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AN ACT

To repeal sections 303.041, 303.042, 303.043, 303.190, 307.353, 307.355, 307.360, 307.365, 307.390, 643.315, 643.335, 643.350 and 643.355, RSMo 1994, and sections 32.080, 136.055, 301.025, 301.140, 301.190, 302.302, 302.321, 303.024, 303.025, 303.026, 304.155, 304.156, 304.157, 304.158, 307.350, 307.366, 307.375 and 643.310, RSMo Supp. 1998, relating to motor vehicles, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-eight new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions and an effective date for certain sections, and with an emergency clause for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 303.041, 303.042, 303.043, 303.190, 307.353, 307.355, 307.360, 307.365, 307.390, 643.315, 643.335, 643.350 and 643.355, RSMo 1994, and sections 32.080, 136.055, 301.025, 301.140, 301.190, 302.302, 302.321, 303.024, 303.025, 303.026, 304.155, 304.156, 304.157, 304.158, 307.350, 307.366, 307.375 and 643.310, RSMo Supp. 1998, are repealed and thirty-eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 32.080, 136.055, 301.025, 301.140, 301.147, 301.190, 302.302, 302.303, 302.321, 303.024, 303.025, 303.026, 303.041, 303.042, 303.172, 303.175, 303.178, 303.179, 303.190, 304.155, 304.156, 304.157, 304.158, 304.159, 307.350, 307.353, 307.355, 307.360, 307.365, 307.366, 307.375, 307.390, 643.310, 643.315, 643.335, 643.350, 643.355 and 1, to

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

read as follows:

32.080. 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the director of revenue may destroy motor vehicle, driver's license, or tax reports, returns and other related documents at any time if such reports, returns, and other related documents have been photographed, microphotographed, electronically generated, electronically recorded, photostated, reproduced on film or other process capable of producing a clear, accurate and permanent copy of the original. Such film or reproducing material shall be of durable material and the device used to reproduce the records, reports, returns, and other related documents on film or material shall be such as to accurately reproduce and perpetuate the original records, reports, returns and other documents in all details.

2. The reproductions so made may be used as permanent records of the original. When microfilm or a similar reproduction is used as a permanent record by the director of revenue, one copy shall be stored in a fireproof vault and other copies may be made for use by any person entitled thereto. All reproductions shall retain the same confidentiality as is provided in the law regarding the original record.

3. Such photostatic copy, photograph, microphotograph, electronically generated, electronically recorded, or other process copy shall be deemed to be an original record for all purposes, and shall be admissible in evidence in all courts or administrative agencies. A transcript, exemplification or certified copy of any motor vehicle, driver's license or tax reports, records, returns and other related documents made from such photostatic copy, photograph, microphotograph, electronically generated, electronically recorded, or other process copy shall, for all purposes be deemed to be a transcript, exemplification or certified copy of the original and shall be admissible in evidence in all courts or administrative agencies. No document shall be admissible under this section unless the offeror shall comply with section 490.692, RSMo.

4. Reproductions made of motor vehicle, driver's license, or tax reports, returns and related documents hereunder shall be preserved for four years and thereafter until the director of revenue orders them to be destroyed.

5. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the department of revenue may allow the electronic filing of any motor vehicle, driver's license, or tax records, reports, returns and other related documents. A transcript, exemplification or certified copy of any electronically filed motor vehicle, driver's license or tax reports, records, returns and other related document upon certification of the director of revenue shall be admissible in evidence in all courts or administrative agencies without further proof. "Records, reports, returns, and other related documents" include, but are not limited to, papers, documents, facsimile information, microphotographic process, electronically generated or electronically recorded information, deposited or filed with the department of revenue.

6. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the department of revenue may determine alternative methods for the signing, subscribing or verifying of a record, report, return, application, driver's license, or other related document that shall have the same validity and consequences as the actual signing by the person providing the record, report, return, or related document.

7. The director of revenue may renew motor vehicle registrations by electronic means when the information, fees and documents required by chapters 301, 303 and 307, RSMo, to accompany such application are provided to the director electronically in a format prescribed by the director of revenue.

8. The director of revenue may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is promulgated under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to the effective date of this section if it fully complied with the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, 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 the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.

136.055. 1. Any person who is selected or appointed by the state director of revenue to act as an agent of the department of revenue, whose duties shall be the sale of motor vehicle licenses and the collection of motor vehicle sales and use taxes under the provisions of section 144.440, RSMo, and who receives no salary from the department of revenue, shall be authorized to collect from the party requiring such services additional fees as compensation in full and for all services rendered on the following basis:

(1) For each motor vehicle or trailer license sold, renewed or transferred--two dollars from August 28, 1997, until January 1, 1998; and two dollars and fifty cents beginning January 1, 1998; **and three dollars beginning July 1, 2000, for those licenses biennially renewed pursuant to section 301.147, RSMo;**

(2) For each application or transfer of title--two dollars from August 28, 1997, until January 1, 1998; and two dollars and fifty cents beginning January 1, 1998;

(3) For each chauffeur's, operator's or driver's license--two dollars until January 1, 1998; and two dollars and fifty cents beginning January 1, 1998;

(4) No notary fee or other fee or additional charge shall be paid or collected except for

electronic telephone transmission reception--two dollars.

2. This section shall not apply to agents appointed by the state director of revenue in any city, other than a city not within a county, where the department of revenue maintains an office. All fees charged shall not exceed those in this section.

3. Any person acting as agent of the department of revenue for the sale and issuance of licenses and other documents related to motor vehicles shall have an insurable interest in all license plates, licenses, tabs, forms and other documents held on behalf of the department.

4. The fee increases authorized by this section and approved by the general assembly were requested by the fee agents. All fee agent offices shall display a three foot by four foot sign with black letters of at least three inches in height on a white background which states:

The increased fees approved by the Missouri
Legislature and charged by this fee office were
requested by the fee agents.

301.025. 1. No state registration license to operate any motor vehicle in this state shall be issued unless the application for license of a motor vehicle or trailer is accompanied by a tax receipt for the tax year which immediately precedes the year in which the vehicle's or trailer's registration is due **which reflects that all taxes including delinquent taxes from prior years have been paid** or a statement certified by the county or township collector of the county or township in which the applicant's property was assessed showing that the state and county tangible personal property taxes for such previous tax year **and all delinquent taxes due** have been paid by the applicant or that no such taxes were due or, if the applicant is not a resident of this state and serving in the armed forces of the United States, the application is accompanied by a leave and earnings statement from such person verifying such status. **The county or township collector shall not be required to issue a receipt for the immediately preceding tax year until all personal property taxes, including all delinquent taxes currently due are paid.** Every county and township collector shall give each person a tax receipt or a certified statement of tangible personal property taxes paid. The receipt issued by the county collector in any county of the first classification with a charter form of government which contains part of a city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which is located in more than one county, any county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of at least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which contains part of a city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which is located in more than one county and any county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of at least one hundred ten thousand but less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall be determined null and void if the person paying tangible personal

property taxes issues or passes a check or other similar sight order which is returned to the collector because the account upon which the check or order was drawn was closed or did not have sufficient funds at the time of presentation for payment by the collector to meet the face amount of the check or order. The collector may assess and collect in addition to any other penalty or interest that may be owed, a penalty of ten dollars or five percent of the total amount of the returned check or order whichever amount is greater to be deposited in the county general revenue fund, but in no event shall such penalty imposed exceed one hundred dollars. The collector may refuse to accept any check or other similar sight order in payment of any tax currently owed plus penalty or interest from a person who previously attempted to pay such amount with a check or order that was returned to the collector unless the remittance is in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or money order. If a person does not comply with the provisions of this section, a tax receipt issued pursuant to this section is null and void and no state registration license shall be issued or renewed. Where no such taxes are due each such collector shall, upon request, certify such fact and transmit such statement to the person making the request. Each receipt or statement shall describe by type the total number of motor vehicles on which personal property taxes were paid, and no renewal of any state registration license shall be issued to any person for a number greater than that shown on his or her tax receipt or statement except for a vehicle which was purchased without another vehicle being traded therefor, or for a vehicle previously registered in another state, provided the application for title or other evidence shows that the date the vehicle was purchased or was first registered in this state was such that no personal property tax was owed on such vehicle as of the date of the last tax receipt or certified statement prior to the renewal. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary forms.

2. Every county collector in counties with a population of over six hundred thousand and less than nine hundred thousand shall give priority to issuing tax receipts or certified statements pursuant to this section for any person whose motor vehicle registration expires in January. Such collector shall send tax receipts or certified statements for personal property taxes for the previous year within three days to any person who pays the person's personal property tax in person, and within twenty working days, if the payment is made by mail. Any person wishing to have priority pursuant to this subsection shall notify the collector at the time of payment of the property taxes that a motor vehicle registration expires in January. Any person purchasing a new vehicle in December and licensing such vehicle in January of the following year, may use the personal property tax receipt of the prior year as proof of payment.

