee and pilot program. Substantially similar to HB 1827, which has been delivered to the governor for his signature, SB 812 creates a committee to facilitate, monitor and report to the General Assembly on Missouri-based efforts to contribute to the establishment of national electric prior authorization standards, which relates to the process of obtaining prior approval from an insurer for certain services or medications. Through a pilot program, the committee would study and disseminate information from the National Council on Prescription Drug Programs and advise the Legislature and the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration regarding the need for administrative rules for the department to advocate.

Finally, Senate Bill 754 designates a portion of Missouri Route 25 in Stoddard County as the "Spec. James Burnett, Jr. Memorial Highway." This legislation was combined with other similar legislation and ultimately passed in HB 1807, an omnibus transportation bill that designates several highways in the Show-Me State and creates several special license plates. Spec. Burnett died on Nov. 16, 2011, at the age of 21, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, when the Stryker vehicle he was riding in was struck by an IED. His father and stepmother live in Brownwood, Mo. It was a great privilege to carry this legislation through the Missouri Senate and ensure its rightful passage as it honors Spec. Burnett and several other heroes.

Also as part of upholding our commitment to the sacrifices of our veterans and their families, I pushed hard for the General Assembly to pass House Bill 1731 and House Bill 1680. HB 1731 ensured a permanent revenue stream is in place to fund our 7 veteran homes across the state, which serves the needs of our aging veterans. HB 1680 modifies the Show-Me Heroes Program so

that Missouri has more tools available to prevent our military personnel and their families from falling into poverty while serving overseas. As a state we choose to honor the brave men and women who defend our freedoms by providing these important assistance programs our veterans and their families require.

*To see a complete list of bills passed by the General Assembly this year and delivered to the governor, visit [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov). Please feel free to contact me with your comments, questions, or issues at the contact information listed below and on my website at [www.senate.mo.gov/mayer](http://www.senate.mo.gov/mayer).*

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