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AN ACT

To repeal sections 304.157, 306.010, 306.015, 306.100, 306.111, 306.112, 306.114, 306.117, 306.124, 306.125, 306.126, 306.127, 306.132, 306.147, 306.163, 306.221, 565.024, 565.082, and 577.080, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty new sections relating to the water patrol, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 304.157, 306.010, 306.015, 306.100, 306.111, 306.112,
306.114, 306.117, 306.124, 306.125, 306.126, 306.127, 306.132, 306.147, 306.163,
306.221, 565.024, 565.082, and 577.080, RSMo, are repealed and twenty new
sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 304.157, 306.010,
306.015, 306.100, 306.111, 306.112, 306.114, 306.117, 306.118, 306.124, 306.125,
306.126, 306.127, 306.132, 306.147, 306.163, 306.221, 565.024, 565.082, and
577.080, to read as follows:

304.157. 1. If a person abandons property, as defined in section 304.001, on any real property owned by another without the consent of the owner or person in possession of the property, at the request of the person in possession of the real property, any member of the state highway patrol, state water patrol, sheriff, or other law enforcement officer within his jurisdiction may authorize a towing company to remove such abandoned property from the property in the following circumstances:

8 (1) The abandoned property is left unattended for more than forty-eight9 hours; or

10 (2) In the judgment of a law enforcement officer, the abandoned property11 constitutes a safety hazard or unreasonably interferes with the use of the real

12 property by the person in possession.

2. A local government agency may also provide for the towing of motor vehicles or vessels from real property under the authority of any local ordinance providing for the towing of vehicles or vessels which are derelict, junk, scrapped, disassembled or otherwise harmful to the public health under the terms of the ordinance. Any local government agency authorizing a tow under this subsection shall report the tow to the local law enforcement agency within two hours with a crime inquiry and inspection report pursuant to section 304.155.

3. Neither the law enforcement officer, local government agency nor anyone having custody of abandoned property under his or her direction shall be liable for any damage to such abandoned property occasioned by a removal authorized by this section other than damages occasioned by negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions.

254. The owner of real property or lessee in lawful possession of the real property or the property or security manager of the real property may authorize 26a towing company to remove abandoned property or property parked in a 27restricted or assigned area without authorization by a law enforcement officer 2829only when the owner, lessee or property or security manager of the real property is present. A property or security manager must be a full-time employee of a 30 31business entity. An authorization to tow pursuant to this subsection may be 32made only under any of the following circumstances:

33(1) There is displayed, in plain view at all entrances to the property, a 34sign not less than seventeen by twenty-two inches in size, with lettering not less than one inch in height, prohibiting public parking and indicating that 35unauthorized abandoned property or property parked in a restricted or assigned 36 area will be removed at the owner's expense, disclosing the maximum fee for all 37charges related to towing and storage, and containing the telephone number of 3839the local traffic law enforcement agency where information can be obtained or a twenty-four-hour staffed emergency information telephone number by which the 40owner of the abandoned property or property parked in a restricted or assigned 4142area may call to receive information regarding the location of such owner's 43property;

(2) The abandoned property is left unattended on owner-occupied
residential property with four residential units or less, and the owner, lessee or
agent of the real property in lawful possession has notified the appropriate law
enforcement agency, and ten hours have elapsed since that notification; or

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(3) The abandoned property is left unattended on private property, and
the owner, lessee or agent of the real property in lawful possession of real
property has notified the appropriate law enforcement agency, and ninety-six
hours have elapsed since that notification.

52 5. Pursuant to this section, any owner or lessee in lawful possession of 53 real property that requests a towing company to tow abandoned property without 54 authorization from a law enforcement officer shall at that time complete an 55 abandoned property report which shall be considered a legal declaration subject 56 to criminal penalty pursuant to section 575.060, RSMo. The report shall be in the 57 form designed, printed and distributed by the director of revenue and shall 58 contain the following:

59 (1) The year, model, make and abandoned property identification number60 of the property and the owner and any lienholders, if known;

61 (2) A description of any damage to the abandoned property noted by 62 owner, lessee or property or security manager in possession of the real property;

63 (3) The license plate or registration number and the state of issuance, if64 available;

(4) The physical location of the property and the reason for requesting theproperty to be towed;

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(5) The date the report is completed;

68 (6) The printed name, address and phone number of the owner, lessee or69 property or security manager in possession of the real property;

(7) The towing company's name and address;

(8) The signature of the towing operator;

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(9) The signature of the owner, lessee or property or security manager attesting to the facts that the property has been abandoned for the time required by this section and that all statements on the report are true and correct to the best of the person's knowledge and belief and that the person is subject to the penalties for making false statements;

(10) Space for the name of the law enforcement agency notified of the
towing of the abandoned property and for the signature of the law enforcement
official receiving the report; and

80 (11) Any additional information the director of revenue deems81 appropriate.

82 6. Any towing company which tows abandoned property without 83 authorization from a law enforcement officer pursuant to subsection 4 of this

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section shall deliver a copy of the abandoned property report to the local law 84 85 enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location from which the abandoned property was towed. The copy may be produced and sent by facsimile 86 87 machine or other device which produces a near exact likeness of the print and signatures required, but only if the law enforcement agency receiving the report 88 89 has the technological capability of receiving such copy and has registered the 90 towing company for such purpose. The registration requirements shall not apply to law enforcement agencies located in counties of the third or fourth 91 92classification. The report shall be delivered within two hours if the tow was made from a signed location pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this section, 9394otherwise the report shall be delivered within twenty-four hours.

7. The law enforcement agency receiving such abandoned property report 95must record the date on which the abandoned property report is filed with such 96 97 agency and shall promptly make an inquiry into the national crime information center and any statewide Missouri law enforcement computer system to 98determine if the abandoned property has been reported as stolen. The law 99 enforcement agency shall enter the information pertaining to the towed property 100 into the statewide law enforcement computer system, and an officer shall sign the 101 abandoned property report and provide the towing company with a signed 102103copy. The department of revenue may design and sell to towing companies 104informational brochures outlining owner or lessee of real property obligations 105pursuant to this section.