3. In addition to all other requirements, the director of revenue shall not register any vehicle subject to the heavy vehicle use tax imposed by Section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1954 unless the applicant presents proof of payment, or that such tax is not owing, in such form as may be prescribed by the United States Secretary of the Treasury. No proof of payment of such tax shall be required by the director until the form for proof of payment has been prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

301.140. 1. Upon the transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle or trailer, the certificate of registration and the right to use the number plates shall expire and the number plates shall be removed by the owner at the time of the transfer of possession, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than the person to whom such number plates were originally issued to have the same in his or her possession whether in use or not; except that the buyer of a motor vehicle or trailer who trades in a motor vehicle or trailer may attach the license plates from the traded-in motor vehicle or trailer to the newly purchased motor vehicle or trailer. The operation of a motor vehicle with such transferred plates shall be lawful for no more than thirty days. As used in this subsection, the term "trade-in motor vehicle or trailer" shall include any single motor vehicle or trailer sold by the buyer of the newly purchased vehicle or trailer, as long as the license plates for the trade-in motor vehicle or trailer are still valid.

2. In the case of a transfer of ownership the original owner may register another motor vehicle under the same number, upon the payment of a fee of two dollars, if the motor vehicle is of horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, not in excess of that originally registered. When such motor vehicle is of greater horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, for which a greater fee is prescribed, applicant shall pay a transfer fee of two dollars and a pro rata portion for the difference in fees. When such vehicle is of less horsepower, gross weight or (in case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, for which a lesser fee is prescribed, applicant shall not be entitled to a refund.

3. License plates may be transferred from a motor vehicle which will no longer be operated to a newly purchased motor vehicle by the owner of such vehicles. The owner shall pay a transfer fee of two dollars if the newly purchased vehicle is of horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, not in excess of that of the vehicle which will no longer be operated. When the newly purchased motor vehicle is of greater horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, for which a greater fee is prescribed, the applicant shall pay a transfer fee of two dollars and a pro rata portion of the difference in fees. When the newly purchased vehicle is of less horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, for which a lesser fee is prescribed, the applicant shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Upon the sale of a motor vehicle or trailer by a dealer, a buyer who has made

application for registration, by mail or otherwise, may operate the same for a period of [fifteen] **thirty** days after taking possession thereof, if during such period the motor vehicle or trailer shall have attached thereto, in the manner required by section 301.130, number plates issued to the dealer. Upon application and presentation of satisfactory evidence that the buyer has applied for registration, a dealer may furnish such number plates to the buyer for such temporary use. In such event, the dealer shall require the buyer to deposit the sum of ten dollars and fifty cents to be returned to the buyer upon return of the number plates as a guarantee that said buyer will return to the dealer such number plates within [fifteen] **thirty** days. The director shall issue a temporary permit or paper plate authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle or trailer by a buyer for not more than thirty days of the date of purchase.

5. The temporary permit or paper plate shall be made available by the director of revenue and may be purchased from the department of revenue upon proof of purchase of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the buyer has no registration plate available for transfer, or from a dealer upon purchase of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the buyer has no registration plate available for transfer. The director shall make temporary plates or permits available to registered dealers in this state in sets of ten plates or permits. The fee for the temporary permit or plate shall be seven dollars and fifty cents for each permit or plate issued. No dealer shall charge more than seven dollars and fifty cents for each permit issued. The permit or plate shall be valid for a period of thirty days from the date of purchase [by the purchaser] of a motor vehicle or trailer, or from the date of sale of the motor vehicle or trailer by a dealer for which the purchaser obtains a permit or plate as set out above.

6. The permit or plate shall be issued on a form prescribed by the director and issued only for the applicant's use in the operation of the motor vehicle or trailer purchased to enable [him] **the applicant** to legally operate the vehicle while proper title and registration plate are being obtained, and shall be displayed on no other vehicle. Permits or paper plates issued [under] **pursuant to** this section shall not be transferable or renewable and shall not be valid upon issuance of proper registration plates for the motor vehicle or trailer. The director shall determine the size and numbering configuration, construction, and color of the permit and plate.

7. The dealer or authorized agent shall insert the date of issuance and expiration date, year, make, and manufacturer's number of vehicle on the paper plate or permit when issued to the buyer. The dealer shall also insert [his] **such** dealer's number on the paper plate. Every dealer that issues a temporary permit or paper plate shall keep, for inspection of proper officers, a correct record of each permit or plate issued [by him] by recording the permit or plate number, buyer's name and address, year, make, manufacturer's number of vehicle on which the permit or plate is to be used, and the date of issuance.

8. Upon the transfer of ownership of any currently registered motor vehicle wherein the owner cannot transfer the license plates due to a change of vehicle category, the owner may surrender the license plates issued to the motor vehicle and receive credit for any unused portion of the original registration fee against the registration fee of another motor vehicle. Such credit shall be granted based upon the date the license plates are surrendered. No refunds shall be made on the unused portion of any license plates surrendered for such credit.

301.147. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.020, RSMo, to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2000, the director of revenue may provide owners of motor vehicles, other than commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds gross weight, the option of biennially registering motor vehicles subject to the following requirements:

(1) The fee collected at the time of biennial registration shall include the annual registration fee plus a prorata amount for the additional twelve months of the biennial registration;

(2) Presentation of all documentation otherwise required by law for vehicle registration including but not limited to a personal property tax receipt or certified statement for the preceding year that no such taxes were due as set forth in section 301.025, RSMo, proof of a motor vehicle safety inspection and any applicable emission inspection conducted within sixty days prior to the date of application and proof of insurance as required by section 303.026, RSMo.

2. The director of revenue may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. The director authorized to adopt those rules that are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the limited duties specifically delegated within this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is promulgated under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, 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 the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.

3. The director of revenue shall have the authority to stagger the registration period of motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds gross weight. Once the owner of a motor vehicle chooses the option of biennial registration, such registration must be maintained for the full

twenty-four month period.

301.190. 1. No certificate of registration of any motor vehicle or trailer, or number plate therefor, shall be issued by the director of revenue unless the applicant therefor shall make application for and be granted a certificate of ownership of such motor vehicle or trailer, or shall present satisfactory evidence that such certificate has been previously issued to the applicant for such motor vehicle or trailer. Application shall be made within thirty days after the applicant acquires the motor vehicle or trailer upon a blank form furnished by the director of revenue and shall contain the applicant's identification number, a full description of the motor vehicle or trailer, the vehicle identification number, and the mileage registered on the odometer at the time of transfer of ownership, as required by section 407.536, RSMo, together with a statement of the applicant's source of title and of any liens or encumbrances on the motor vehicle or trailer, provided that for good cause shown the director of revenue may extend the period of time for making such application.

2. The director of revenue shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether the facts stated in such application are true and shall, to the extent possible without substantially delaying processing of the application, review any odometer information pertaining to such motor vehicle that is accessible to the director of revenue. If satisfied that the applicant is the lawful owner of such motor vehicle or trailer, or otherwise entitled to have the same registered in his name, the director shall thereupon issue an appropriate certificate over his signature and sealed with the seal of his office, procured and used for such purpose. The certificate shall contain on its face a complete description, vehicle identification number, and other evidence of identification of the motor vehicle or trailer, as the director of revenue may deem necessary, together with the odometer information required to be put on the face of the certificate pursuant to section 407.536, RSMo, a statement of any liens or encumbrances which the application may show to be thereon, and, if ownership of the vehicle has been transferred, the name of the state issuing the transferor's title and whether the transferor's odometer mileage statement executed pursuant to section 407.536, RSMo, indicated that the true mileage is materially different from the number of miles shown on the odometer, or is unknown.

3. The director of revenue shall appropriately designate on the current and all subsequent issues of the certificate the words "Reconstructed Motor Vehicle", "Motor Change Vehicle", "Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle", or "Non-USA-Std Motor Vehicle", as defined in section 301.010. Effective July 1, 1990, on all original and all subsequent issues of the certificate for motor vehicles as referenced in subsections 2 and 3 of section 301.020, the director shall print on the face thereof the following designation: "Annual odometer updates may be available from the department of revenue." On any duplicate certificate, the director of revenue shall reprint on the

face thereof the most recent of either:

(1) The mileage information included on the face of the immediately prior certificate and the date of purchase or issuance of the immediately prior certificate; or

(2) Any other mileage information provided to the director of revenue, and the date the director obtained or recorded that information.

4. The certificate of ownership issued by the director of revenue shall be manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to alter, counterfeit, duplicate, or forge such certificate without ready detection. In order to carry out the requirements of this subsection, the director of revenue may contract with a nonprofit scientific or educational institution specializing in the analysis of secure documents to determine the most effective methods of rendering Missouri certificates of ownership nonalterable or noncounterfeitable.

