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PERSPECTIVES ON STATE AIDS LEGISLATION: MISSOURI'S STATUTE

INTRODUCTION:

In its Second Regular Session, Missouri's Eighty-Fourth General Assembly passed and the governor signed into law a bill dealing with various issues surrounding AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) and HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). The statute includes a sunset provision under which the new law's provisions will expire December 31, 1989. Missouri's Legislature is now considering legislation to replace the statute upon its expiration.

The following five articles examine legal issues and policy considerations which the present AIDS law and its reconsideration raise. The Editorial Board of the Missouri Law Review appreciates the authors' diligence in completing the articles and their patience during the publication process. The Missouri Law Review's publication of the articles, however, does not signify its adoption of the views expressed.