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BB-104 Has Been Killed in Committee



Board Bill 104, if passed, would mandate advanced, or predictive, scheduling requirements.

BB104 was held in committee for further review and amendments in a Transportation and Commerce meeting on March 4th. Testimony in opposition to the bill was given by the MRA, Restaurateurs, Dave Sweeney – Lobbyist, The Grocers Association, Explore STL, and the STL hotel Association. Supporting testimony was provided by the local SEIU.

The MRA along with Restaurants and likeminded business owners were able to testify and effectively kill BB104 Fair scheduling Bill in St Louis City. This Bill would have imposed unrealistic scheduling requirements, documentation, and inflated cost to restaurateurs. BB104 will not make it out of the Transportation and Commerce Committee this legislative session which ends April 15th. Theoretically any alderman could reintroduce a version of a scheduling bill in the next session. It is unlikely that we will see a new version anytime soon given the large coalition form business groups in opposition.

A huge thank you to Buddy Lahl, our restaurant members, our lobbyists, and organizations in the coalition that testified and advocated for our members and the industry.

**Listen our lobbyist Dave Sweeney
Discuss the Bill**



A coalition of MRA delegates are headed to Washington DC in April to lobby for the restaurant Association. A few of our talking points will include

- Preserving the Tip server credit.
- Junk Fees as they pertain to restaurants (Gratuity, Service charges, Credit Card Processing Fees)
- CCCA, Credit Card Competition Act
- DOL Joint Employer & Overtime Rule
- The Tax Bill – 100% bonus depreciation and 20% deduction from business income.

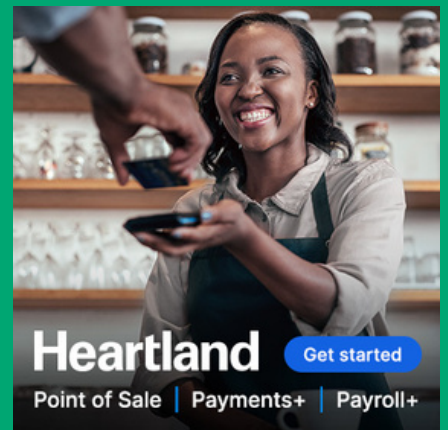
This tax reform legislation has passed the House and is now in the Senate. We encourage you to let our Missouri Senators Josh Hawley and Eric Schmitt know to pass H.B.7024

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Josh Hawley Chief of Staff: Chris Weihs - chris_weihs@hawley.senate.gov

Tax Relief Act

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Upcoming Events

At the GSTLRA we have a showcase of events going on! We are excited to announce the following events:

Chapter Meeting (**Anthonino's Taverna**)
Food and Beverage Provided
March 27th @ 3pm - 5pm
[Click here to Register](#)

St. Louis Chapter Golf Tournament
13001 Gary Player Dr. St. Louis, MO 63127
May 31st @ 10am
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ProStart Competition - 2024



The Missouri ProStart competition held on February 23rd was a thrilling showcase of culinary talent and management prowess, bringing together 16 schools from across the state to compete for top honors. The energy and excitement were palpable as students demonstrated their skills and creativity in the kitchen and in

managing restaurant operations. Amidst fierce competition, Independence School District emerged victorious, claiming 1st place in the management category. Their exceptional leadership and strategic acumen earned them well-deserved recognition and a ticket to represent Missouri at the national level. In the culinary realm, Herndon Career Center soared to victory, clinching 1st place with their culinary mastery and innovative techniques. Their culinary creations impressed the judges and secured their spot in the upcoming national ProStart competition in Baltimore.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and judges who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Your expertise, guidance, and support were instrumental in providing students with a platform to showcase their talents and achieve their dreams.

Lastly, congratulations to all the students who participated in the Missouri ProStart competition. Your hard work, passion, and determination have once again demonstrated the incredible potential within our ProStart community. We are immensely proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing your continued success in the culinary world and beyond.

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Legislative Day - March 6, 2024



Several of our dedicated members took part in the MRA Legislative Day in Jefferson City on March 6th, where they had the invaluable opportunity to engage with lawmakers and advocate for initiatives that would benefit the hospitality industry. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the day, our members made their voices heard, sharing insights and ideas to support the growth and prosperity of our industry. In a light-hearted moment amidst the serious discussions, our members found themselves on the go with Senator Ben

brown who spearheaded liquor to go for restaurants in Missouri during the pandemic, to such an extent that they even managed to squeeze in a quick photo op in the elevator! like these that remind us of the camaraderie and spirit of collaboration that define our association. Together, we're making strides toward a brighter future for the hospitality industry.