5. The fee for each original certificate so issued shall be eight dollars and fifty cents, in addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle or trailer. If application for the certificate is not made within thirty days after the vehicle is acquired by the applicant, a delinquency penalty fee of twenty-five dollars for the first thirty days of delinquency and twenty-five dollars for each thirty days of delinquency thereafter, not to exceed a total of one hundred dollars, shall be imposed, but such penalty may be waived by the director for a good cause shown. If the director of revenue learns that any person has failed to obtain a certificate within thirty days after acquiring a motor vehicle or trailer or has sold a vehicle without obtaining a certificate, he shall cancel the registration of all vehicles registered in the name of the person, either as sole owner or as a co-owner, and shall notify the person that the cancellation will remain in force until the person pays the delinquency penalty fee provided in this section, together with all fees, charges and payments which he should have paid in connection with the certificate of ownership and registration of the vehicle. The certificate shall be good for the life of the motor vehicle or trailer so long as the same is owned or held by the original holder of the certificate and shall not have to be renewed annually.

6. Any application for a certificate of ownership requesting the department of revenue to process an application for a certificate of ownership in an expeditious manner requiring special handling shall pay a fee of five dollars in addition to the regular certificate of ownership fee.

7. It is unlawful for any person to operate in this state a motor vehicle or trailer required to be registered under the provisions of the law unless a certificate of ownership has been issued as herein provided.

8. Before an original Missouri certificate of ownership is issued, an inspection of the vehicle and a verification of vehicle identification numbers shall be made by the Missouri state highway patrol on vehicles for which there is a current title issued by another state if a Missouri

salvage certificate of title has been issued for the same vehicle but no prior inspection and verification has been made in this state, except that if such vehicle has been inspected in another state by a law enforcement officer in a manner comparable to the inspection process in this state and the vehicle identification numbers have been so verified, the applicant shall not be liable for the twenty-five dollar inspection fee if such applicant submits proof of inspection and vehicle identification number verification to the director of revenue at the time of the application. The applicant, who has such a title for a vehicle on which no prior inspection and verification have been made, shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars for such verification and inspection, payable to the director of revenue at the time of the request for the application, which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

9. Each application for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for a vehicle which is classified as a reconstructed motor vehicle, specially constructed motor vehicle, kit vehicle, motor change vehicle, non-USA-std motor vehicle, or other vehicle as required by the director of revenue, shall be accompanied by a vehicle examination certificate issued by the Missouri state highway patrol, or other law enforcement agency as authorized by the director of revenue. The vehicle examination shall include a verification of vehicle identification numbers and a determination of the classification of the vehicle. The owner of a vehicle which requires a vehicle examination certificate shall present the vehicle for examination and obtain a completed vehicle examination certificate prior to submitting an application for a certificate of ownership to the director of revenue. The fee for the vehicle examination application shall be twenty-five dollars and shall be collected by the director of revenue at the time of the request for the application and shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

10. When an application is made for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in a state other than Missouri, it shall be accompanied by a current inspection form certified by a duly authorized official inspection station as described in chapter 307, RSMo. The completed form shall certify that the manufacturer's identification number for the vehicle has been inspected, that it is correctly displayed on the vehicle and shall certify the reading shown on the odometer at the time of inspection. The inspection station shall collect the same fee as authorized in section 307.365, RSMo, for making the inspection, and the fee shall be deposited in the same manner as provided in section 307.365, RSMo. If the vehicle is also to be registered in Missouri, the safety and emissions inspections required in chapter 307, RSMo, shall be completed and only the fees required by sections 307.365 and 307.366, RSMo, shall be charged to the owner. This section shall not apply to vehicles being transferred on a manufacturer's statement of origin.

11. Motor vehicles brought into this state in a wrecked or damaged condition or

after being towed as an abandoned vehicle under another state's abandoned motor vehicle procedures, shall, in lieu of the inspection required by subsection 10 of section 301.190, RSMo, be inspected by the Missouri state highway patrol in accordance with subsection 9 of section 301.190, RSMo. If the inspection reveals the vehicle to be in a salvage or junk condition, the director shall so indicate on any Missouri certificate of ownership issued for such vehicle. Any salvage designation shall be carried forward on all subsequently issued certificates of title for the motor vehicle.

12. When an application is made for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in a state other than Missouri, and the certificate of ownership has been appropriately designated by the issuing state as reconstructed motor vehicle, motor change vehicle, specially constructed motor vehicle, the director of revenue shall appropriately designate on the current Missouri and all subsequent issues of the certificate of ownership the name of the issuing state and such prior designation.

[12.] **13.** When an application is made for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in a state other than Missouri, and the certificate of ownership has been appropriately designated by the issuing state as non-USA-std motor vehicle, the director of revenue shall appropriately designate on the current Missouri and all subsequent issues of the certificate of ownership the words "Non-USA-Std Motor Vehicle".

[13.] **14.** The director of revenue and the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall make and enforce rules for the administration of the inspections required by this section.

302.302. 1. The director of revenue shall put into effect a point system for the suspension and revocation of licenses. Points shall be assessed only after a conviction or forfeiture of collateral. The initial point value is as follows:

(1) Any moving violation of a state law or county or municipal traffic ordinance not listed in this section, other than a violation of vehicle equipment provisions **or a court ordered supervision**

as provided in section 302.303 2 points

(except any violation of municipal stop sign ordinance where no accident is involved 1 point)

(2) Speeding

In violation of a state law 3 points

In violation of a county or municipal ordinance 2 points

(3) Leaving the scene of an accident in

violation of section 577.060, RSMo	12 points
In violation of any county or municipal ordinance	6 points
(4) Careless and imprudent driving in violation of subsection 4 of section 304.016, RSMo	4 points
In violation of a county or municipal ordinance	2 points
(5) Operating without a license after suspension or revocation and prior to restoration of operating privileges which have been suspended or revoked	12 points
(6) Obtaining a license by misrepresentation	12 points
(7) For the first conviction of driving while in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of controlled substances or drugs	8 points
(8) For the second or subsequent conviction of any of the following offenses however combined: driving while in an intoxicated condition, driving under the influence of controlled substances or drugs or driving with a blood alcohol content of ten-hundredths of one percent or more by weight	12 points
(9) For the first conviction for driving with blood alcohol content ten-hundredths of one percent or more by weight In violation of state law	8 points
In violation of a county or municipal ordinance	8 points
(10) Any felony involving the use of a motor vehicle	12 points
(11) Knowingly permitting an unlicensed operator to operate a motor vehicle	4 points

2. An additional two points shall be assessed when personal injury or property damage results from any violation listed in subsection 1 of this section and if found to be warranted and certified by the reporting court.

3. When any of the acts listed in subdivision (2), (3), (4) or (7) of subsection 1 of this section constitutes both a violation of a state law and a violation of a county or municipal ordinance, points may be assessed for either violation but not for both. Notwithstanding that an offense arising out of the same occurrence could be construed to be a violation of subdivisions (7), (8) and (9) of subsection 1 of this section, no person shall be tried or convicted for more than one offense

pursuant to subdivisions (7), (8) and (9) of subsection 1 of this section for offenses arising out of the same occurrence.

4. The director of revenue shall put into effect a system for staying the assessment of points against an operator. The system shall provide that the satisfactory completion of a driver improvement program or, in the case of violations committed while operating a motorcycle, a motorcycle rider training course approved by the director of the department of public safety, by an operator, when so ordered and verified by any court having jurisdiction over any law of this state or county or municipal ordinance, regulating motor vehicles, other than a violation committed in a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 302.700, shall be accepted by the director in lieu of the assessment of points for a violation pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), or (4) of subsection 1 of this section or pursuant to subsection 2 of this section. For the purposes of this subsection, the driver improvement program shall meet or exceed the standards of the National Safety Council's eight-hour "Defensive Driving Course" or, in the case of a violation which occurred during the operation of a motorcycle, the program shall meet the standards established by the director of the department of public safety pursuant to sections 302.133 to 302.138. The completion of a driver improvement program or a motorcycle rider training course shall not be accepted in lieu of points more than one time in any thirty-six-month period and shall be completed within sixty days of the date of conviction in order to be accepted in lieu of the assessment of points. Every court having jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall, within fifteen days after completion of the driver improvement program or motorcycle rider training course by an operator, forward a record of the completion to the director, all other provisions of the law to the contrary notwithstanding. The director shall establish procedures for record keeping and the administration of this subsection.

302.303. 1. Whenever a court convicts a person of a violation of section 303.025, RSMo, or enters an order of court ordered supervision, the clerk of the court shall within ten days forward a report of the conviction or order or supervision to the director of revenue in a form prescribed by the department of revenue. In any case where the person charged with the violation fails to appear in court, the procedures provided in section 302.341, RSMo, shall apply. For the purpose of this section, the term "court ordered supervision" is used to indicate where a court of record may, upon a plea or finding of guilt, defer further proceedings of a sentence, and enter an order for supervision of the defendant, if the defendant is charged with a violation, in which case no points shall be assessed.

