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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 307.015, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to mud flap requirements, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Section 307.015, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 307.015, to read as follows:

307.015. 1. Trucks, semitrailers, and trailers, except utility trailers,
2 without rear fenders, attached to a commercial motor vehicle registered for over
3 twenty-four thousand pounds shall be equipped with mud flaps for the rear
4 wheels when operated on the public highways of this state. If mud flaps are
5 used, they shall be wide enough to cover the full tread width of the tire or tires
6 being protected; shall be so installed that they extend from the underside of the
7 vehicle body in a vertical plane behind the rear wheels to within **twelve inches**
8 **of the ground for dump trucks and within** eight inches of the ground **for all**
9 **other vehicles required to be equipped with mud flaps under this**
10 **section**; and shall be constructed of a rigid material or a flexible material which
11 is of a sufficiently rigid character to provide adequate protection when the vehicle
12 is in motion. No provisions of this section shall apply to a motor vehicle in
13 transit and in process of delivery equipped with temporary mud flaps, to farm
14 implements, or to any vehicle which is not required to be registered.

15 2. **For purposes of this section, "dump truck" means a truck**
16 **whose contents can be emptied without handling, where the front end**
17 **of the platform can be hydraulically raised so that the load is**
18 **discharged by gravity.**

19 3. Any person who violates this section is guilty of an infraction and, upon

20 plea or finding of guilt, shall be punished as provided by law.

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