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AN ACT

To repeal section 301.130, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to motor vehicle registration periods.

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

Section A. Section 301.130, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.130, to read as follows:

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

2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates shall be

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

20 uniform throughout each classification of registration. The director may provide
21 for the arrangement of the numbers in groups or otherwise, and for other
22 distinguishing marks on the plates.

23 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a
24 gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying
25 commercial motor vehicles, local transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers,
26 motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles, motorscooters, and driveaway vehicles
27 shall be registered with the director of revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of
28 section 301.030, or with the state highways and transportation commission as
29 otherwise provided in this chapter, but only one license plate shall be issued for
30 each such vehicle, except as provided in this subsection. The applicant for
31 registration of any property-carrying commercial vehicle registered at a gross
32 weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds may request and be issued two
33 license plates for such vehicle, and if such plates are issued, the director of
34 revenue shall provide for distinguishing marks on the plates indicating one plate
35 is for the front and the other is for the rear of such vehicle. The director may
36 assess and collect an additional charge from the applicant in an amount not to
37 exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates in subsection 1 of section
38 301.144.

39 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall bear the letters
40 and numbers as prescribed by section 301.560, and the director may place upon
41 the plates other letters or marks to distinguish commercial motor vehicles and
42 trailers and other types of motor vehicles.

43 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this
44 state unless it shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license
45 plates issued by the director of revenue or the state highways and transportation
46 commission and authorized by section 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely
47 fastened to the motor vehicle or trailer in a manner so that all parts thereof shall
48 be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof are
49 not impaired. Each such plate may be encased in a transparent cover so long as
50 the plate is plainly visible and its reflective qualities are not impaired. License
51 plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks, tractors, truck
52 tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds on the
53 front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight
54 inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The
55 license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles, and

56 motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles either horizontally
57 or vertically, with the letters and numbers plainly visible. The license plate on
58 buses, other than school buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or
59 truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed on
60 the front of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches
61 above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up or if two
62 plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to subsection 3 of this section,
63 displayed in the same manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license
64 plate or plates authorized by section 301.140, when properly attached, shall be
65 prima facie evidence that the required fees have been paid.

66 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or biennially a tab or
67 set of tabs as provided by law as evidence of the annual payment of registration
68 fees and the current registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of
69 plates. Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may prescribe any additional
70 information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that the tab or tabs positively
71 correlate with the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue for
72 such vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.

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

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

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

81 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant
82 to section 301.041, the plate issued by the highways and transportation
83 commission shall be a permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs
84 shall be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of any vehicle
85 permanently registered pursuant to this section from the obligation to pay the
86 annual registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license
87 plate shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission upon the
88 sale or disposal of the vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring
89 license plate is issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement
90 commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with
91 the Missouri highways and transportation commission for the registration of such

92 replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual registration
93 fee, the highways and transportation commission shall issue a certificate of
94 registration or other suitable evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such
95 evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is
96 issued.

97 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under
98 this section, or upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent
99 nonexpiring plate issued for such vehicle shall be returned to the highways and
100 transportation commission and shall not be valid for operation of such vehicle, or
101 the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner files a
102 supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation
103 commission for the registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which
104 is permanently registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise
105 disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall be given credit for any
106 unused portion of the annual registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the
107 purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration year.

108 7. The director of revenue and the highways and transportation
109 commission may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration
110 of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of
111 this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the
112 provisions of section 536.024.

113 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners
114 of motor vehicles other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor
115 vehicles licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight may
116 apply for special personalized license plates. Vehicles licensed for twenty-four
117 thousand pounds that display special personalized license plates shall be subject
118 to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 301.030. On and after August
119 28, 2016, owners of motor vehicles, other than apportioned motor vehicles or
120 commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds
121 gross weight, may apply for any preexisting or hereafter statutorily created
122 special personalized license plates.

123 9. No later than January 1, 2019, the director of revenue shall commence
124 the reissuance of new license plates of such design as approved by the advisory
125 committee under section 301.125 consistent with the terms, conditions, and
126 provisions of section 301.125 and this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in
127 this section, in addition to all other fees required by law, applicants for

128 registration of vehicles with license plates that expire during the period of
129 reissuance, applicants for registration of trailers or semitrailers with license
130 plates that expire during the period of reissuance and applicants for registration
131 of vehicles that are to be issued new license plates during the period of reissuance
132 shall pay the cost of the plates required by this subsection. The additional cost
133 prescribed in this subsection shall not be charged to persons receiving special
134 license plates issued under section 301.073 or 301.443. Historic motor vehicle
135 license plates registered pursuant to section 301.131 and specialized license
136 plates are exempt from the provisions of this subsection. Except for new,
137 replacement, and transfer applications, permanent nonexpiring license plates
138 issued to commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 301.041
139 are exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

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