

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill No. 278, Page 16, Section 301.067, Line 28

2 of said page, by inserting immediately after said line the
3 following:

4 "301.130. 1. The director of revenue, upon receipt of a
5 proper application for registration, required fees and any other
6 information which may be required by law, shall issue to the
7 applicant a certificate of registration in such manner and form
8 as the director of revenue may prescribe and a set of license
9 plates, or other evidence of registration, as provided by this
10 section. Each set of license plates shall bear the name or
11 abbreviated name of this state, the words "SHOW-ME STATE", the
12 month and year in which the registration shall expire, and an
13 arrangement of numbers or letters, or both, as shall be assigned
14 from year to year by the director of revenue. The plates shall
15 also contain fully reflective material with a common color scheme
16 and design for each type of license plate issued pursuant to this
17 chapter. The plates shall be clearly visible at night, and shall
18 be aesthetically attractive. Special plates for qualified
19 disabled veterans will have the "DISABLED VETERAN" wording on the
20 license plates in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and
21 special plates for members of the National Guard will have the
22 "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the words "SHOW-ME

1 STATE".

2 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates
3 shall be uniform throughout each classification of registration.
4 The director may provide for the arrangement of the numbers in
5 groups or otherwise, and for other distinguishing marks on the
6 plates.

7 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be
8 registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds,
9 all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles, local transit
10 buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers, motorcycles,
11 motortricycles, motorscooters and driveaway vehicles shall be
12 registered with the director of revenue as provided for in
13 subsection 3 of section 301.030, or with the state highways and
14 transportation commission as otherwise provided in this chapter,
15 but only one license plate shall be issued for each such vehicle,
16 except as provided in this subsection. The applicant for
17 registration of any property-carrying commercial vehicle
18 registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds
19 may request and be issued two license plates for such vehicle,
20 and if such plates are issued, the director of revenue shall
21 provide for distinguishing marks on the plates indicating one
22 plate is for the front and the other is for the rear of such
23 vehicle. The director may assess and collect an additional
24 charge from the applicant in an amount not to exceed the fee
25 prescribed for personalized license plates in subsection 1 of
26 section 301.144.

27 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall
28 bear the letters and numbers as prescribed by section 301.560,
29 and the director may place upon the plates other letters or marks

1 to distinguish commercial motor vehicles and trailers and other
2 types of motor vehicles.

3 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any
4 highway of this state unless it shall have displayed thereon the
5 license plate or set of license plates issued by the director of
6 revenue or the state highways and transportation commission and
7 authorized by section 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely
8 fastened to the motor vehicle or trailer in a manner so that all
9 parts thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so
10 that the reflective qualities thereof are not impaired. Each
11 such plate may be encased in a transparent cover so long as the
12 plate is plainly visible and its reflective qualities are not
13 impaired. License plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles
14 except trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors
15 licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds on the front and
16 rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than
17 forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers
18 thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers,
19 motorcycles, motortricycles and motorscooters shall be displayed
20 on the rear of such vehicles, [with the letters and numbers
21 thereon right side up] and may be mounted with the letters and
22 numbers thereon right side up or mounted vertically on the left
23 rear of such motor vehicles so long as the plate is plainly
24 visible. The license plate on buses, other than school buses,
25 and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors
26 licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed
27 on the front of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than
28 forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers
29 thereon right side up or if two plates are issued for the vehicle

1 pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the same
2 manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate
3 or plates authorized by section 301.140, when properly attached,
4 shall be prima facie evidence that the required fees have been
5 paid.

6 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or
7 biennially a tab or set of tabs as provided by law as evidence of
8 the annual payment of registration fees and the current
9 registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates.
10 Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may prescribe any
11 additional information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that
12 the tab or tabs positively correlate with the license plate or
13 plates issued by the department of revenue for such vehicle.
14 Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.

15 (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is
16 issued shall affix and display such tab or tabs in the designated
17 area of the license plate, no more than one per plate.

18 (3) A tab or set of tabs issued by the director of revenue
19 when attached to a vehicle in the prescribed manner shall be
20 prima facie evidence that the registration fee for such vehicle
21 has been paid.

22 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
23 director of revenue shall issue plates for a period of at least
24 six years.

25 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers
26 registered pursuant to section 301.041, the plate issued by the
27 highways and transportation commission shall be a permanent
28 nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall be issued.
29 Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of any vehicle

1 permanently registered pursuant to this section from the
2 obligation to pay the annual registration fee due for the
3 vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license plate shall be
4 returned to the highways and transportation commission upon the
5 sale or disposal of the vehicle by the owner to whom the
6 permanent nonexpiring license plate is issued, or the plate may
7 be transferred to a replacement commercial motor vehicle when the
8 owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways
9 and transportation commission for the registration of such
10 replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual
11 registration fee, the highways and transportation commission
12 shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable
13 evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of
14 payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it
15 is issued.

16 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently
17 registered under this section, or upon the termination of a lease
18 of any such vehicle, the permanent nonexpiring plate issued for
19 such vehicle shall be returned to the highways and transportation
20 commission and shall not be valid for operation of such vehicle,
21 or the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle when the
22 owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways
23 and transportation commission for the registration of such
24 replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently
25 registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise
26 disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall be
27 given credit for any unused portion of the annual registration
28 fee when the vehicle is replaced by the purchase or lease of
29 another vehicle during the registration year.

1 7. The director of revenue and the highways and
2 transportation commission may prescribe rules and regulations for
3 the effective administration of this section. No rule or portion
4 of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall
5 become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the
6 provisions of section 536.024.

7 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
8 contrary, owners of motor vehicles other than apportioned motor
9 vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of
10 eighteen thousand pounds gross weight may apply for special
11 personalized license plates. Vehicles licensed for eighteen
12 thousand pounds that display special personalized license plates
13 shall be subject to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of
14 section 301.030.

15 9. No later than January 1, 2009, the director of revenue
16 shall commence the reissuance of new license plates of such
17 design as directed by the director consistent with the terms,
18 conditions, and provisions of this section and this chapter.
19 Except as otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all
20 other fees required by law, applicants for registration of
21 vehicles with license plates that expire during the period of
22 reissuance, applicants for registration of trailers or
23 semitrailers with license plates that expire during the period of
24 reissuance and applicants for registration of vehicles that are
25 to be issued new license plates during the period of reissuance
26 shall pay the cost of the plates required by this subsection.
27 The additional cost prescribed in this subsection shall not be
28 charged to persons receiving special license plates issued under
29 section 301.073 or 301.443. Historic motor vehicle license

1 plates registered pursuant to section 301.131 and specialized
2 license plates are exempt from the provisions of this subsection.
3 Except for new, replacement, and transfer applications, permanent
4 nonexpiring license plates issued to commercial motor vehicles
5 and trailers registered under section 301.041 are exempt from the
6 provisions of this subsection."; and

7 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.
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