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SENATE BILL NO. 957

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Transportation, March 13, 2002, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 301.131, RSMo, relating to license plates, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 301.131, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.131 and 301.3090, to read as follows:

301.131. 1. Any motor vehicle over twenty-five years old which is owned solely as a collector's item and which is used and intended to be used for exhibition and educational purposes shall be permanently registered upon payment of a registration fee of twenty-five dollars. Upon the transfer of the title to any such vehicle the registration shall be canceled and the license plates issued therefor shall be returned to the director of revenue.

2. The owner of any such vehicle shall file an application in a form prescribed by the director, if such vehicle meets the requirements of this section, and a certificate of registration shall be issued therefor. Such certificate need not specify the horsepower of the motor vehicle.

3. The director shall issue to the owner of any motor vehicle registered pursuant to this section the same number of license plates which would be issued with a regular annual registration, containing the number assigned to the registration certificate issued by the director of revenue. [Such license plates shall be kept securely attached to the motor vehicle registered hereunder. The advisory committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the characteristic features of such license plates for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of this section so that they may be recognized as such, except that] Such license plates shall be

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

4. Historic vehicles may be driven to and from repair facilities one hundred miles from the vehicle's location, and in addition may be driven up to one thousand miles per year for personal use. The owner of the historic vehicle shall be responsible for keeping a log of the miles driven for personal use each calendar year. Such log must be kept in the historic vehicle when the vehicle is driven on any state road. The historic vehicle's mileage driven in an antique auto tour or event and mileage driven to and from such a tour or event shall not be considered mileage driven for the purpose of the mileage limitations in this section. Violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor and in addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, upon conviction thereof, the director of revenue shall revoke the historic motor vehicle license plates of such violator which were issued pursuant to this section.

5. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, any person possessing a license plate issued by the state of Missouri [prior to 1979] **that is over twenty-five years old**, in which the year of the issuance of such plate is consistent with the year of the manufacture of the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle may register such plate as [a personalized plate by following the procedures for personalized license plate registration and paying the same fees as prescribed in section 301.144] **an historic vehicle plate as set forth in subsections 1 and 2 of this section, provided that the configuration of letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers of such plate are not identical to the configuration of letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers of any plates already issued to an owner by the director.** Such license plate shall not be required to possess the characteristic features of reflective material and common color scheme and design as prescribed in section 301.130. **The owner of the historic vehicle registered pursuant to this subsection shall keep the certificate of registration in the vehicle at all times. The certificate of registration shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been properly registered with the director and that all fees have been paid.**

301.3090. Any person who is serving on active duty in any branch of the United States military and is part of Operation Enduring Freedom may receive special motor vehicle license plates for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. Individuals who served on active duty in any branch of the United States military during Operation Enduring Freedom and were honorably discharged may also apply for these special license plates as set forth in this section. Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof of current service in Operation Enduring Freedom or proof of status as an honorably discharged

veteran as the director may require. Upon presentation of the proof of eligibility and annual payment of a fifteen dollar fee, and other fees and documents which may be required by law, the director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof, with the words "OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such plates shall also bear an image of the American flag. The plates shall be clearly visible at night and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. No more than one set of special license plates shall be issued pursuant to this section to a qualified applicant. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates issued pursuant to this section. License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle may operate the motor vehicle for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.

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