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# **Senator Jim Lembke Questions St. Louis County on Waste Hauling Enforcement**

*Taxpayers Being Threatened and Intimidated by County Officials*

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JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, questions methods being implemented by St. Louis County officials regarding trash pick up. County officials have been taking to court and fining citizens who have not entered into an agreement with a trash hauler. The county has also been threatening to arrest and/or take away the driver's licenses of those who do not subscribe to the trash service provider.

"I demand to know where the municipal courts derive the statutory ability to strip a citizen of his or her driver's license because they don't use the right trash hauler," Sen. Lembke said.

State law dictates that only moving violations or other crimes can result in driving privileges being revoked. Prominent attorneys within St. Louis agree that the county is making threats to its citizens which cannot be backed by law.

"Taxpayers are being intimidated and threatened with a penalty the county has no ability to enforce," Sen. Lembke said. "This is another example of government not living within its boundaries. The courts and bureaucrats must be held accountable."

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