1068. The law enforcement agency receiving notification that abandoned 107 property has been towed by a towing company shall search the records of the department of revenue and provide the towing company with the latest owner and 108lienholder information, if available on the abandoned property, and if the tower 109has online access to the department of revenue's records, the tower shall comply 110with the requirements of section 301.155, RSMo. If the abandoned property is not 111 claimed within ten working days, the towing company shall send a copy of the 112abandoned property report signed by a law enforcement officer to the department 113of revenue. 114

9. If any owner or lessee of real property knowingly authorizes the
removal of abandoned property in violation of this section, then the owner or
lessee shall be deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

306.010. As used in this chapter the following terms mean:

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(1) "Motorboat", any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such

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3 machinery is a principal source of propulsion;

(2) "Operate", to navigate or otherwise use a motorboat or a vessel;

5 (3) "Operator", the person who operates or has charge of the navigation 6 or use of a vessel;

7 (4) "Owner", a person other than a lienholder, having the property in or 8 title to a motorboat. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession 9 of a motorboat subject to an interest of another person, reserved or created by 10 agreement and securing payment or performance of an obligation, but the term 11 excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security;

(5) "Parasailing", the towing of any person equipped with a parachute orkite equipment by any watercraft operating on the waters of this state;

(6) "Personal watercraft", a class of vessel, which is less than sixteen feet
in length, propelled by machinery which is designed to be operated by a person
sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel, rather than being operated by a
person sitting or standing inside the vessel;

18 (7) "Skiing", an activity that involves a person or persons being
19 towed by a vessel, including but not limited to, water skiing, wake
20 boarding, wake surfing, knee boarding, and tubing;

(8) "Vessel", every motorboat and every description of motorized watercraft, and any watercraft more than twelve feet in length which is powered by sail alone or by a combination of sail and machinery, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, but not any watercraft having as the only means of propulsion a paddle or oars;

26 [(8)] (9) "Watercraft", any boat or craft, including a vessel, used or 27 capable of being used as a means of transport on waters;

[(9)] (10) "Waters of this state", any waters within the territorial limits of this state and lakes constructed or maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers except bodies of water owned by a person, corporation, association, partnership, municipality or other political subdivision, public water supply impoundments, and except drainage ditches constructed by a drainage district, but the term does include any body of water which has been leased to or owned by the state department of conservation.

306.015. 1. The owner of a vessel kept within this state shall cause it to 2 be registered in the office of the director of revenue who shall issue a certificate 3 of title for the same.

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2. The owner of any vessel acquired or brought into the state shall file his

5 application for title within sixty days after it is acquired or brought into this
6 state. The director of revenue may grant extensions of time for titling to any
7 person in deserving cases.

8 3. The fee for the certificate of title shall be seven dollars fifty cents and shall be paid to the director of revenue at the time of making application. If 9 10 application for certificate of title is not made within sixty days after the vessel is acquired or brought into the state, a delinquency penalty fee of ten dollars for 11 12each thirty days of delinquency, not to exceed a total of thirty dollars, shall be 13imposed. If the director of revenue learns that any person has failed to make application for certificate of title within sixty days after acquiring or bringing into 14the state a vessel or has sold a vessel without obtaining a certificate of title, he 1516shall cancel the registration of all motorboats, vessels, and watercraft registered in the name of the person, either as sole owner or as co-owner, and shall notify 17the person that the cancellation will remain in force until the person pays the 18delinquency penalty fee provided in this section together with all fees, charges, 19and payments which he should have paid in connection with the certificate of title 20of the vessel. 21

224. In the event of a sale or transfer of ownership of a vessel or 23outboard motor for which a certificate of ownership or manufacturer's statement of origin has been issued, the holder of such certificate shall 2425endorse on the same an assignment thereof, with warranty of title in form printed thereon, and prescribed by the director of the department 2627of revenue, with a statement of all liens or encumbrances on such 28vessel or outboard motor, and deliver the same to the buyer at the time 29of the delivery of such vessel or outboard motor; provided that, when 30 the transfer of a vessel or outboard motor occurs within a corporation which holds a license to operate as a motor vehicle or boat dealer 31under this section and sections 301.550 to 301.575, RSMo, the provisions 3233of subdivision (3) of subsection 6 of section 144.070, RSMo, shall not apply. 34

306.100. 1. For the purpose of this section, vessels shall be divided into 2 four classes as follows:

3 (1) Class A, less than sixteen feet in length;

- 4 (2) Class 1, at least sixteen and less than twenty-six feet in length;
- 5 (3) Class 2, at least twenty-six and less than forty feet in length;

6 (4) Class 3, forty feet and over.

2. All vessels shall display from sunset to sunrise the following lights
when under way, and during such time no other lights [which may be mistaken
for those prescribed], continuous spotlights, or docking lights, or other
non-prescribed lights shall be exhibited:

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(1) Vessels of classes A and 1:

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(a) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon;

(b) A combined light in the forepart of the vessel and lower than the white
light aft, showing green to starboard and red to port, so fixed as to throw the
light from right ahead to two points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on their
respective sides.

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(2) Vessels of classes 2 and 3:

(a) A bright white light in the forepart of the vessel as near the stem as
practicable, so constructed as to show the unbroken light over an arc of the
horizon of twenty points (225 degrees) of the compass, so fixed as to throw the
light ten points (112 1/2 degrees) on each side of the vessel; namely, from right
ahead to two points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on either side;

(b) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon and higherthan the white light forward;

(c) On the starboard side a green light so constructed as to show an 2526unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points (112 1/2 degrees) of the 27compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points (22 1/2 28degrees) abaft the beam on the starboard side; on the port side a red light so 29constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points 30 (112 1/2 degrees) of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on the portside. The side lights 31shall be fitted with inboard screens so set as to prevent these lights from being 3233 seen across the bow.

34 (3) Vessels of classes A and 1 when propelled by sail alone shall exhibit
35 the combined light prescribed by this section and a twelve point (135 degree)
36 white light aft. Vessels of classes 2 and 3, when so propelled, shall exhibit the
37 colored side lights, suitably screened, prescribed by this section and a twelve
38 point (135 degree) white light aft.

