

"Because this law creates a dangerous myth that there are many HIV+ perpetrators in our communities exposing others to the virus, I've had people who simply don't like me use this law to spread rumors about me and harass me in my daily life. More disgustingly, I've seen this used most often against men of color in our communities"

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MISSOURI'S HIV LAWS NEED TO CHANGE

AND YOU CAN HELP US
MAKE IT HAPPEN

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COALITION



Change the Law. End the Stigma.

This coalition is made up of national partners, local AIDS service providers, and individuals with support from a number of organizations. It is staffed as a project of Empower Missouri, 501c3.

YOU NEED TO KNOW



Advancements in medical science have drastically changed the face of HIV since when these laws were written.

MO Law ignores proven HIV prevention techniques.



"The use of condoms is not a defense"

Young black men are disproportionately **more** likely to be both incarcerated and to live with HIV.



Felony convictions do **not** require intent, or transmission of HIV and put the onus on the person living with HIV to **prove** they disclosed their diagnosis prior to sexual contact. Prison sentences can be more severe than for involuntary manslaughter.



HIV is transmitted primarily by people who go undiagnosed. Testing is vital. Stigmatizing laws create barriers to testing.

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It's Time.