2. The department of revenue shall keep records of such reports. However, reports of court ordered supervision shall not be released to any outside source, except

the affected driver and those entities provided for in subsection 4 of section 32.091, RSMo, and shall be used only to inform the director and the courts that such driver has previously been assigned court supervision.

302.321. 1. A person commits the crime of driving while revoked if he operates a motor vehicle on a highway when his license or driving privilege has been canceled, suspended or revoked under the laws of this state and acts with criminal negligence with respect to knowledge of the fact that his driving privilege has been canceled, suspended or revoked.

2. Driving while revoked is a class A misdemeanor **on the first conviction**. No court shall suspend the imposition of sentence as to such a person nor sentence such person to pay a fine in lieu of a term of imprisonment, nor shall such person be eligible for parole or probation until he has served a minimum of forty-eight consecutive hours of imprisonment, unless as a condition of such parole or probation, such person performs at least ten days involving at least forty hours of community service under the supervision of the court in those jurisdictions which have a recognized program for community service. **Driving while revoked is a class D felony on the second or subsequent conviction pursuant to 577.010, RSMo or a fourth or subsequent conviction for any other offense.**

303.024. 1. Each insurer issuing motor vehicle liability policies in this state, or an agent of the insurer, shall furnish an insurance identification card to the named insured for each motor vehicle insured by a motor vehicle liability policy that complies with the requirements of sections 303.010 to 303.050, 303.060, 303.140, 303.220, 303.290, 303.330 and 303.370.

2. The insurance identification card shall include all of the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the insurer;
- (2) The name of the named insured;
- (3) The policy number;
- (4) The effective dates of the policy, including month, day and year;
- (5) A description of the insured motor vehicle, including year and make or at least five digits of the vehicle identification number or the word "Fleet" if the insurance policy covers five or more motor vehicles; and

(6) The statement "THIS CARD MUST BE CARRIED IN THE INSURED MOTOR VEHICLE FOR PRODUCTION UPON DEMAND" prominently displayed on the card.

3. A new insurance identification card shall be issued when the insured motor vehicle is changed, when an additional motor vehicle is insured, and when a new policy number is assigned. A replacement insurance identification card shall be issued at the request of the insured in the event of loss of the original insurance identification card.

4. The director shall furnish each self-insurer, as provided for in section 303.220, an

insurance identification card for each motor vehicle so insured. The insurance identification card shall include all of the following information:

- (1) Name of the self-insurer;
- (2) The word "self-insured"; and
- (3) The statement "THIS CARD MUST BE CARRIED IN THE SELF-INSURED MOTOR VEHICLE FOR PRODUCTION UPON DEMAND" prominently displayed on the card.

5. An insurance identification card shall be carried in the insured motor vehicle at all times. The operator of an insured motor vehicle shall exhibit the insurance identification card on the demand of any peace officer, commercial vehicle enforcement officer or commercial vehicle inspector who lawfully stops such operator or investigates an accident while that officer or inspector is engaged in the performance of the officer's or inspector's duties. If the operator fails to exhibit an insurance identification card, the officer or inspector shall [notify the director of revenue, in the manner determined by the director, and the officer or inspector may] issue a citation to the operator [pursuant to subsection 6 of this section] **for a violation of section 303.025**. A motor vehicle liability insurance policy, a motor vehicle liability insurance binder, or receipt which contains the policy information required in subsection 2 of this section, shall be satisfactory evidence of insurance in lieu of an insurance identification card.

[6. Any person failing to exhibit an insurance identification card or other satisfactory evidence of insurance in lieu of such card upon the demand of any peace officer, commercial vehicle enforcement officer or commercial vehicle inspector pursuant to this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. However, no person shall be found guilty of violating this section if the operator demonstrates to the court that he or she met the financial responsibility requirements of section 303.025 at the time the peace officer, commercial vehicle enforcement officer or commercial vehicle inspector wrote the citation.]

303.025. 1. No owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state, or required to be registered in this state, shall operate, [the vehicle, or authorize any other person to operate the] **register or maintain registration of a motor vehicle, or permit another person to operate such** vehicle, unless the owner maintains the financial responsibility [as required in this section] **which conforms to the requirements of the laws of this state**. Furthermore, no person shall operate a motor vehicle owned by another with the knowledge that the owner has not maintained financial responsibility unless such person has financial responsibility which covers the person's operation of the other's vehicle. [Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.]

2. A motor vehicle owner shall maintain the owner's financial responsibility in a manner provided for in section 303.160, or with a motor vehicle liability policy which conforms to the

requirements of the laws of this state.

3. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. However, no person shall be found guilty of violating this section if the operator demonstrates to the court that he or she met the financial responsibility requirements of section 303.025 at the time the peace officer, commercial vehicle enforcement officer or commercial vehicle inspector wrote the citation. In addition to any other authorized punishment, the court shall notify the director of revenue of any person convicted under this section and shall do one of the following:

(1) Enter an order suspending the driving privilege as of the date of the court order. If the court orders the suspension of the driving privilege, the court shall require the defendant to surrender to it any driver's license then held by such person. The length of the suspension shall be as prescribed in subsection 2 of section 303.042. The court shall forward to the director of revenue the order of suspension of driving privilege and any license surrendered within ten days;

(2) Forward the record of the conviction for an assessment of four points; or

(3) In lieu of an assessment of points, render an order of supervision as provided in section 302.303, RSMo. An order of supervision shall not be used in lieu of points more than one time in any thirty-six month period. Every court having jurisdiction under the provisions of this section shall forward a record of conviction or the order of supervision to the department of revenue within ten days. The director shall establish procedures for the record keeping and administration of this section.

[3.] 4. Nothing in sections 303.010 to 303.050, 303.060, 303.140, 303.220, 303.290, 303.330 and 303.370 shall be construed as prohibiting the department of insurance from approving or authorizing those exclusions and limitations which are contained in automobile liability insurance policies and the uninsured motorist provisions of automobile liability insurance policies.

5. The provisions of section 302.311, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, all appeals shall be made directly from the court-ordered suspension to the circuit court of the county of which the defendant is a resident. The sole issue on appeal shall be whether the court properly ordered the department of revenue to suspend the defendant's license.

303.026. 1. The director shall inform each owner who registers a motor vehicle of the following:

(1) The existence of the requirement that every motor vehicle owner in the state must maintain his financial responsibility;

(2) The requirement that every motor vehicle owner show an insurance identification card, or a copy thereof, or other proof of financial responsibility at the time of vehicle registration; this

notice shall be given at least thirty days prior to the month for renewal and shall be shown in bold, colored print;

(3) The penalties which apply to violations of the requirement to maintain financial responsibility;

(4) The benefits of maintaining coverages in excess of those which are required;

(5) The director's authority to conduct samples of Missouri motor vehicle owners to insure compliance.

2. No motor vehicle owner shall be issued registration for a vehicle unless the owner, or his authorized agent, signs an affidavit provided by the director of revenue at the time of registration of the vehicle certifying that such owner has and will maintain, during the period of registration, financial responsibility with respect to each motor vehicle that is owned, licensed or operated on the streets or highways. The affidavit need not be notarized, but it shall be acknowledged by the person processing the form. The affidavit shall state clearly and in bold print the following: "Any false affidavit is a crime under section 575.050 of Missouri law." In addition, every motor vehicle owner shall show proof of such financial responsibility by presenting his or her insurance identification card, as described in section 303.024, or a copy thereof, or some other proof of financial responsibility in the form prescribed by the director of revenue at the time of registration unless such owner registers his vehicle in conjunction with a reciprocity agreement entered into by the Missouri highway reciprocity commission pursuant to sections 301.271 to 301.279, RSMo, or unless the owner insures the vehicle according to the requirements of the division of motor carrier and railroad safety pursuant to section 390.126, RSMo.

3. [The director shall annually select for financial responsibility verification, a sample of the motor vehicle registrations or licenses which is statistically significant to determine the number of insured motorists in the state of Missouri, or to insure compliance. The director may utilize a variety of sampling techniques including but not limited to the processing of uniform traffic tickets, point system warning letters, and random surveys of motor vehicle registrations.

The director of revenue may verify the financial responsibility of any person reported under section 303.040.] **The director may select random samples of registrations of motor vehicles subject to the provisions of this section for the purpose of verifying whether or not the motor vehicles are insured. The director may utilize a variety of sampling techniques including but not limited to the processing of uniform traffic tickets, random surveys to verify insurance information provided to the director at the time of motor vehicle registration, surveys of motor vehicle registrations and persons who during the preceding year have received a disposition of supervision as provided in section 302.303, RSMo. The director may verify the financial responsibility of any**

person sampled or reported.

