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New Missouri Laws Take Effect

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Dozens of new Missouri laws are taking effect, including ones that could make it harder for some fired employees to collect unemployment benefits and easier for high rollers to bet big bucks at casinos.

Thursday marked the standard effective date for laws that were passed during annual legislative session.

But some of this year's most high-profile measures contained clauses delaying their effect until future years, including an income tax cut and a rewrite of the state's criminal laws.

The unemployment measure that takes effect Thursday will make it harder for people to collect unemployment benefits after being fired for alleged misconduct such as repeated absences.

A separate law lets casinos offer lines of credit of \$10,000 or more to big bettors who don't want to carry around wads of cash.

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