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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 192.375, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Missouri senior advocacy and efficiency commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 192.375, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 192.375, to read as follows:

192.375. 1. There is hereby established within the department of health and senior services the "Missouri Senior Advocacy and Efficiency Commission". The commission shall consist of the following fifteen members, or their designees, who are residents of this state:

(1) The director of the department of health and senior services;

(2) Two members of the Missouri senate, appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;

(3) Two members of the Missouri house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house;

(4) A pharmacist licensed in the state of Missouri, recommended by the Missouri board of pharmacy and appointed by the governor;

(5) A representative of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, appointed by the governor;

(6) One member of the Missouri silver-haired legislature, appointed by the governor;

(7) One member of the Missouri senior Rx commission, appointed by the governor;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 (8) One representative from the assisted living community who currently serves on the
16 personal independence commission, appointed by the governor;

17 (9) One representative of the Missouri area agency on aging, appointed by the governor;

18 (10) One member of the special health, psychological, and social needs of minority older
19 individuals commission;

20 (11) One member of the governor's advisory council on aging, appointed by the
21 governor;

22 (12) The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as chair of the commission; and

23 (13) One member from the Missouri council for in-home services, appointed by the
24 governor.

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26 In making the initial appointment to the committee, the governor, president pro tem, and speaker
27 shall stagger the terms of the appointees so that five members serve an initial term of one year,
28 five members serve initial terms of two years and five members serve initial terms of three years.
29 All members appointed thereafter shall serve three-year terms. All members shall be eligible for
30 reappointment. Members of the commission shall be appointed by October 1, 2005. Members
31 shall continue to serve until their successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on the
32 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The commission
33 shall be dissolved on December 31, [2008] **2011**.

34 2. Service on the commission shall be voluntary. Subject to appropriations, members
35 of the commission shall receive with reasonable reimbursement for expenses actually incurred
36 in the performance of the member's official duties for members who are not employees of the
37 state of Missouri.

38 3. Subject to appropriations, the department of health and senior services shall provide
39 administrative support and resources as is necessary for the effective operation of the
40 commission.

41 4. Meetings shall be held at least every ninety days or at the call of the commission chair.

42 5. The senior advocacy and efficiency commission shall:

43 (1) Hold public hearings in accordance with chapter 536, RSMo, to gather information
44 from any state agency, commission, or public entity on issues pertaining to the quality and
45 efficiency of all senior services offered by the state of Missouri;

46 (2) Analyze state statutes, commissions, and administrative rules regarding services
47 offered by the state of Missouri for senior citizens and designate which programs provide
48 effective and efficient support to seniors and the programs that lack quality;

49 (3) Establish a mechanism to educate the staff of the members of the Missouri general
50 assembly to assist seniors, including but not limited to assisting seniors in applying for any and

51 all prescription drug assistance offered under the federal Medicare Prescription Drug
52 Modernization Act of 2003;

53 (4) Develop a plan that delays the need for the provisions of long-term care outside the
54 residence of senior citizens and allows seniors to remain at home for as long as possible;

55 (5) Maintain a web site with detailed information regarding all programs and services
56 offered by the state of Missouri which are available to seniors;

57 (6) Maintain a toll-free senior advocacy support telephone number which directs seniors
58 to all services offered by the state of Missouri which are available to seniors;

59 (7) Submit an annual report on the activities of the commission to the director of the
60 department of health and senior services, the members of the Missouri general assembly, and the
61 governor by February 1, 2007, and every February first thereafter. Such report shall include, but
62 not be limited to, the following:

63 (a) Efficiencies that can be realized by consolidation of senior services offered by
64 Missouri;

65 (b) Effectiveness of all senior services, programs, and commissions offered by the state
66 of Missouri;

67 (c) Information regarding the impact and effectiveness of prior recommendations, if any,
68 that have been implemented; and

69 (d) Measurable data to identify the cost-effectiveness of the services, programs, and
70 commissions evaluated.

71 6. Unless reauthorized, the provisions of this section shall sunset on December 31,
72 [2008] **2011**.

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