4. Upon determination that the information provided by the owner or authorized agent is inaccurate, the director shall notify the owner of the need to provide, within [thirty] **fifteen** days, [information establishing] **proof of** the existence of the required financial responsibility [as of the date of such notice]. **The request shall require the owner to state whether or not the motor vehicle was insured on the verification date stated in the director's request and the request may require but not be limited to a statement by the owner of the names and addresses of insurers, policy numbers and expiration date of insurance coverage.** Failure to provide such information shall result in the suspension of all registrations of the owner's motor vehicles failing to meet such requirements, as is provided in [section 303.041] **this chapter.**

303.041. 1. [If the director determines that the operator or owner of a motor vehicle has not maintained the financial responsibility required in section 303.025 as a result of a financial responsibility verification sample as provided for in section 303.026, or as a result of an accident report as required by section 303.040, or either, the director shall thirty-three days after mailing notice to the owner or operator suspend the license of the owner or operator, or both, and all registrations of the owner's motor vehicles failing to meet such requirement. The notice of suspension shall be mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the department's records, and to the address provided by the accident report if that address differs from the address of record. The notice is deemed received three days after mailing. The notice of suspension shall clearly specify the reason and statutory grounds for the suspension and the effective date of the suspension, the right of the person to request a hearing, the procedure for requesting a hearing, and the date by which that request for a hearing must be made.] **If the director determines that as a result of a verification sample or accident report that the owner of a motor vehicle has not maintained financial responsibility, or if the director determines as a result of an order of court supervision that the operator of a motor vehicle has not maintained the financial responsibility as required in this chapter, the director shall thirty-three days after mailing notice, suspend the driving privilege of the operator and/or the registration of the vehicle failing to meet such requirement. The notice of suspension shall be mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the department's records. The notice of suspension is deemed received three days after mailing. The notice of suspension shall clearly specify the reason and statutory grounds for the suspension and the effective date of the suspension, the right of the person to request a hearing, the procedure for requesting a hearing, and the date by which that request for a hearing must be made. If the request for a hearing is received by the department prior to the effective date of the suspension, the effective date of the**

suspension will be stayed until a final order is issued following the hearing.

2. [If any person shall neglect or refuse to surrender his license or registration within fifteen days of the suspension or revocation date, a fee of twenty-five dollars shall be assessed for each month or portion thereof that the license or registration is not surrendered, not to exceed three hundred dollars.] **Neither the fact that subsequent to the date of verification or conviction, the owner acquired the required liability insurance policy nor the fact that the owner terminated ownership of the motor vehicle, shall have any bearing upon the director's decision to suspend. Until it is terminated, the suspension shall remain in force after the registration is renewed or a new registration is acquired for the motor vehicle. The suspension also shall apply to any motor vehicle to which the owner transfers the registration.**

303.042. 1. The suspension shall become effective thirty days after the subject person is deemed to have received the notice of suspension by certified mail as provided in section 303.041. [If the request for a hearing is received by the department prior to the effective date of the suspension, the effective date of the suspension will be stayed until a final order is issued following the hearing; however, any delay in the hearing which is caused or requested by the subject person or counsel representing that person without good cause shown shall not result in a stay of the suspension during the period of delay.]

2. The period of suspension under this section shall be as follows:

(1) [If the person's driving record shows no prior failure to maintain the required financial responsibility as provided for in section 303.025, the period of suspension shall be sixty days after the effective date of suspension;] **In the case of a first violation, the director shall terminate the suspension upon payment by the owner of a reinstatement fee of twenty dollars and submission of proof of insurance as prescribed by the director.**

(2) [If the person's record shows one prior suspension for failure to maintain the required financial responsibility as provided for in section 303.025, the period of suspension shall be one year after the effective date of suspension;] **In the case of one prior violation of a person having ownership interest in a motor vehicle or vehicles within the preceding two years, the director shall terminate the suspension ninety days after its effective date upon payment by the owner of a reinstatement fee of two hundred dollars and submission of proof of insurance as prescribed by the director.**

(3) If the person's [driving] record shows two or more prior suspensions for failure to maintain the required financial responsibility as provided for in section 303.025, the [period of] suspension shall [be two years] **terminate one year** after [the] **its** effective date [of suspension] **upon payment of a reinstatement fee of four hundred dollars and submission of proof of insurance as prescribed by the director.** The director shall not reduce any period of

suspension provided for in this subsection.

3. In the event that proof of [financial responsibility] **insurance as prescribed by the director** has not been filed with the department of revenue in accordance with this chapter prior to the end of the period of suspension [provided in subsection 2 of this section], such period of suspension shall be extended until such proof of [financial responsibility] **insurance as prescribed by the director** has been filed. In no event shall filing proof of [financial responsibility] **insurance as prescribed by the director** reduce any period of suspension.

4. If the director determines that the proof of insurance submitted by a motor vehicle owner or operator, under this chapter is false, the director shall suspend the owner's vehicle registration and operator's driving privilege. The director shall terminate the suspension one year after the effective date upon payment by the owner or operator of a reinstatement fee of one hundred fifty dollars and submission of proof of insurance as prescribed by the director.

[303.043. Whenever a suspension is imposed under section 303.041, the following reinstatement fees shall be paid prior to the end of the period of suspension provided in subsection 2 of section 303.042, and in the event such reinstatement fees are not paid the period of suspension shall be extended until such fees have been paid:

(1) If the person's driving record shows no prior failure to maintain the required financial responsibility as provided for in section 303.025, the reinstatement fee shall be two hundred dollars;

(2) If the person's driving record shows one prior suspension for failure to maintain the required financial responsibility as provided for in section 303.025, the reinstatement fee shall be four hundred dollars;

(3) If the person's driving record shows two or more prior suspensions for failure to maintain the required financial responsibility as provided for in section 303.025, the reinstatement fee shall be eight hundred dollars.]

303.172. Any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, in order to help reduce the uninsured motorists population in this state, the director of revenue may create and maintain a motorist insurance identification database to use when verifying compliance with the motor vehicle financial responsibility law.

303.175. Every motor vehicle liability policy issued to meet the requirements of this chapter shall have a minimum term of three months. Each policy payment collected by the insurer shall cover a period of at least one month. This section shall not be construed to interfere with the cancellation and renewal provisions of section 379.110, RSMo.

303.178. No person shall display evidence of insurance to a law enforcement

officer, knowing there is no valid liability insurance in effect on the motor vehicle as required pursuant to chapter 303, or knowing the evidence of insurance is illegally altered, counterfeit or otherwise invalid as evidence of insurance. If the law enforcement officer issues a citation to a motor vehicle operator for displaying invalid evidence of insurance, the officer shall confiscate the evidence for presentation in court. Any person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

303.179. No person shall alter an invalid insurance card to make it appear valid. No person knowingly shall make, sell or otherwise make available an invalid or counterfeit insurance card. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

303.190. 1. A "motor vehicle liability policy" as said term is used in this chapter shall mean an owner's or an operator's policy of liability insurance, certified as provided in section 303.170 or section 303.180 as proof of financial responsibility, and issued, except as otherwise provided in section 303.180 by an insurance carrier duly authorized to transact business in this state, to or for the benefit of the person named therein as insured.

2. Such owner's policy of liability insurance:

(1) Shall designate by explicit description or by appropriate reference all motor vehicles with respect to which coverage is thereby to be granted; [and]

(2) Shall insure the person named therein and any other person, as insured, using any such motor vehicle or motor vehicles with the express or implied permission of such named insured, against loss from the liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such motor vehicle or motor vehicles within the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, subject to limits, exclusive of interest and costs, with respect to each such motor vehicle, as follows: twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and, subject to said limit for one person, fifty thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and ten thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident; **and**

(3) May exclude coverage against loss from liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the use of such motor vehicles by a member of the named insured's household who is a specifically excluded driver in the policy.

3. Such operator's policy of liability insurance shall insure the person named as insured therein against loss from the liability imposed upon him by law for damages arising out of the use by him of any motor vehicle not owned by him, within the said territorial limits and subject to the same limits of liability as are set forth above with respect to any owner's policy of liability insurance.

4. Such motor vehicle liability policy shall state the name and address of the named insured, the coverage afforded by the policy, the premium charged therefor, the policy period and the limits of liability, and shall contain an agreement or be endorsed that insurance is provided thereunder in accordance with the coverage defined in this chapter as respects bodily injury and death or property damage, or both, and is subject to all the provisions of this chapter.

5. Such motor vehicle liability policy need not insure any liability under any workers' compensation law nor any liability on account of bodily injury to or death of an employee of the insured while engaged in the employment, other than domestic, of the insured, or while engaged in the operation, maintenance or repair of any such motor vehicle nor any liability for damage to property owned by, rented to, in charge of or transported by the insured.

6. Every motor vehicle liability policy shall be subject to the following provisions which need not be contained therein:

(1) The liability of the insurance carrier with respect to the insurance required by this chapter shall become absolute whenever injury or damage covered by said motor vehicle liability policy occurs; said policy may not be canceled or annulled as to such liability by any agreement between the insurance carrier and the insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage; no statement made by the insured or on his behalf and no violation of said policy shall defeat or void said policy;

(2) The satisfaction by the insured of a judgment for such injury or damage shall not be a condition precedent to the right or duty of the insurance carrier to make payment on account of such injury or damage;

(3) The insurance carrier shall have the right to settle any claim covered by the policy, and if such settlement is made in good faith, the amount thereof shall be deductible from the limits of liability specified in subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section;

(4) The policy, the written application thereof, if any, and any rider or endorsement which does not conflict with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute the entire contract between the parties.