(4) All vessels between the hours of sunset and sunrise that are not under
way, moored at permanent dockage or attached to an immovable object on shore
so that they do not extend more than fifty feet from the shore shall display one
three-hundred-sixty-degree white light visible three hundred sixty degrees around

43 the horizon.

44 (5) Every white light prescribed by this section shall be of such character
45 as to be visible at a distance of at least two miles. Every colored light prescribed
46 by this section shall be of such character as to be visible at a distance of at least
47 one mile. The word "visible" in this subsection, when applied to lights, shall
48 mean visible on a dark night with clear atmosphere.

49 (6) When propelled by sail and machinery every vessel shall carry the50 lights required by this section for a motorboat propelled by machinery only.

51 3. Any watercraft not defined as a vessel shall, from sunset to sunrise, 52 carry, ready at hand, a lantern or flashlight showing a white light which shall be 53 exhibited in sufficient time to avert collision.

54 4. Any vessel may carry and exhibit the lights required by the federal 55 regulations for preventing collisions at sea, in lieu of the lights required by 56 subsection 2 of this section.

57 5. All other watercraft over sixty-five feet in length and those propelled 58 solely by wind effect on the sail shall display lights prescribed by federal 59 regulations.

60 6. Any watercraft used by a person engaged in the act of sport fishing is 61 not required to display any lights required by this section if no other vessel is 62 within the immediate vicinity of the first vessel, the vessel is using an electric 63 trolling motor and the vessel is within fifty feet of the shore.

64 7. Every vessel, except those in class A, shall have on board at least one
65 wearable personal flotation device of type I, II or III for each person on board and
66 each person being towed who is not wearing one. Every such vessel shall also
67 have on board at least one type IV throwable personal flotation device.

8. All class A motorboats and all watercraft traveling on the waters of this
state shall have on board at least one type I, II, III or IV personal flotation device
for each person on board and each person being towed who is not wearing one.

9. All lifesaving devices required by subsections 7 and 8 of this section
shall be United States Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition and so
placed as to be readily accessible.

10. Every vessel which is carrying or using flammable or toxic fluid in any enclosure for any purpose, and which is not an entirely open vessel, shall have an efficient natural or mechanical ventilation system which must be capable of removing resulting gases prior to and during the time the vessel is occupied by any person. 9

79 11. Motorboats shall carry on board at least the following United States
80 Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers:

81 (1) Every class A and every class 1 motorboat carrying or using gasoline
82 or any other flammable or toxic fluid, one B1 type fire extinguisher;

83 (2) Every class 2 motorboat, one B2 or two B1 type fire extinguishers;

84 (3) Every class 3 motorboat:

85 (a) Three B1 type fire extinguishers; or

86 (b) One B2 type and one B1 type fire extinguisher; or

87 (c) A fixed fire extinguishing system and one B2 type fire extinguisher; or

88 (d) A fixed fire extinguishing system and two B1 type fire extinguishers.

89 12. All class 1 and 2 motorboats and vessels shall have a sounding device.
90 All class 3 motorboats and vessels shall have at least a sounding device and one
91 bell.

92 13. No person shall operate any watercraft which is not equipped as93 required by this section.

94 14. A Missouri state water patrol officer may direct the operator of any watercraft being operated without sufficient personal flotation devices, 95fire-fighting devices or in an overloaded or other unsafe condition or manner to 96 take whatever immediate and reasonable steps are necessary for the safety of 9798those aboard when, in the judgment of the officer, such operation creates a 99 hazardous condition. The officer may direct the operator to return the watercraft 100 to the nearest safe mooring and to remain there until the situation creating the 101 hazardous condition is corrected.

102 15. A Missouri state water patrol officer may remove any unmanned or
103 unattended watercraft from the water when, in the judgment of the officer, the
104 watercraft creates a hazardous condition.

306.111. 1. A person commits the crime of negligent operation of a vessel if when operating a vessel [on the Mississippi River, Missouri River or the lakes $\mathbf{2}$ of this state] he or she acts with criminal negligence, as defined in subsection 3 5 of section 562.016, RSMo, to cause physical injury to any other person or 4 damage to the property of any other person. A person convicted of negligent 56 operation of a vessel is guilty of a class B misdemeanor upon conviction for the first violation, guilty of a class A misdemeanor upon conviction for the second 7 8 violation, and guilty of a class D felony for conviction for the third and subsequent violations. 9

2. A person commits the crime of operating a vessel while intoxicated if

11 he **or she** operates a vessel [on the Mississippi River, Missouri River or the lakes 12 of this state] while in an intoxicated condition. [A person convicted of] Operating 13 a vessel while intoxicated is [guilty of] a class B misdemeanor [upon conviction 14 for the first violation, guilty of a class A misdemeanor upon conviction for the 15 second violation, and guilty of a class D felony for conviction for the third and 16 subsequent violations].

3. A person commits the crime of involuntary manslaughter with a vessel if, while in an intoxicated condition, he **or she** operates any vessel [on the Mississippi River, Missouri River or the lakes of this state] and, when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to cause the death of any person. Involuntary manslaughter with a vessel is a class C felony.

4. A person commits the crime of assault with a vessel in the second degree if, while in an intoxicated condition, he **or she** operates any vessel [on the Mississippi River, Missouri River or the lakes of this state] and, when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to cause physical injury to any other person. Assault with a vessel in the second degree is a class D felony.

5. For purposes of this section, a person is in an intoxicated condition when he **or she** is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or drug, or any combination thereof.

306.112. 1. A person commits the crime of operating a vessel with 2 excessive blood alcohol content if such person operates a vessel [on the 3 Mississippi River, Missouri River or the lakes of this state] with [ten-hundredths] 4 eight-hundredths of one percent or more by weight of alcohol in such person's 5 blood.

6 2. As used in this section, percent by weight of alcohol in the blood shall 7 be based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of blood and may be 8 shown by chemical analysis of the person's blood, breath, urine, or saliva.

9 3. [Any person convicted of] Operating a vessel with excessive blood 10 alcohol content is [guilty of] a class B misdemeanor [upon conviction for the first 11 violation, guilty of a class A misdemeanor upon conviction for the second 12 violation, and guilty of a class D felony for conviction for the third and 13 subsequent violations].

