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SENATE BILL NO. 1510

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR TRENT.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 302.181, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to driver's and nondriver's licenses for United States citizens.

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

Section A. Section 302.181, RSMo, is repealed and one new

- 2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 302.181,
- 3 to read as follows:
 - 302.181. 1. The license issued pursuant to the
- 2 provisions of sections 302.010 to 302.340 shall be in such
- 3 form as the director shall prescribe, but the license shall
- 4 be a card made of plastic or other comparable material. All
- 5 licenses shall be manufactured of materials and processes
- 6 that will prohibit, as nearly as possible, the ability to
- 7 reproduce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate any
- 8 license without ready detection. The license shall also
- 9 bear the expiration date of the license, the classification
- 10 of the license, the name, date of birth, residence address
- 11 including the county of residence or a code number
- 12 corresponding to such county established by the department,
- 13 and brief description and colored digitized image of the
- 14 licensee, and a facsimile of the signature of the licensee.
- 15 The director shall provide by administrative rule the
- 16 procedure and format for a licensee to indicate on the back
- 17 of the license together with the designation for an
- 18 anatomical gift as provided in section 194.240 the name and

- 19 address of the person designated pursuant to sections
- 20 404.800 to 404.865 as the licensee's attorney in fact for
- 21 the purposes of a durable power of attorney for health care
- 22 decisions. No license shall be valid until it has been so
- 23 signed by the licensee. If any portion of the license is
- 24 prepared by a private firm, any contract with such firm
- 25 shall be made in accordance with the competitive purchasing
- 26 procedures as established by the state director of the
- 27 division of purchasing.
- 28 2. All digital images produced for licenses shall
- 29 become the property of the department of revenue.
- 30 3. The license issued shall be carried at all times by
- 31 the holder thereof while driving a motor vehicle, and shall
- 32 be displayed upon demand of any officer of the highway
- 33 patrol, or any police officer or peace officer, or any other
- 34 duly authorized person, for inspection when demand is made
- 35 therefor. Failure of any operator of a motor vehicle to
- 36 exhibit his or her license to any duly authorized officer
- 37 shall be presumptive evidence that such person is not a duly
- 38 licensed operator.
- 39 4. The director of revenue shall not issue a license
- 40 without a facial digital image of the license applicant,
- 41 except as provided pursuant to subsection 7 of this
- 42 section. A digital image of the applicant's full facial
- 43 features shall be taken in a manner prescribed by the
- 44 director. No digital image shall be taken wearing anything
- 45 which cloaks the facial features of the individual.
- 5. The department of revenue may issue a temporary
- 47 license or a full license without the photograph or with the
- 48 last photograph or digital image in the department's records
- 49 to members of the Armed Forces, except that where such
- 50 temporary license is issued it shall be valid only until the

51 applicant shall have had time to appear and have his or her

52 picture taken and a license with his or her photograph

- issued.
- 54 6. The department of revenue shall issue upon request
- 55 a nondriver's license card containing essentially the same
- 56 information and photograph or digital image, except as
- 57 provided pursuant to subsection 7 of this section, as the
- 58 driver's license upon payment of six dollars. All
- 59 nondriver's licenses shall expire on the applicant's
- 60 birthday in the sixth year after issuance. A person who has
- 61 passed his or her seventieth birthday shall upon application
- 62 be issued a nonexpiring nondriver's license card.
- 63 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
- 64 nondriver's license containing a concealed carry endorsement
- 65 shall expire three years from the date the certificate of
- 66 qualification was issued pursuant to section 571.101, as
- 67 section 571.101 existed prior to August 28, 2013. The fee
- 68 for nondriver's licenses issued for a period exceeding three
- 69 years is six dollars or three dollars for nondriver's
- 70 licenses issued for a period of three years or less. The
- 71 nondriver's license card shall be used for identification
- 72 purposes only and shall not be valid as a license.
- 73 7. If otherwise eligible, an applicant may receive a
- 74 driver's license or nondriver's license without a photograph
- 75 or digital image of the applicant's full facial features
- 76 except that such applicant's photograph or digital image
- 77 shall be taken and maintained by the director and not
- 78 printed on such license. In order to qualify for a license
- 79 without a photograph or digital image pursuant to this
- 80 section the applicant must:
- 81 (1) Present a form provided by the department of
- 82 revenue requesting the applicant's photograph be omitted