7. Any policy which grants the coverage required for a motor vehicle liability policy may also grant any lawful coverage in excess of or in addition to the coverage specified for a motor vehicle liability policy and such excess or additional coverage shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter. With respect to a policy which grants such excess or additional coverage the term "motor vehicle liability policy" shall apply only to that part of the coverage which is required by this section.

8. Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide that the insured shall reimburse the insurance carrier for any payment the insurance carrier would not have been obligated to make

under the terms of the policy except for the provisions of this chapter.

9. Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide for the prorating of the insurance thereunder with other valid and collectible insurance.

10. The requirements of a motor vehicle liability policy may be fulfilled by the policies of one or more insurance carriers which policies together meet such requirements.

11. Any binder issued pending the issuance of a motor vehicle liability policy shall be deemed to fulfill the requirement for such a policy.

304.155. 1. Any law enforcement officer within the officer's jurisdiction, or an officer of a government agency where that agency's real property is concerned, may authorize a towing company to remove to a place of safety:

(1) Any abandoned property on the right-of-way of:

(a) Any interstate highway or freeway in an urbanized area, left unattended for ten hours;

(b) Any interstate highway or freeway outside of an urbanized area, left unattended for forty-eight hours;

(c) Any state highway other than an interstate highway or freeway in an urbanized area, left unattended for more than ten hours; or

(d) Any state highway other than an interstate highway or freeway outside of an urbanized area, left unattended for more than forty-eight hours; provided that commercial motor vehicles not hauling waste designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103(a) may only be removed under this subdivision to a place of safety until the owner or owner's representative has had a reasonable opportunity to contact a towing company of choice;

(2) Any unattended abandoned property illegally left standing upon any highway or bridge if the abandoned property is left in a position or under such circumstances as to obstruct the normal movement of traffic where there is no reasonable indication that the person in control of the property is arranging for its immediate control or removal;

(3) Any abandoned property which has been abandoned under section 577.080, RSMo;

(4) Any abandoned property which has been reported as stolen or taken without consent of the owner;

(5) Any abandoned property for which the person operating such property is arrested for an alleged offense for which the officer is required to take the person into custody and where such person is unable to arrange for the property's timely removal;

(6) Any abandoned property which due to any other state law or local ordinance is subject to towing because of the owner's outstanding traffic or parking violations;

(7) Any abandoned property left unattended in violation of a state law or local ordinance where signs have been posted giving notice of the law or where the violation causes a safety

hazard; or

(8) Any abandoned property illegally left standing on the waters of this state as defined in section 306.010, RSMo, where the abandoned property is obstructing the normal movement of traffic, or where the abandoned property has been unattended for more than ten hours or is floating loose on the water.

2. The state transportation department may immediately remove any abandoned, unattended, wrecked, burned or partially dismantled property, spilled cargo or other personal property from the roadway of any state highway if the abandoned property, cargo or personal property is creating a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the state highway. In the event the property creating a traffic hazard is a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 302.700, RSMo, the department's authority under this subsection shall be limited to authorizing a towing company to remove the commercial motor vehicle to a place of safety, except that the owner of the commercial motor vehicle or the owner's designated representative shall have a reasonable opportunity to contact a towing company of choice. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles transporting any material which has been designated as hazardous under section 5103(a) of Title 49, U.S.C.

3. **Any law enforcement agency authorizing a tow under this section in which the abandoned property is moved from the immediate vicinity shall complete a crime inquiry and inspection report.** Any state or federal government agency other than a law enforcement agency authorizing a tow under this section in which the abandoned property is moved away from the immediate vicinity in which it was abandoned shall report the towing to the state highway patrol or water patrol within [one hour] **two hours** of the tow along with a [description of the abandoned property sufficient to make a criminal] **crime inquiry and inspection report** as required in this section. **Any local government agency, other than a law enforcement agency, authorizing a tow under this section where property is towed away from the immediate vicinity shall report the tow to the local law enforcement agency within two hours along with a crime inquiry and inspection report.**

4. Neither the law enforcement officer, **government agency official** nor anyone having custody of abandoned property under his direction shall be liable for any damage to such abandoned property occasioned by a removal authorized by this section or by ordinance of a county or municipality licensing and regulating the sale of abandoned property by the municipality, other than damages occasioned by negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions.

5. The owner of abandoned property removed as provided in this section or in section 304.157 shall be responsible for payment of all reasonable charges for towing and storage of such abandoned property as provided in section 304.158.

6. Upon the towing of any abandoned property under this section or **under authority of a law enforcement officer or local government agency under** section 304.157, the law enforcement agency that authorized such towing or was properly notified **by another government agency** of such towing shall **promptly** make an inquiry with the national crime information center and any statewide Missouri law enforcement computer system to determine if the abandoned property has been reported as stolen and shall enter the information pertaining to the towed property into the statewide law enforcement computer system. **If the abandoned property is not claimed within ten working days of the towing,** the law enforcement agency shall submit a crime inquiry and inspection report to the director of revenue[, on any unclaimed abandoned property, within ten working days of the towing of the abandoned property]. **A towing company in possession of abandoned property after ten working days shall report such fact to the law enforcement agency with which the crime inquiry and inspection report was filed.** The crime inquiry and inspection report shall **be designed by the director of revenue and shall** include the following:

- (1) The year, model, make and property identification number of the property **and the owner and any lienholders, if known;**
- (2) A description of any damage to the property noted by the [law enforcement] officer **authorizing the tow;**
- (3) The license plate or registration number and the state of issuance, if available;
- (4) The storage location of the towed property;
- (5) The name, telephone number and address of the towing company;
- (6) The date, place and reason for the towing of the abandoned property;
- (7) The date of the inquiry of the national crime information center, any statewide Missouri law enforcement computer system and any other similar system which has titling and registration information to determine if the abandoned property had been stolen. **This information shall be entered only by the law enforcement agency making the inquiry;**
- (8) The signature and printed name of the [law enforcement] officer **authorizing the tow** and the towing operator; and
- (9) Any additional information the director of revenue deems appropriate.

7. [The department of revenue may design and make available to police agencies throughout the state a uniform "Authorization to Tow" form. The form shall contain lines for time, date, location, descriptive information of the vehicle, reason for towing, the tow operator and company and signature of authorizing officer. The cost of the forms will be determined by the department of revenue. The completed form shall be issued by the authorizing officer to the tow operator for that company's records as proof of authorization to tow a particular vehicle.

8.] One copy of the crime inquiry and inspection report shall remain with the agency which authorized the tow. One copy shall be provided to and retained by the storage facility and one copy shall be retained by the towing facility in an accessible format in the business records for a period of three years from the date of the tow or removal.

[9.] 8. The owner of such abandoned property, or the holder of a valid security interest of record, may reclaim it from the towing company upon proof of ownership or valid security interest of record and payment of all reasonable charges for the towing and storage of the abandoned property.

[10.] 9. Any person who removes abandoned property at the direction of a law enforcement officer or an officer of a government agency where that agency's real property is concerned as provided in this section shall have a lien for all reasonable charges for the towing and storage of the abandoned property until possession of the abandoned property is voluntarily relinquished to the owner of the abandoned property or to the holder of a valid security interest of record. Any personal property within the abandoned property need not be released to the owner thereof until the reasonable or agreed charges for such recovery, transportation or safekeeping have been paid or satisfactory arrangements for payment have been made, except that any medication prescribed by a physician shall be released to the owner thereof upon request. The company holding or storing the abandoned property shall either release the personal property to the owner of the abandoned property or allow the owner to inspect the property and provide an itemized receipt for the contents. The company holding or storing the property shall be strictly liable for the condition and safe return of the personal property. Such lien shall be enforced in the manner provided under section 304.156.

[11.] 10. Towing companies shall keep a record for three years on any abandoned property towed and not reclaimed by the owner of the abandoned property. Such record shall contain [a copy of the law enforcement officer's] **information regarding the** authorization to tow, copies of all correspondence with the department of revenue concerning the abandoned property, and information concerning the final disposition of the possession of the abandoned property.

[12.] 11. If a lienholder repossesses any motor vehicle, trailer, all-terrain vehicle, outboard motor or vessel without the knowledge or cooperation of the owner, then the reposessor shall notify the local law enforcement agency where the repossession occurred within two hours of the repossession and shall further provide the local law enforcement agency with any additional information the agency deems appropriate. The local law enforcement agency shall make an inquiry with the national crime information center and the Missouri statewide law enforcement computer system and shall enter the repossessed vehicle into the statewide law enforcement computer system.