306.114. 1. No person convicted of or pleading guilty to a violation of 2 section 306.111 or 306.112 shall be granted a suspended imposition of sentence, 3 unless such person is placed on probation for a minimum of two years and a 4 record of the conviction or plea of guilty is entered into the records of the

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5 Missouri uniform law enforcement system maintained by the Missouri state6 highway patrol.

7 2. Chemical tests of a person's blood, breath, urine, or saliva to be 8 considered valid under the provisions of sections 306.111 to 306.119 shall be performed according to methods and devices approved by the department of 9 10health and senior services by licensed medical personnel or by a person possessing a valid permit issued by the department of health and senior services 1112for this purpose. In addition, any state, county, or municipal law enforcement 13officer who is certified pursuant to chapter 590, RSMo, may, prior to arrest, administer a portable chemical test to any person suspected of operating any 14vessel in violation of section 306.111 or 306.112. A portable chemical test shall 1516 be admissible as evidence of probable cause to arrest and as exculpatory evidence, but shall not be admissible as evidence of blood alcohol content. The provisions 17of section 306.116 shall not apply to a test administered prior to arrest pursuant 18 to this section. 19

3. The department of health and senior services shall approve satisfactory techniques, devices, equipment, or methods to conduct tests required by sections 306.111 to 306.119, and shall establish standards as to the qualifications and competence of individuals to conduct analyses and to issue permits which shall be subject to termination, suspension or revocation by the department of health and senior services.

264. A licensed physician, registered nurse, or trained medical technician, 27acting at the request and direction of a law enforcement officer, shall withdraw 28blood for the purpose of determining the alcohol content of the blood, unless the medical personnel, in the exercise of good faith medical judgment, believes such 29procedure would endanger the life or health of the person in custody. Blood may 30 be withdrawn only by such medical personnel, but such restriction shall not apply 31to the taking of a breath test or a urine or saliva specimen. In withdrawing blood 32for the purpose of determining the alcohol content in the blood, only a previously 33 unused and sterile needle and sterile vessel shall be used and the withdrawal 3435shall otherwise be in strict accord with accepted medical practices. [A 36 nonalcoholic antiseptic shall be used for cleansing the skin prior to a venapuncture.] Upon the request of the person who is tested, full information 37concerning the test taken at the direction of the law enforcement officer shall be 38made available to such person. 39

5. No person who administers any test pursuant to the provisions of

41 sections 306.111 to 306.119 upon the request of a law enforcement officer, no 42 hospital in or with which such person is employed or is otherwise associated or 43 in which such test is administered, and no other person, firm, or corporation by 44 whom or with which such person is employed or is in any way associated shall be 45 civilly liable for damages to the person tested, except for negligence in 46 administering of the test or for willful and wanton acts or omissions.

6. Any person who is dead, unconscious or who is otherwise in a condition
rendering such person incapable of refusing to take a test as provided in sections
306.111 to 306.119 shall be deemed not to have withdrawn the consent provided
by section 306.116 and the test or tests may be administered.

306.117. 1. Upon the trial of any person for violation of any of the provisions of section 306.111 or 306.112 the amount of alcohol or drugs in the person's blood at the time of the act alleged as shown by any chemical analysis of the person's blood, breath, urine, or saliva is admissible in evidence and the provisions of subdivision (5) of section 491.060, RSMo, shall not prevent the admissibility or introduction of such evidence if otherwise admissible. Evidence of alcohol in a person's blood shall be given the following effect:

8 (1) If there was five-hundredths of one percent or less by weight of alcohol 9 in such person's blood, it shall be presumed that the person was not intoxicated 10 at the time the specimen was obtained;

11 (2) If there was in excess of five-hundredths of one percent but less than 12 [ten-hundredths] **eight-hundredths** of one percent by weight of alcohol in such 13 person's blood, the fact shall not give rise to any presumption that the person was 14 or was not intoxicated, but the fact may be considered with other competent 15 evidence in determining whether the person was intoxicated;

16 (3) If there was [ten-hundredths] eight-hundredths of one percent or
17 more by weight of alcohol in the person's blood, this shall be prima facie evidence
18 that the person was intoxicated at the time the specimen was taken.

19 2. Percent by weight of alcohol in the blood shall be based upon grams of20 alcohol per one hundred milliliters of blood.

3. A chemical analysis of a person's breath, blood, urine, or saliva, in order to give rise to the presumption or to have the effect provided for in subsection 1 of this section, shall have been performed as provided in sections 306.111 to 306.119 and in accordance with methods and standards approved by the department of health and senior services.

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4. The provisions of this section shall not be construed as limiting the

27 introduction of any other competent evidence bearing upon the question whether

28 the person was intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance, or 29 drug, or a combination of either or both with or without alcohol.

306.118. 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context 2 clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

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(1) "Aggravated offender", a person who:

4 (a) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of three or 5 more intoxication-related boating offenses; or

6 (b) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of one or more 7 intoxication-related boating offenses and, in addition, any of the 8 following: involuntary manslaughter under subsection 3 of section 9 306.111; assault with a vessel in the second degree under subsection 4 10 of section 306.111; or assault of a law enforcement officer in the second 11 degree under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of section 565.082, RSMo;

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(2) "Chronic offender", a person who:

13 (a) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of four or
14 more intoxication-related boating offenses; or

15 (b) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of, on two or 16 more separate occasions, any combination of the following: involuntary 17 manslaughter under subsection 3 of section 306.111; assault with a 18 vessel in the second degree under subsection 4 of section 306.111; or 19 assault of a law enforcement officer in the second degree under 20 subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of section 565.082, RSMo; or

(c) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of two or more
intoxication-related boating offenses and, in addition, any of the
following: involuntary manslaughter under subsection 3 of section
306.111; assault with a vessel in the second degree under subsection 4
of section 306.111; or assault of a law enforcement officer in the second
degree under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of section 565.082, RSMo;

(3) "Intoxication-related boating offense", operating a vessel
while intoxicated under subsection 2 of section 306.111; operating a
vessel with excessive blood alcohol content under section 306.112;
involuntary manslaughter under subsection 3 of section 306.111; assault
with a vessel in the second degree under subsection 4 of section
306.111; any violation of subsection 2 of section 306.110; or assault of a
law enforcement officer in the second degree under subdivision (4) of
subsection 1 of section 565.082, RSMo;

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(4) "Persistent offender", is a person who:

36 (a) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of two or more
 37 intoxication-related boating offenses; or

(b) Has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of involuntary
manslaughter under subsection 3 of section 306.111; assault in the
second degree under subsection 4 of section 306.111; or assault of a law
enforcement officer in the second degree under subdivision (4) of
subsection 1 of section 565.082, RSMo;

(5) "Prior offender", a person who has pleaded guilty to or has
been found guilty of one intoxication-related boating offense, where
such prior offense occurred within five years of the occurrence of the
intoxication-related boating offense for which the person is charged.

