SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2228

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEELY.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 536.010 and 546.720, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to state executions.

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

Section A. Sections 536.010 and 546.720, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 536.010 and 546.720, to read as follows:

536.010. For the purpose of this chapter:

2 (1) "Affected small business" or "affects small business" means any potential or actual 3 requirement imposed upon a small business or minority small business through a state agency's 4 proposed or adopted rule that will cause direct and significant economic burden upon a small 5 business or minority small business, or that is directly related to the formation, operation, or 6 expansion of a small business;

7 (2) "Agency" means any administrative officer or body existing under the constitution 8 or by law and authorized by law or the constitution to make rules or to adjudicate contested 9 cases, except those in the legislative or judicial branches;

10 (3) "Board" means the small business regulatory fairness board, except when the word 11 is used in section 536.100;

(4) "Contested case" means a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, dutiesor privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing;

14 (5) The term "decision" includes decisions and orders whether negative or affirmative 15 in form;

16 (6) "Rule" means each agency statement of general applicability that implements, 17 interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or that describes the organization, procedure, or practice

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.

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requirements of any agency. The term includes the amendment or repeal of an existing rule, butdoes not include:

(a) A statement concerning only the internal management of an agency and which does
not substantially affect the legal rights of, or procedures available to, the public or any segment
thereof;

(b) A declaratory ruling issued pursuant to section 536.050, or an interpretation issued
by an agency with respect to a specific set of facts and intended to apply only to that specific set
of facts;

(c) An intergovernmental, interagency, or intraagency memorandum, directive, manual
or other communication which does not substantially affect the legal rights of, or procedures
available to, the public or any segment thereof;

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(d) A determination, decision, or order in a contested case;

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(e) An opinion of the attorney general;

(f) Those portions of staff manuals, instructions or other statements issued by an agency which set forth criteria or guidelines to be used by its staff in auditing, in making inspections, in settling commercial disputes or negotiating commercial arrangements, or in the selection or handling of cases, such as operational tactics or allowable tolerances or criteria for the defense, prosecution, or settlement of cases, when the disclosure of such statements would enable law violators to avoid detection, facilitate disregard of requirements imposed by law, or give a clearly improper advantage to persons who are in an adverse position to the state;

38 (g) A specification of the prices to be charged for goods or services sold by an agency39 as distinguished from a license fee, or other fees;

40 (h) A statement concerning only the physical servicing, maintenance or care of publicly 41 owned or operated facilities or property;

42 (i) A statement relating to the use of a particular publicly owned or operated facility or 43 property, the substance of which is indicated to the public by means of signs or signals;

(j) A decision by an agency not to exercise a discretionary power;

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(k) A statement concerning only:

a. Inmates of an institution under the control of the department of corrections [and
 human resources] or the division of youth services[,] of the department of social services,

48 except for statements concerning an execution of an inmate;

- 49 **b.** Students enrolled in an educational institution[,;]; or
- 50 **c.** Clients of a health care facility[,]

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52 when issued by such an agency;

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(1) Statements or requirements establishing the conditions under which persons may
 participate in exhibitions, fairs or similar activities, managed by the state or an agency of the
 state;

56 (m) Income tax or sales forms, returns and instruction booklets prepared by the state 57 department of revenue for distribution to taxpayers for use in preparing tax returns;

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(7) "Small business" means a for-profit enterprise consisting of fewer than one hundred full- or part-time employees;

60 (8) "State agency" means each board, commission, department, officer or other 61 administrative office or unit of the state other than the general assembly, the courts, the governor, 62 or a political subdivision of the state, existing under the constitution or statute, and authorized 63 by the constitution or statute to make rules or to adjudicate contested cases.

546.720. 1. The manner of inflicting the punishment of death shall be by the administration of lethal gas or by means of the administration of lethal injection in a manner 2 3 that allows consenting inmates to make organ and anatomical donations. And for such purpose the director of the department of corrections is hereby authorized and directed to provide 4 a suitable and efficient room or place, enclosed from public view, [within the walls of a 5 6 correctional facility of the department of corrections,] and the necessary appliances for carrying 7 into execution the death penalty by means of the administration of lethal gas or by means of the 8 administration of lethal injection in a manner that allows consenting inmates to make organ 9 and anatomical donations.

10 2. The director of the department of corrections shall select an execution team which shall consist of those persons who administer lethal gas or lethal chemicals and those persons, 11 12 such as medical personnel, who provide direct support for the administration of lethal gas or 13 lethal chemicals. The identities of members of the execution team, as defined in the execution 14 protocol of the department of corrections, shall be kept confidential. Notwithstanding any 15 provision of law to the contrary, any portion of a record that could identify a person as being a current or former member of an execution team shall be privileged and shall not be subject to 16 17 discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for disclosure to any person or entity, 18 the remainder of such record shall not be privileged or closed unless protected from disclosure 19 by law. The section of an execution protocol that directly relates to the administration of lethal 20 gas or lethal chemicals is an open record, the remainder of any execution protocol of the 21 department of corrections is a closed record.

3. A person may not, without the approval of the director of the department of corrections, knowingly disclose the identity of a current or former member of an execution team or disclose a record knowing that it could identify a person as being a current or former member of an execution team. Any person whose identity is disclosed in violation of this section shall:

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- 26 (1) Have a civil cause of action against a person who violates this section;
- 27 (2) Be entitled to recover from any such person:
- 28 (a) Actual damages; and
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(b) Punitive damages on a showing of a willful violation of this section.

30 4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a member of the execution team is licensed by a board or department, the licensing board or department shall not censure, 31 reprimand, suspend, revoke, or take any other disciplinary action against the person's license 32 33 because of his or her participation in a lawful execution. All members of the execution team are 34 entitled to coverage under the state legal expense fund established by section 105.711 for 35 conduct of such execution team member arising out of and performed in connection with his or 36 her official duties on behalf of the state or any agency of the state, provided that moneys in this 37 fund shall not be available for payment of claims under chapter 287.

38 5. The department of corrections shall promulgate rules to administer the 39 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 40 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective 41 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if 42 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of 43 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay 44 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held 45 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted 46 after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.

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