304.156. 1. Within five working days of receipt of the crime inquiry and inspection report under section 304.155 or the abandoned property report under section 304.157, the director of revenue shall search the records of the department of revenue, or initiate an inquiry with another state, if the evidence presented indicated the abandoned property was registered or titled in another state, to determine the name and address of the owner [and/or] **and** lienholder, if any. After ascertaining the name and address of the owner [and/or] **and** lienholder, if any, the department shall, within fifteen working days, notify the towing company [and owner or lienholder]. Any towing company which comes into possession of abandoned property pursuant to section 304.155 or 304.157 and who claims a lien for recovering, towing or storing abandoned property shall give notice to the title owner and to all persons claiming a lien thereon, as disclosed by the records of the department of revenue or of a corresponding agency in any other state. The towing company shall notify the owner [and/or] **and any** lienholder within ten business days of the date of mailing indicated on the notice sent by the department of revenue, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall contain the following:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the storage facility;
- (2) The date, reason and place from which the abandoned property was removed;
- (3) A statement that the amount of the accrued towing, storage and administrative costs are the responsibility of the owner, and that storage and/or administrative costs will continue to accrue as a legal liability of the owner until the abandoned property is redeemed;
- (4) A statement that the storage firm claims a possessory lien for all such charges;
- (5) A statement that the owner or holder of a valid security interest of record may retake possession of the abandoned property at any time during business hours by proving ownership or rights to a secured interest and paying all towing and storage charges;
- (6) A statement that, should the owner consider that the towing or removal was improper or not legally justified, the owner has a right to request a hearing as provided in this section to contest the propriety of such towing or removal;
- (7) A statement that if the abandoned property remains unclaimed for thirty days from the date of mailing the notice, title to the abandoned property will be transferred to the person or firm in possession of the abandoned property free of all prior liens; and
- (8) A statement that any charges in excess of the value of the abandoned property at the time of such transfer shall remain a liability of the owner.

2. A towing company may **only** assess **reasonable** storage charges for abandoned property **towed without the consent of the owner. Reasonable storage charges shall not exceed the charges for vehicles which have been towed with the consent of the owner on a negotiated basis. Storage charges may be assessed** only for the time in which it complies

with the procedural requirements of [this section] **sections 304.155 to 304.158.**

3. In the event that the records of the department of revenue fail to disclose the name of the owner or any lienholder of record, the department shall notify the towing company which shall attempt to locate documents or other evidence of ownership on or within the abandoned property itself. The towing company must certify that a physical search of the abandoned property disclosed that no ownership documents were found and a good faith effort has been made. For purposes of this section, good faith effort means that the following checks have been performed by the company to establish the prior state of registration and title:

(1) Check of the abandoned property for any type of license plates, license plate record, temporary permit, inspection sticker, decal or other evidence which may indicate a state of possible registration and title;

(2) Check the law enforcement report for a license plate number or registration number if the abandoned property was towed at the request of a law enforcement agency;

(3) Check the tow ticket/report of the tow truck operator to see if a license plate was on the abandoned property at the beginning of the tow, if a private tow; and

(4) If there is no address of the owner on the impound report, check the law enforcement report to see if an out-of-state address is indicated on the driver license information.

4. If no ownership information is discovered, the director of revenue shall be notified in writing and title obtained in accordance with subsection [6] 7 of this section.

5. (1) The owner of the abandoned property removed pursuant to the provisions of section 304.155 or 304.157 or any person claiming a lien, other than the towing company, within ten days after the receipt of notification from the towing company pursuant to subsection 1 of this section may file a petition in the associate circuit court in the county where the abandoned property is stored to determine if the abandoned property was wrongfully taken or withheld from the owner. The petition shall name the towing company among the defendants. The petition may also name the agency ordering the tow or the owner, lessee or agent of the real property from which the abandoned property was removed. The director of revenue shall not be a party to such petition but a copy of the petition shall be served on the director of revenue who shall not issue title to such abandoned property pursuant to this section until the petition is finally decided.

(2) Upon filing of a petition in the associate circuit court, the owner or lienholder may have the abandoned property released upon posting with the court a cash or surety bond or other adequate security equal to the amount of the charges for towing and storage to ensure the payment of such charges in the event he does not prevail. Upon the posting of the bond and the payment of the applicable fees, the court shall issue an order notifying the towing company of the posting of the bond and directing the towing company to release the abandoned property. At the

time of such release, after reasonable inspection, the owner or lienholder shall give a receipt to the towing company reciting any claims for loss or damage to the abandoned property or the contents thereof.

(3) Upon determining the respective rights of the parties, the final order of the court shall provide for immediate payment in full of recovery, towing, and storage fees by the abandoned property owner or lienholder or the owner, lessee, or agent thereof of the real property from which the abandoned property was removed.

6. A towing and/or storage lien shall be enforced as provided in subsection 7 of this section.

7. Thirty days after the notification form has been mailed to the abandoned property owner and holder of a security agreement and the property is unredeemed and no satisfactory arrangement has been made with the lienholder in possession for continued storage, and the owner or holder of a security agreement has not requested a hearing as provided in subsection [4] 5 of this section, the lienholder in possession may apply to the director of revenue for [a salvage certificate of title designated with the words "salvage/abandoned property" or junking certificate based on the condition of the abandoned property as stated in the abandoned property report or crime inquiry and inspection report] **a certificate**. The application for title shall be accompanied by:

(1) An affidavit from the lienholder in possession that he has been in possession of the abandoned property for at least thirty days and the owner of the abandoned property or holder of a security agreement has not made arrangements for payment of towing and storage charges;

(2) An affidavit that the lienholder in possession has not been notified of any application for hearing as provided in this section;

(3) A copy of the abandoned property report or crime inquiry and inspection [form] **report**;

(4) A copy of the thirty-day notice given by certified mail to any owner and person holding a valid security interest and a copy of the certified mail receipt indicating that the owner and lienholder of record [has received] **was sent a** notice as required in this section; **and**

(5) A copy of the envelope or mailing container showing the address and postal markings indicating that the notice was "not forwardable" or "address unknown".

8. If notice to the owner and holder of a security agreement has been returned marked "not forwardable" or "addressee unknown", the lienholder in possession shall comply with subsection 3 of this section.

9. Any municipality or county may adopt an ordinance regulating the removal and sale of abandoned property provided such ordinance is consistent with sections 304.155 to 304.158.

10. Any municipality or county which has physical possession of the abandoned property and which sells abandoned property in accordance with a local ordinance may transfer ownership

by means of a bill of sale signed by the municipal or county clerk or deputy and sealed with the official municipal or county seal. Such bill of sale shall contain the make and model of the abandoned property, the complete abandoned property identification number and the odometer reading of the abandoned property if available and shall be lawful proof of ownership for any dealer registered under the provisions of section 301.218, RSMo, or section 301.560, RSMo, or for any other person. Any dealer or other person purchasing such property from a municipality or county shall apply within thirty days of purchase for [a junking certificate or salvage certificate of title designated with the words "salvage/abandoned property"] **a certificate**. Anyone convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of an infraction.

11. Any persons who have towed abandoned property prior to August 28, 1996, may, [within one year after August 28, 1996] **until January 1, 2000**, apply to the department of revenue for [either a junking certificate or a salvage certificate of title designated with the words "salvage/abandoned property" to such property] **a certificate**. The application shall be accompanied by:

(1) A notarized affidavit explaining the circumstances by which the abandoned property came into their possession, including the name of the owner or possessor of real property from which the abandoned property was removed;

(2) The date of the removal;

(3) The current location of the abandoned property;

(4) An inspection of the abandoned property as prescribed [in section 304.155] **by the director**; and

(5) A copy of the thirty-day notice given by certified mail to any owner and person holding a valid security interest of record and a copy of the certified mail receipt.

12. If the director is satisfied with the genuineness of the application and supporting documents submitted pursuant to this section, the director shall issue [a salvage certificate of title designated with the words "salvage/abandoned property" or a junking certificate.] **one of the following**:

(1) **An original certificate of title if the vehicle owner has obtained a vehicle examination certificate as provided in section 301.190, RSMo, which indicates that the vehicle was not previously in a salvaged condition or rebuilt;**

(2) **An original certificate of title designated as prior salvage if the vehicle examination certificate as provided in section 301.190, RSMo, indicates the vehicle was previously in a salvage condition or rebuilt;**

(3) **A salvage certificate of title designated with the words "salvage/abandoned property" or junking certificate based on the condition of the abandoned property as**

stated in the abandoned property report or crime inquiry and inspection report;

(4) Notwithstanding the provision of section 301.573, RSMo, to the contrary, if satisfied with the genuineness of the application and supporting documents, the director shall issue an original title to abandoned property previously issued a salvage title as provided in this section, if the vehicle examination certificate as provided in section 301.190, RSMo, does not indicate the abandoned property was previously in a salvage condition or rebuilt.