47 2. Any person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a
48 violation of subsection 2 of section 306.110, section 306.111, or section
49 306.112 who is alleged and proved to be a prior offender shall be guilty
50 of a class A misdemeanor.

51 3. Any person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a 52 violation of subsection 2 of section 306.110, section 306.111, or section 53 306.112 who is alleged and proved to be a persistent offender shall be 54 guilty of a class D felony.

4. Any person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a violation of subsection 2 of section 306.110, section 306.111, or section 306.112 who is alleged and proved to be an aggravated offender shall be guilty of a class C felony.

59 5. Any person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a 60 violation of subsection 2 of section 306.110, section 306.111, or section 61 306.112 who is alleged and proved to be a chronic offender shall be 62 guilty of a class B felony.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 557.011, RSMo, to 63 the contrary, no state, county, or municipal court shall suspend the 64imposition of sentence as to a prior offender, persistent offender, 65aggravated offender, or chronic offender under this section nor 66 sentence such person to pay a fine in lieu of a term of imprisonment. 67No prior offender shall be eligible for parole or probation until he or 68she has served a minimum of five days imprisonment, unless as a 69 condition of such parole or probation such person performs at least 70thirty days of community service under the supervision of the court in 71

72those jurisdictions which have a recognized program for community 73service. No persistent offender shall be eligible for parole or probation until he or she has served a minimum of ten days imprisonment, unless 74as a condition of such parole or probation such person performs at 75least sixty days of community service under the supervision of the 76court. No aggravated offender shall be eligible for parole or probation 77 until he or she has served a minimum of sixty days imprisonment. No 78chronic offender shall be eligible for parole or probation until he or she 79 has served a minimum of two years imprisonment. 80

7. The state, county, or municipal court shall find the defendant
to be a prior offender, persistent offender, aggravated offender, or
chronic offender if:

(1) The indictment or information, original or amended, or the
information in lieu of an indictment pleads all essential facts
warranting a finding that the defendant is a prior, persistent,
aggravated, or chronic offender; and

(2) Evidence is introduced that establishes sufficient facts
pleaded to warrant a finding beyond a reasonable doubt the defendant
is a prior offender, persistent offender, aggravated offender, or chronic
offender; and

92 (3) The court makes findings of fact that warrant a finding
93 beyond a reasonable doubt by the court that the defendant is a prior
94 offender, persistent offender, aggravated offender, or chronic offender.

8. In a jury trial, the facts shall be pleaded, established, and
found prior to submission to the jury outside of its hearing.

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9. In a trial without a jury or upon a plea of guilty, the court may
98 defer the proof in findings of such facts to a later time, but prior to
99 sentencing.

100 10. The defendant shall be accorded full rights of confrontation
101 and cross-examination, with the opportunity to present evidence, at
102 such hearings.

103 11. The defendant may waive proof of the facts alleged.

104 12. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of presentence
105 investigations or commitments.

106 13. At the sentencing hearing, both the state, county, or
107 municipality and the defendant shall be permitted to present additional
108 information bearing on the issue of sentence.

109 14. The pleas or findings of guilty shall be prior to the date of110 commission of the present offense.

111 15. The court shall not instruct the jury as to the range of 112 punishment or allow the jury, upon a finding of guilty, to assess and 113 declare the punishment as part of its verdict in cases of prior offenders, 114 persistent offenders, aggravated offenders, or chronic offenders.

306.124. 1. (1) "Aids to navigation" means buoys, beacons or other fixed 2 objects in the water which are used to mark obstructions to navigation or to direct 3 navigation through safe channels.

4 (2) "Regulatory markers" means any anchored or fixed markers in or on 5 the water or signs on the shore or on bridges over the water other than aids to 6 navigation and shall include but not be limited to bathing markers, speed zone 7 markers, information markers, danger zone markers, boat keep-out areas, and 8 mooring buoys.

9 2. The Missouri state water patrol after a public hearing pursuant to notice thereof published not less than ten days prior thereto in each county to be 1011 affected may provide for the uniform marking of the water areas in this state through the placement of aids to navigation and regulatory markers. The 12Missouri state water patrol shall establish a marking system compatible with the 13system of aids to navigation prescribed by the United States Coast Guard. No 14city, county, or person shall mark or obstruct the water of this state in any 15manner so as to endanger the operation of watercraft or conflict with the marking 1617system prescribed by the state water patrol.

3. Whenever, due to any actual or imminent man-made or natural disaster, the navigation or use of any waters of this state presents an unreasonable danger to persons or property, the Missouri state water patrol may, with the consent of the director of the department of public safety, close such waters [by the placement of regulatory markers].

4. The operation of any watercraft within prohibited areas that aremarked shall be prima facie evidence of negligent operation.

5. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a watercraft on the waters of this state in a manner other than that prescribed or permitted by regulatory markers.

6. No person shall moor or fasten a watercraft to or willfully damage,
tamper, remove, obstruct, or interfere with any aid to navigation or regulatory
marker established pursuant to sections 306.010 to 306.126.

306.125. 1. Every person shall operate a motorboat, vessel or watercraft 2 in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the 3 property of another or the life or limb of any person and shall exercise the highest 4 degree of care.

5 2. No person shall operate a motorboat, vessel or watercraft at any time 6 from a half-hour after sunset until an hour before sunrise the following day at a 7 speed exceeding thirty miles per hour. [This subsection shall only apply to the 8 waters of the Mississippi River, the waters of the Missouri River, and lakes with 9 an aggregate shoreline in excess of one hundred sixty miles.]

