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**SENATE BILL NO. 960**  
**91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations, April 11, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 960 Do Pass.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the creation of special license plates.

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

Section A. Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 301.3087, 301.3097, and 301.3115, to read as follows:

**301.3087. 1. Any person may receive special license plates as prescribed by this section, 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, after an annual payment of an emblem-use authorization fee to the Missouri State Humane Association. The Missouri State Humane Association hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license plates as provided in this section. All emblem-use authorization fees, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be placed into a special fund as described in subsection 4 of this section and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of spaying and neutering dogs and cats in the state of Missouri.**

**2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to the Missouri State Humane Association, the Missouri State Humane Association shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the owner to the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. Upon presentation of the annual statement, payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition**

to the registration fee and documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized license plate which shall bear the emblem of the Missouri State Humane Association and shall have the words "I'M PET FRIENDLY" on the license plates in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

3. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with the Missouri State Humane Association emblem authorized by this section but who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the Missouri State Humane Association emblem, as otherwise provided by law. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.

4. The "Missouri Pet Spay/Neuter Fund" is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury and shall be administered by the department of agriculture. This fund shall consist of moneys collected pursuant to this section. All moneys deposited in the Missouri pet spay/neuter fund, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be paid as grants to humane societies, local municipal animal shelters regulated by sections 273.400 to 273.405, RSMo, and organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to be used solely for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats in the state of Missouri. For purposes of approving grants under this section, the governor shall appoint a volunteer board that shall consist of three Missouri residents, of which two shall be administrators of local municipal animal shelters regulated by sections 273.400 to 273.405, RSMo, and one shall be an administrator of a humane society. Each of the three members shall be from separate congressional districts. Members of this board shall be appointed for three year terms and shall meet at least twice a year to review grant applications. All moneys deposited in the Missouri pet spay/neuter fund, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be spent by the end of each fiscal year. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, if any moneys remain in the fund at the end of the biennium, said moneys shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

301.3097. 1. Any vehicle owner may apply for "God Bless America" license plates for any motor vehicle the 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. Upon making a ten-dollar contribution to the World War II memorial fund the vehicle owner may apply for the "God Bless America" plate. If the contribution is made directly to the Missouri veterans' commission they shall issue the individual making the contribution a receipt, verifying the contribution, that may be used to apply for the "God Bless America" license plate. If the contribution is made directly to the director of revenue pursuant to section 301.3031, the director shall note the contribution and the owner may then apply for the "God Bless America" plate. The applicant for such plate must pay a fifteen-dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees and present any other documentation required by law for each set of "God Bless America" plates issued pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates issued pursuant to this section. The "God Bless America" plate shall bear the emblem of the American flag in a form prescribed by the director of revenue and shall have the words "GOD BLESS AMERICA" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be 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.

2. The director of revenue may promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.

301.3115. 1. Any person who has been awarded the military service award known as the "Air Medal" may apply for Air Medal 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.

2. Any such person shall make application for the Air Medal license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a recipient of the Air Medal as the director may require. The director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof as determined by the director with the words "AIR MEDAL" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be 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. Such plates shall also bear an image of the Air Medal.

**3. There shall be a fifteen-dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees charged for each set of Air Medal license plates issued pursuant to this section. A fee for the issuance of personalized license plates pursuant to section 301.144 shall not be required for plates issued pursuant to this section. There shall be no limit on the number of license plates any person qualified pursuant to this section may obtain so long as each set of license plates issued pursuant to this section is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person. License plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.**

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