

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1197

AN ACT

To amend chapter 226, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wrong-way vehicle detection systems.

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

Section A. Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 226.1250, to read as follows:

226.1250. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Alexander Whalen Safe Highways Act".

2. As used in this section, the term "wrong-way vehicle detection system" or "WWVDS" means a system consisting of equipment for wrong-way vehicle detection, wrong-way and do not enter signs enhanced with light-emitting diodes or similar enhanced visibility features, and real-time alerts.

3. The department of transportation shall implement WWVDSs beginning no later than March 1, 2027. The department shall prioritize the installation of a WWVDS at the intersection of westbound Interstate 64 and Jefferson Avenue. The implementation of other WWVDSs will be upon appropriation or upon approval from the director as needed.

4. The department shall evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a system to notify other drivers in the area about a wrong-way driver.

5. The department shall evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a system to notify emergency responders of a wrong-way driver.

6. Beginning December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, the department shall produce a report on the implementation and effectiveness of WWVDSs, to include:

(1) The number and locations of systems currently implemented;

(2) The number and locations of systems planned to be implemented;

(3) The effect on wrong-way driving incidents and fatalities;

(4) The cost-effectiveness of implemented systems; and

(5) Any adjustments to implementation strategies to be made based on these or other factors.