3. Vessels shall not be operated within one hundred feet of any dock, pier,
 occupied anchored boat or buoyed restricted area on any lake at a speed in excess
 of slow-no wake speed.

4. Subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to a motorboat or other boatrace authorized under section 306.130.

306.126. 1. The operator of a motorboat shall not allow any person to ride or sit on the gunwales, decking over the bow, railing, top of seat back or decking $\mathbf{2}$ over the back of the motorboat while under way, unless such person is inboard 3 of adequate guards or railing provided on the motorboat to prevent a passenger 4 from being lost overboard. As used in this section, the term "adequate guards or 56 railing" means guards or railings having a height parameter of at least six inches 7 but not more than eighteen inches. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that passengers or other persons aboard a motorboat cannot occupy the 8 9 decking over the bow of the boat to moor it to a mooring buoy or to cast off from such a buoy, or for any other necessary purpose. The provisions of this section 10 shall not apply to vessels propelled by sail. 11

122. Whenever any person leaves any watercraft, other than a personal watercraft, on the waters of [the Mississippi River, the waters of the Missouri 13River or the lakes of] this state and enters the water [between the hours of 11:00 14a.m. and sunset], the operator of such watercraft shall display on the watercraft 15a red or orange flag measuring not less than twelve inches by twelve inches. The 16provisions of this subsection shall not apply to watercraft that is moored or 1718anchored. The flag required by this subsection shall be visible for three hundred sixty degrees around the horizon when displayed and shall be displayed only 19 20when an occupant of the watercraft has left the confines of the watercraft and entered the water. [The flag required by this subsection shall not be displayed 21when the watercraft is engaged in towing any person, but shall be displayed when 22

23 such person has ceased being towed and has reentered the water.]

3. No operator shall knowingly operate any watercraft within fifty yards
of a flag required by subsection 2 of this section at a speed in excess of a slow-no
wake speed.

306.127. 1. Beginning January 1, 2005, every person born after January 2 1, 1984, or as required pursuant to section 306.128, who operates a vessel on the 3 [lakes] waters of this state shall possess, on the vessel, a boating safety 4 identification card issued by the Missouri state water patrol or its agent which 5 shows that he or she has:

6 (1) Successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and certified by the 7 Missouri state water patrol. The boating safety course may include a course 8 sponsored by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary or the United States 9 Power Squadron. The Missouri state water patrol may appoint agents to 10 administer a boater education course or course equivalency examination and issue 11 boater identification cards under guidelines established by the water patrol. The 12Missouri state water patrol shall maintain a list of approved courses; or 13

14 (2) Successfully passed an equivalency examination prepared by the 15 Missouri state water patrol and administered by the Missouri state water patrol 16 or its agent. The equivalency examination shall have a degree of difficulty equal 17 to, or greater than, that of the examinations given at the conclusion of an 18 approved boating safety course; or

19 (3) A valid master's, mate's, or operator's license issued by the United20 States Coast Guard.

21 2. The Missouri state water patrol or its agent shall issue a permanent 22 boating safety identification card to each person who complies with the 23 requirements of this section which is valid for life unless invalidated pursuant to 24 law.

3. The Missouri state water patrol may charge a fee for such card or any
replacement card that does not substantially exceed the costs of administrating
this section. The Missouri state water patrol or its designated agent shall collect
such fees. These funds shall be forwarded to general revenue.

29 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who:

30 (1) Is licensed by the United States Coast Guard to serve as master of a31 vessel;

32 (2) Operates a vessel only on a private lake or pond that is not classified

33 as waters of the state;

34 (3) Until January 1, 2006, is a nonresident who is visiting the state for35 sixty days or less;

(4) Is participating in an event or regatta approved by the water patrol;
(5) Is a nonresident who has proof of a valid boating certificate or license
issued by another state if the boating course is approved by the National
Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA);

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(6) Is exempted by rule of the water patrol;

(7) Is currently serving in any branch of the United States armed forces,
reserves, or Missouri national guard, or any spouse of a person currently in such
service; or

44 (8) Has previously successfully completed a boating safety education
45 course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
46 (NASBLA).

47 5. The Missouri state water patrol shall inform other states of the 48 requirements of this section.

6. No individual shall be detained or stopped strictly for the purpose of
checking whether the individual possesses a boating safety identification card or
a temporary boater education permit.

527. Beginning January 1, 2006, any nonresident born after January 1, 531984, desiring to operate a rental vessel on the lakes of this state, may obtain a temporary boater education permit by completing and passing a written 5455examination developed by the Missouri state water patrol, provided the person meets the minimum age requirements for operating a vessel in this state. The 56Missouri state water patrol is authorized to promulgate rules for developing the 57examination and any requirements necessary for issuance of the temporary boater 58education permit. The temporary boater education permit shall expire when the 59nonresident obtains a permanent identification card pursuant to subsection 2 of 60 this section or thirty days after issuance, whichever occurs first. The Missouri 61state water patrol may charge a fee not to exceed ten dollars for such temporary 6263 permit. Upon successful completion of an examination and prior to renting a 64 vessel, the business entity responsible for giving the examination shall collect such fee and forward all collected fees to the Missouri state water patrol on a 65 monthly basis for deposit in the state general revenue fund. Such business entity 66 shall incur no additional liability in accepting the responsibility for administering 67 the examination. This subsection shall terminate on December 31, 2010. 68

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5 the waters of this state.

6 2. Any person operating a watercraft upon the waters of this state shall 7 immediately stop or position such watercraft in such a way as to give the 8 right-of-way on the water to any emergency watercraft, as established by the 9 Missouri state water patrol, when such emergency watercraft gives an audible 10 signal by siren or gives a visible signal by having at least one lighted lamp 11 exhibiting a red or blue light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from 12 a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such emergency watercraft.

3. Vessels shall not be operated at a speed in excess of slow nowake speed within one hundred feet of any emergency vessel that has
red or blue lighting displayed.

4. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of aclass C misdemeanor.