- 83 from the license or nondriver's license due to religious
- 84 affiliations. The form shall be signed by the applicant and
- 85 another member of the religious tenant verifying the
- 86 photograph or digital image exemption on the license or
- 87 nondriver's license is required as part of their religious
- 88 affiliation. The required signatures on the prescribed form
- 89 shall be properly notarized;
- 90 (2) Provide satisfactory proof to the director that
- 91 the applicant has been a United States citizen for at least
- 92 five years and a resident of this state for at least one
- 93 year, except that an applicant moving to this state
- 94 possessing a valid driver's license from another state
- 95 without a photograph shall be exempt from the one-year state
- 96 residency requirement. The director may establish rules
- 97 necessary to determine satisfactory proof of citizenship and
- 98 residency pursuant to this section;
- 99 (3) Applications for a driver's license or nondriver's
- 100 license without a photograph or digital image must be made
- in person at a license office determined by the director.
- 102 The director is authorized to limit the number of offices
- 103 that may issue a driver's or nondriver's license without a
- 104 photograph or digital image pursuant to this section.
- 105 8. The department of revenue shall make available, at
- 106 one or more locations within the state, an opportunity for
- 107 individuals to have their full facial photograph taken by an
- 108 employee of the department of revenue, or their designee,
- 109 who is of the same sex as the individual being photographed,
- in a segregated location.
- 9. Beginning July 1, 2005, the director shall not
- 112 issue a driver's license or a nondriver's license for a
- 113 period that exceeds an applicant's lawful presence in the
- 114 United States. The director may, by rule or regulation,

establish procedures to verify the lawful presence of the applicant and establish the duration of any driver's license

- or nondriver's license issued under this section.
- 118 10. (1) Notwithstanding any biometric data
- 119 restrictions contained in section 302.170, the department of
- 120 revenue is hereby authorized to design and implement a
- 121 secure digital driver's license program that allows
- 122 applicants applying for a driver's license in accordance
- 123 with this chapter to obtain a secure digital driver's
- 124 license in addition to the physical card-based license
- 125 specified in this section.
- 126 (2) A digital driver's license as described in this
- 127 subsection shall be accepted for all purposes for which a
- 128 license, as defined in section 302.010, is used.
- 129 (3) The department may contract with one or more
- 130 entities to develop the secure digital driver's license
- 131 system. The department or entity may develop a mobile
- 132 software application capable of being utilized through a
- 133 person's electronic device to access the person's secure
- 134 digital driver's license.
- 135 (4) The department shall suspend, disable, or
- 136 terminate a person's participation in the secure digital
- 137 driver's license program if:
- 138 (a) The person's driving privilege is suspended,
- 139 revoked, denied, withdrawn, or cancelled as provided in this
- 140 chapter; or
- 141 (b) The person reports that the person's electronic
- 142 device has been lost, stolen, or compromised.
- 143 11. Beginning July 1, 2025, any driver's license or
- 144 nondriver's license issued to a person who is a citizen of
- 145 the United States, including naturalized citizens, shall
- 146 have a distinguishing mark on the front of the license that

specifies that the license holder is a citizen of the United States. The department of revenue shall coordinate with the United States Department of State to establish criteria for establishing citizen status and a procedure for verifying status. If the person meets the exemption requirements of subsection 9 or 11 of section 302.171 and provides satisfactory proof to the director that the applicant has been a United States citizen for at least five years and signs an affidavit to that effect, the applicant's driver's license or nondriver's license shall have a distinguishing mark on the front of the license and shall be readable and referenced by scanning on the back of the license that specifies that the license holder is a citizen of the United States.

The director of the department of revenue may promulgate rules as necessary for the implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.

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