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SEN. GARY NODLER INTRODUCES LEGISLATION SIMPLIFYING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

JEFFERSON CITY – As a result of attending a senior citizens' breakfast in Carl Junction, Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, has filed legislation that would simplify motor vehicle registration for tax-exempt organizations.

"What should be a relatively easy process, had become unnecessarily complicated," said Nodler. "I believe this legislation will be a great benefit to both tax-exempt organizations and the Missouri Department of Revenue."

In December, Nodler and Rep. Steve Hunter, R-Joplin, attended a breakfast at the Carl Junction Senior Citizens' Center when a volunteer brought to the lawmakers' attention that when it was time to renew his organization's motor vehicle's license registration, a special trip had to be made to the county assessors' to certify the center's tax-exempt status.

"That just did not make sense to me," Nodler said. "It added an extra step that wasn't needed."

Under Senate Bill 1048, churches, schools, charitable groups and other tax-exempt organizations would need only to bring proof of tax-exempt status when renewing a motor vehicle's registration.

"This is just common-sense and it will save those involved some time and effort," said Nodler. "I want to thank that Carl Junction volunteer for bringing this to my attention."