306.147. 1. As used in this section, the term "muffler" means a sound 2 suppression device or system designed and installed to abate the sound of exhaust 3 gases emitted from an internal combustion engine and which prevents excessive 4 or unusual noise.

5 2. Effective January 1, 1996, a person shall not manufacture, sell or offer 6 for sale or operate in this state any motorboat manufactured after that date that 7 exceeds the noise level of 90dB(A) when subjected to a stationary sound level test 8 as prescribed by SAE J2005. All motorboats manufactured prior to January 1, 9 1996, shall not exceed eighty-six decibels on an A-weighted scale when subjected 10 to a sound level test as prescribed by SAE J34 when measured from a distance 11 of fifty or more feet from the motorboat.

123. No person shall remove, alter or otherwise modify in any way a muffler or muffler system in a manner which will prevent it from being operated in 13accordance with this section. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from 14removing, altering or modifying a muffler or muffler system so long as the muffler 1516or muffler system continues to comply with subsection 2 of this section. This 17section shall not be construed so as to prohibit the use of any exhaust system or device, including but not limited to those not discharging water with exhaust 1819gases, so long as the device or system is in compliance with subsection 2 of this 21

20 section.

4. No motorboat shall be equipped with any electrical or mechanical device or switch that when manipulated in any manner would allow the muffler or exhaust system to emit a noise level that exceeds the maximums in subsection 24 2 of this section.

255. Effective January 1, 1996, a person shall not manufacture, nor shall 26any person sell or offer for sale any motorboat which is manufactured after 27January 1, 1996, which is equipped with a muffler or muffler system which does not comply with this section. The subsection shall not apply to power vessels 28designed, manufactured and sold for the sole purpose of competing in racing 2930 events and for no other purpose. Any such exemption or exception shall be documented in every sale agreement and shall be formally acknowledged by 31signature on the part of both the buyer and the seller. Copies of such agreement 3233 shall be maintained by both parties. A copy of such agreement shall be kept on board whenever the motorboat is operated. Any motorboat sold under this 34exemption may only be operated on the waters of this state in accordance with 3536 subsection 7 of this section.

37 6. As of January 1, 1996, every manufacturer which delivers a new motorboat for sale in this state shall certify, if the purchaser or dealer makes a 3839request in writing, that the decibel level of the motorboat engine, muffler and 40 exhaust system, as delivered to any licensed dealer in this state, does not exceed 41the noise level of 90dB(A) when subjected to a stationary sound level test as 42prescribed by SAE J2005. Such certificate of decibel level from the manufacturer shall be given by the dealer to the purchaser of the new motorboat if the 43motorboat is sold for use upon the waters of this state. The purchaser shall sign 44 a statement acknowledging receipt of the certificate of decibel level which shall 45be supplied by the dealer. The dealer shall represent by affidavit whether or not 46 the engine or muffler system of the new motorboat being sold has been altered or 47modified in any way. 48

7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to motorboats registered and actually participating in a racing event or tune-up periods for such racing events or to a motorboat being operated by a boat or engine manufacturer for the purpose of testing or development. The operator of any motorboat operated upon the waters of this state for the purpose of a tune-up for a sanctioned race or for testing or development by a boat or engine manufacturer shall at all times have in such operator's possession and produce on demand by a law enforcement officer a test permit issued by the state water patrol. For the purpose of races or racing
events, such race shall only be sanctioned when conducted in accordance with and
approved by the United States Coast Guard or this state.

598. Any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this section who has probable cause to believe that a motorboat is not in compliance with the noise 60 61levels established in this section may direct the operator of such motorboat to submit the motorboat to an on-site test to measure noise levels, with the officer 6263 on board if such officer chooses, and the operator shall comply with such 64request. The owner of any motorboat which violates any provision of this section shall have sixty days from the date of the violation to bring the motorboat into 65compliance with the provisions of this section. Thereafter, it shall be the owner's 66 67responsibility to have the motorboat tested by the state water patrol. If the motorboat fails the state water patrol test, the owner shall immediately moor the 68 69 motorboat and shall keep the motorboat moored until the state water patrol certifies that the motorboat is in compliance with the provisions of this 70section. Any person who fails to comply with a request or direction of an officer 7172made pursuant to this subsection is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the officer's ability to enforce this 73section and to issue citations to the owner or operator of any motorboat during 7475the sixty-day compliance period.

9. Any officer who conducts motorboat sound level tests as provided in this section shall be qualified in motorboat noise testing by the department of public safety. Such qualifications shall include but may not be limited to the selection of the measurement site, and the calibration and use of noise testing equipment in accordance with the testing procedure prescribed by SAE J2005 and SAE J34.

10. Unless otherwise indicated, any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of an infraction for a first offense with a penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars, is guilty of an infraction for a second offense with a penalty not to exceed two hundred dollars, and is guilty of an infraction for a third or subsequent offense with a penalty not to exceed three hundred dollars.

11. [This section shall only apply to the waters of the Mississippi River, the waters of the Missouri River, and lakes with an aggregate shoreline in excess of one hundred sixty miles.] This section shall not apply to motorboats not intended for use in this state.

306.163. 1. The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the

2 senate, shall appoint a commissioner of the Missouri state water patrol from its
3 uniformed membership to serve at the pleasure of the governor. The
4 commissioner shall take and subscribe an oath of office to perform the
5 commissioner's duties faithfully and impartially.

6 2. The commissioner shall prescribe rules for instruction and discipline 7 and make administrative rules and regulations and fix the hours of duty for the 8 members of the patrol. The commissioner shall have charge of the office of the 9 patrol, shall be custodian of the records of the patrol, and shall direct the 10 day-to-day activities of the officers, patrolmen and office personnel.

3. The commissioner shall be given a certificate of appointment, a copy of which shall be filed with the secretary of state, granting him or her all the powers of a peace officer to enforce all the laws of this state within the jurisdiction of the water patrol as listed in section 306.165, provided that he has completed a law enforcement training course which meets the standards established in chapter 590, RSMo.

4. In the absence, or upon the disability, of the commissioner, or at the time the commissioner designates, the lieutenant colonel shall assume the duties of the commissioner. In case of the disability of the commissioner and the lieutenant colonel, the governor may designate a major as acting commissioner and when so designated, the acting commissioner shall have all the powers and duties of the commissioner.

