

SENATE BILL NO. 1676

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BURGER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to persons with impaired or limited ability to communicate with law enforcement.

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

Section A. Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 301.287, to read as
3 follows:

301.287. 1. This section shall be known and referred
2 to as "Mason's Law".

3 2. Beginning January 1, 2027, a resident of this state
4 with a health condition or disability that limits or impairs
5 the ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement
6 may, at the time of motor vehicle registration, apply to the
7 department of revenue for a designation that shall be
8 associated with the person's motor vehicle license plate
9 number and available to law enforcement under the Missouri
10 uniform law enforcement system (MULES) established under
11 chapter 43.

12 3. The initial application, which shall be on a form
13 prescribed by the department and made available on the
14 department's website, shall be signed by a physician
15 licensed under chapter 334, or a psychologist licensed under
16 chapter 337, certifying that:

17 (1) The applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or
18 spouse has a physical or mental health condition that is
19 likely to impair the ability to effectively communicate with
20 law enforcement; and

21 (2) The physician or psychologist has determined that
22 the applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or spouse
23 will have the communication impairment for at least five
24 years.

25 4. Upon submission of an application and approval by
26 the department, the department shall notify the Missouri
27 state highway patrol of the resident's approved application
28 and the highway patrol shall prepare an entry in the
29 Missouri uniform law enforcement system (MULES) that
30 indicates that the applicant or the applicant's child,
31 parent, or spouse has a physical or mental health condition
32 that may impair the ability to effectively communicate with
33 law enforcement. Such entry shall remain active for a
34 period of five years, unless the applicant requests that
35 such designation be removed from the system. Upon
36 expiration of the five-year period, the designation in MULES
37 may be reactivated upon the filing of a renewal form with
38 the department signed by a physician licensed under chapter
39 334, or a psychologist licensed under chapter 337,
40 certifying that:

41 (1) The applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or
42 spouse has a physical or mental health condition that is
43 likely to impair the ability to effectively communicate with
44 law enforcement; and

45 (2) The physician or psychologist has determined that
46 the applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or spouse
47 will have the communication impairment for at least five
48 years.

49 5. The department of public safety shall issue
50 guidance and education materials to all law enforcement
51 agencies in this state to promote awareness of the
52 designation established under this section.

53 6. The department of revenue may promulgate all
54 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of
55 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
56 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
57 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
58 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
59 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
60 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
61 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
62 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
63 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
64 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
65 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
66 2026, shall be invalid and void.

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