

Missouri

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The advertisement rules were removed from the Missouri Dental Practice Act on April 19, 2018. This was determined to be detrimental to the public in Missouri. **Sean Murphy**, attorney for the AAO, spoke on behalf of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and Missouri orthodontists. Mr. Murphy and Missouri Dental Association and the Missouri Dental Board drafted a legislative amendment that strengthens Missouri's advertising laws and, as a result, protects the public. This language was added on short notice to amend the language of HB 1719, which passed in the final hours of Missouri's legislative session. The advertising language that was added is underlined on pages 98-100 in <https://house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills181/hlrbillspdf/4489H.05S.pdf>

President Dr. **Mike LaFerla**, had requested the AAO's help through the AAO Component Legal Support Fund and **Sean Murphy** worked tirelessly for the orthodontists of Missouri. Please tell Sean and your AAO leaders, thank you.

The next business meeting is planned during the Annual Session in Bloomington, Minnesota, September 21-22, 2018. Please look at www.msortho.org for information and please plan to attend. The Missouri component meeting will be September 21, between 12:45-1:15 pm in Bloomington. Please consider bringing your staff to the meeting, which is connected to the Mall of America.

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