306.221. 1. No person shall operate or otherwise position a vessel or other 2 object or any person in such manner as to obstruct or impede the normal flow of 3 traffic on the [lakes] waters of this state.

4 2. Any person who violates subsection 1 of this section is guilty upon the
5 first conviction of a class C misdemeanor and upon the second and any
6 subsequent conviction of a class B misdemeanor.

565.024. 1. A person commits the crime of involuntary manslaughter in 2 the first degree if he or she:

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(1) Recklessly causes the death of another person; or

4 (2) While in an intoxicated condition operates a motor vehicle **or vessel** 5 in this state and, when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to cause the 6 death of any person; or

7 (3) While in an intoxicated condition operates a motor vehicle or vessel
8 in this state, and, when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to:

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(a) Cause the death of any person not a passenger in the vehicle or

10 vessel operated by the defendant, including the death of an individual that 11 results from the defendant's vehicle leaving a highway, as defined by section 12 301.010, RSMo, or the highway's right-of-way, or vessel leaving the water; or

13 (b) Cause the death of two or more persons; or

14 (c) Cause the death of any person while he or she has a blood alcohol
15 content of at least eighteen-hundredths of one percent by weight of alcohol in
16 such person's blood; or

17 (4) Operates a motor vehicle in violation of subsection 2 of section 18 304.022, RSMo, and when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to cause the 19 death of any person authorized to operate an emergency vehicle, as defined in 20 section 304.022, RSMo, while such person is in the performance of official duties; 21 or

(5) Operates a vessel in violation of subsections 1 or 2 of section
306.132, RSMo, and when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to
cause the death of any person authorized to operate an emergency
watercraft, as described in section 306.132, RSMo, while such person is
in the performance of official duties.

272. Involuntary manslaughter in the first degree under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is a class C felony. Involuntary manslaughter 28in the first degree under subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is a class 2930 B felony. A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is a class A felony. For any violation of subdivision (3) of subsection 31321 of this section, the minimum prison term which the defendant must serve shall 33be eighty-five percent of his or her sentence. Any violation of [subdivision] subdivisions (4) and (5) of subsection 1 of this section is a class B felony. 34

3. A person commits the crime of involuntary manslaughter in the second
degree if he acts with criminal negligence to cause the death of any person.

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4. Involuntary manslaughter in the second degree is a class D felony.

565.082. 1. A person commits the crime of assault of a law enforcement 2 officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in the second degree 3 if such person:

4 (1) Knowingly causes or attempts to cause physical injury to a law 5 enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer by 6 means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;

7 (2) Knowingly causes or attempts to cause physical injury to a law 8 enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer by 25

9 means other than a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;

10 (3) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to a law enforcement officer,
11 emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer; or

12 (4) While in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of controlled 13 substances or drugs, operates a motor vehicle **or vessel** in this state and when 14 so operating, acts with criminal negligence to cause physical injury to a law 15 enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer;

16 (5) Acts with criminal negligence to cause physical injury to a law
17 enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer by
18 means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;

(6) Purposely or recklessly places a law enforcement officer, emergency
personnel, or probation and parole officer in apprehension of immediate serious
physical injury; or

(7) Acts with criminal negligence to create a substantial risk of death or
serious physical injury to a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or
probation and parole officer.

25 2. As used in this section, "emergency personnel" means any paid or 26 volunteer firefighter, emergency room or trauma center personnel, or emergency 27 medical technician as defined in subdivisions (15), (16), and (17) of section 28 190.100, RSMo.

3. Assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation
and parole officer in the second degree is a class B felony unless committed
pursuant to subdivision (2), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection 1 of this section in which
case it is a class C felony.

577.080. 1. A person commits the crime of abandoning a motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer if he abandons any motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer on the right-of-way of any public road or state highway or on or in any of the waters in this state or on the banks of any stream, or on any land or water owned, operated or leased by the state, any board, department, agency or commission thereof, or any political subdivision thereof or on any land or water owned, operated or leased by the federal government or on any private real property owned by another without his consent.

9 2. For purposes of this section, the last owner of record of a motor vehicle, 10 **vessel**, or trailer found abandoned and not shown to be transferred pursuant to 11 sections 301.196 and 301.197, RSMo, shall be deemed prima facie to have been 12 the owner of such motor vehicle, **vessel**, or trailer at the time it was abandoned SB 1107

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and to have been the person who abandoned the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer 13or caused or procured its abandonment. The registered owner of the abandoned 1415motor vehicle, **vessel**, or trailer shall not be subject to the penalties provided by 16this section if the motor vehicle or trailer was in the care, custody, or control of another person at the time of the violation. In such instance, the owner shall 1718 submit such evidence in an affidavit permitted by the court setting forth the name, address, and other pertinent information of the person who leased, rented, 1920or otherwise had care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer at the time of the alleged violation. The affidavit submitted pursuant to this 2122subsection shall be admissible in a court proceeding adjudicating the alleged 23violation and shall raise a rebuttable presumption that the person identified in the affidavit was in actual control of the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer. In such 2425case, the court has the authority to terminate the prosecution of the summons 26issued to the owner and issue a summons to the person identified in the affidavit as the operator. If the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer is alleged to have been 27stolen, the owner of the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer shall submit proof that 28a police report was filed in a timely manner indicating that the vehicle or vessel 29was stolen at the time of the alleged violation. 30

31 3. Abandoning a motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer is a class A
32 misdemeanor.

334. Any person convicted pursuant to this section shall be civilly liable for all reasonable towing, storage, and administrative costs associated with the 3435abandonment of the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer. Any reasonable towing, storage, and administrative costs in excess of the value of the abandoned motor 36vehicle, vessel, or trailer that exist at the time the motor vehicle or vessel is 37transferred pursuant to section 304.156, RSMo, shall remain the liability of the 38person convicted pursuant to this section so long as the towing company, as 39defined in chapter 304, RSMo, provided the title owner and lienholders, as 40 ascertained by the department of revenue records, a notice within the time frame 41 42and in the form as described in subsection 1 of section 304.156, RSMo.

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