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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Transportation, March 1, 2005, 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 sections 301.444 and 301.3132, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to special license plates.

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

Section A. Sections 301.444 and 301.3132, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.444 and 301.3132, to read as follows:

301.444. 1. [Any person, as defined in subsection 3 of this section, may apply for special 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. The firefighter memorial foundation of Missouri hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license plates as provided in this section.

2. Upon application and payment of a one-time twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to the firefighter memorial foundation of Missouri, the foundation shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented to the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle.

3. As used in this section, the term "person" shall mean:

- (1) A director of a fire protection district;
- (2) Persons compensated, partially compensated, or volunteer members of any fire department, fire protection district, or voluntary fire protection association of this state;
- (3) A person wounded in the line of duty as a firefighter; or
- (4) A surviving spouse, parent, brother, sister, or adult child, including an adopted child or stepchild, of a person killed in the line of duty as a firefighter.

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

4. Upon presentation of the emblem-use authorization statement and payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees and presentation of other documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue a personalized license plate to the vehicle owner, which shall bear the emblem of the firefighter memorial foundation of Missouri and the word "FIREFIGHTER" 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.

5. 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, 2004, shall be invalid and void.] **Owners or a joint owner of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of Missouri, and who are directors of a fire protection district or who are compensated, partially compensated, or volunteer members of any fire department, fire protection district, or voluntary fire protection association in this state, upon application accompanied by affidavit as prescribed in this section, complying with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of a fee as prescribed in this section, shall be issued a set of license plates for any motor vehicle such persons 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 plates shall be inscribed with a variation of the Maltese cross that signifies the universally recognized symbol for firefighters. In addition, upon such set of license plates shall be inscribed, in lieu of the words "SHOW-ME STATE", the word "FIREFIGHTER". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.**

2. **Applications for license plates issued under this section shall be made to the director of revenue and shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating that the applicant is a person described in subsection 1 of this section. Any person who is lawfully in possession of such plates who resigns, is removed, or otherwise**

terminates or is terminated from his association with such fire department, fire protection district, or voluntary fire protection association shall return such special plates to the director within fifteen days.

3. An additional annual fee equal to that charged for personalized license plates in section 301.144 shall be paid to the director of revenue for the issuance of the license plates provided for in this section.

301.3132. 1. Any member of or designated by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers 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 Society of Professional Engineers [Educational Foundation]. The Missouri Society of Professional Engineers hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license plates as provided in this section. Any contribution to the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers Educational Foundation derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the purposes of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers Educational Foundation and shall be deposited into the society's educational fund. Any member of or person designated by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers may annually apply for the use of the emblem.

2. Upon annual application and annual payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers [Educational Foundation], the organization 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 Society of Professional Engineers and the words "[MISSOURI SOCIETY OF] PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS" 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 added or charged for the personalization of license plates issued pursuant to this section.

3. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers' emblem authorized by this section but who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at the subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers' emblem, as otherwise provided by law.

4. The director of the department 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. 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, 2004, shall be invalid and void.

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