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AN ACT

To repeal section 301.463, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to special license plates.

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

Section A. Section 301.463, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.463, to read as follows:

301.463. 1. The children's trust fund board established in section 210.170, RSMo, may authorize the use of their logo to be incorporated on [multiyear personalized] motor vehicle license plates [as provided in this section] 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. The license plate shall contain an emblem designed by the board depicting two handprints of a child and the words "Children's Trust Fund" and the children's trust fund logo in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE". The license plates shall have a common background and shall bear as many letters and numbers as will fit on the plate without damaging the plate's aesthetic appearance as determined by the director of revenue. Any vehicle owner may annually apply to the board or director for the use of the logo. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar logo use contribution to the board, the board shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, a "logo use authorization statement", which shall be presented by the vehicle owner to the

department of revenue at the time of registration. Application for use of the logo and payment of the twenty-five dollar contribution may also be made at the time of registration to the director, who shall deposit such contribution in the state treasury to the credit of the children's trust fund. Upon presentation of the annual statement [and], payment of [the fee required for personalized license plates in section 301.144, and other] the regular registration fees and presentation of documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue a [personalized] license plate described in this section to the vehicle owner. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license 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 plates issued pursuant to this section is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person. The license plate authorized by this section shall be issued with a design approved by both the board and the director of revenue. The bidding process used to select a vendor for the material to manufacture the license plates authorized by this section shall consider the aesthetic appearance of the plate. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with [an emblem] a logo authorized by this section and who does not provide [an emblem] a logo use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the [emblem] logo, as otherwise provided by law. Any contribution to the board derived from this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the children's trust fund established in section 210.173, RSMo.

2. The director of revenue shall issue samples of license plates authorized pursuant to this section to all offices in this state where vehicles are registered and license plates are issued. Such sample license plates shall be prominently displayed in such offices along with literature prepared by the director or by the children's trust fund board describing the purposes of the children's trust fund. The general assembly may appropriate moneys annually from the children's trust fund to the department of revenue to offset costs reasonably incurred by the director of revenue pursuant to this subsection.