13. If abandoned property is insured and the insurer of property regards the property as a total loss and the insurer satisfies a claim by the owner for the property, then the insurer or lienholder shall claim and remove the property from the storage facility or make arrangements to transfer the title, and such transfer of title subject to agreement shall be in complete satisfaction of all claims for towing and storage, to the towing company or storage facility. The owner of the abandoned vehicle, lienholder or insurer, to the extent the vehicle owner's insurance policy covers towing and storage charges, shall pay reasonable fees assessed by the towing company and storage facility. The property shall be claimed and removed or title transferred to the towing company or storage facility within thirty days of the date that the insurer paid a claim for the total loss of the property or is notified as to the location of the abandoned property, whichever is the later event. Upon request, the insurer of the property shall supply the towing company and storage facility with the name, address and phone number of the insurance company and of the insured and with a statement regarding which party is responsible for the payment of towing and storage charges under the insurance policy.

304.157. 1. If a person abandons property, as defined in section 304.001, on any real property owned by another without the consent of the owner or person in possession of the property, at the request of the person in possession of the real property, any member of the state highway patrol, state water patrol, sheriff, or other law enforcement officer within his jurisdiction may authorize a towing company to remove such abandoned property from the property in the following circumstances:

- (1) The abandoned property is left unattended for more than forty-eight hours; or
- (2) In the judgment of a law enforcement officer, the abandoned property constitutes a safety hazard or unreasonably interferes with the use of the real property by the person in possession.

2. A local government agency may also provide for the towing of motor vehicles from real property under the authority of any local ordinance providing for the towing of vehicles which are derelict, junk, scrapped, disassembled or otherwise harmful to the

public health under the terms of the ordinance. Any local government agency authorizing a tow under this subsection shall report the tow to the local law enforcement agency within two hours with a crime inquiry and inspection report under section 304.155.

3. Neither the law enforcement officer, local government agency nor anyone having custody of abandoned property under his or her direction shall be liable for any damage to such abandoned property occasioned by a removal authorized by this section other than damages occasioned by negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions.

[2.] 4. The owner of real property or lessee in lawful possession of the real property **or the property or security manager of the real property** may authorize a towing company to remove abandoned property **or property parked in a restricted or assigned area** without authorization by a law enforcement officer only when the owner, lessee or [agent] **property or security manager** of the real property is present [and]. **A property or security manager must be a full-time employee of a business entity. An authorization to tow under this subsection may be made** only under any of the following circumstances:

(1) There is displayed, in plain view at all entrances to the property, a sign not less than seventeen by twenty-two inches in size, with lettering not less than one inch in height, prohibiting public parking and indicating that unauthorized abandoned property **or property parked in a restricted or assigned area** will be removed at the owner's expense, disclosing the maximum fee for all charges related to towing and storage, and containing the telephone number of the local traffic law enforcement agency where information can be obtained **or a twenty-four-hour staffed emergency information telephone number by which the owner of the abandoned property or property parked in a restricted or assigned area may call to receive information regarding the location of such owner's property;**

(2) The abandoned property is [on private property and lacks an engine, transmission, wheels, tires, doors, windshield or any other major part or equipment necessary to operate safely on the highways,] **left unattended on owner-occupied residential property with four residential units or less, and** the owner [or], lessee [of the private property] **or agent of the real property in lawful possession** has notified the [city police or county sheriff, as] appropriate **law enforcement agency**, and [ninety-six] **ten** hours have elapsed since that notification; or

(3) The abandoned property is left unattended on private property, and the owner, lessee or agent of the real property in lawful possession of real property has notified the appropriate law enforcement agency, and [ten days] **ninety-six hours** have elapsed since that notification.

[3.] **5.** Pursuant to this section, any owner or lessee in lawful possession of real property that requests a towing company to tow abandoned property without authorization from a law enforcement officer shall [within one hour of the tow file] **at that time complete** an abandoned property report [with the appropriate law enforcement agency where the property is located] **which shall be considered a legal declaration subject to criminal penalty under section 575.060, RSMo.** The report shall **be in the form designed, printed and distributed by the director of revenue and shall** contain the following:

(1) The year, model, make and abandoned property identification number of the property **and the owner and any lienholders, if known;**

(2) A description of any damage to the **abandoned** property noted by owner [or lessee], **lessee or property or security manager** in possession of the real property;

(3) The license plate or registration number and the state of issuance, if available;

(4) The physical location of the property and the reason for requesting the property to be towed;

(5) The date the report is completed;

(6) The [signature and] printed name, **address and phone number** of the owner [or lessee], **lessee or property or security manager** in possession of the real property; [and]

(7) The towing company's name and address;

(8) The signature of the towing operator;

(9) The signature of the owner, lessee or property or security manager attesting to the facts that the property has been abandoned for the time required by this section and that all statements on the report are true and correct to the best of the person's knowledge and belief and that the person is subject to the penalties for making false statements;

[(7)] (10) Space for the name of the law enforcement agency notified of the towing of the abandoned property and for the signature of the law enforcement official receiving the report; and

(11) Any additional information the director of revenue deems appropriate.

[The department of revenue may design and make available to police agencies throughout the state a uniform "Authorization to Tow" form. The form shall contain lines for time, date, location, descriptive information of the vehicle, reason for towing, the tow operator and company and signature of authorizing officer. The cost of the forms shall be determined by the department of revenue. The completed form shall be issued by the authorizing officer to the tow operator for that company's records as proof of authorization to tow a particular vehicle.]

6. Any towing company which tows abandoned property without authorization

from a law enforcement officer pursuant to subsection 4 of this section shall deliver a copy of the abandoned property report to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location from which the abandoned property was towed. The copy may be produced and sent by facsimile machine or other device which produces a near exact likeness of the print and signatures required, but only if the law enforcement agency receiving the report has the technological capability of receiving such copy and has registered the towing company for such purpose. The report shall be delivered within two hours if the tow was made from a signed location under subdivision (1) of subsection 4; otherwise, the report shall be delivered within twenty-four hours.

[4.] 7. The law enforcement agency receiving such abandoned property report must record the date **on which** the abandoned property report is filed with such agency and [within five days of such filing] **shall promptly** make an inquiry into the national crime information center and any statewide Missouri law enforcement computer system to determine if the abandoned property has been reported as stolen. The law enforcement agency shall enter the information pertaining to the towed property into the statewide **law** enforcement computer system, **and an officer shall sign the abandoned property report and provide the towing company with a signed copy.** The department of revenue may design and sell to towing companies informational brochures outlining owner or lessee of real property obligations pursuant to this section.

[5. Neither the law enforcement officer nor anyone having custody of abandoned property under his direction shall be liable for any damage to such abandoned property occasioned by a removal authorized by this section other than damages occasioned by negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions.

6. Any towing company which tows abandoned property without authorization from a law enforcement officer pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section shall within one hour of the tow report the event and the circumstances to the local law enforcement agency where the abandoned property report was filed.

7.] **8.** The law enforcement agency receiving notification that abandoned property has been towed by a towing company shall [record the date the property was towed and shall forward a copy of the abandoned property report to the director of revenue.] **search the records of the department of revenue and provide the towing company with the latest owner and lienholder information on the abandoned property. If the abandoned property is not claimed within ten working days, the towing company shall send a copy of the abandoned property report signed by a law enforcement officer to the department of revenue.**

[8.] **9.** If any owner or lessee of real property **knowingly** authorizes the removal of abandoned property **in violation** [pursuant to subsection 2 of this section and such property is

so removed and no sign is displayed prior to such removal as required pursuant to subsection 2] of this section, then the owner or lessee shall be deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

304.158. 1. [The person or agency causing] **Notice as to the** removal of any abandoned property under section 304.155 or 304.157 shall[, if the person or agency knows the registered owner or lienholder,] **be made in writing** within five working days[, give notice in writing] to the registered owner and any lienholder of the fact of the removal, the grounds for the removal, and [indicate] the place to which the property has been removed **by either:**

(1) The public agency authorizing the removal; or

(2) The towing company, where authorization was made by an owner or lessee of real property.

If the abandoned property is stored in any storage facility, a copy of the notice shall be given to the operator of the facility. The notice provided for in this section shall include the amount of mileage, if available, shown on the abandoned property at the time of removal.

2. Any owner of any private real [estate] **property** causing the removal of abandoned property from that real [estate] **property** shall state the grounds for the removal of the abandoned property if requested by the registered owner of that abandoned property. Any towing company that lawfully removes abandoned property from private property with the written authorization of the property owner or the property owner's agent who is present at the time of removal shall not be held responsible in any situation relating to the validity of the removal. Any towing company that removes abandoned property at the direction of the landowner shall be responsible for:

(1) Any damage caused by the towing company to the property in the transit and subsequent storage of the property; and

(2) The removal of property other than the property specified by the owner of the private property from which the abandoned property was removed.

3. The owner of abandoned property removed from private property may recover for any damage to the property resulting from any act of any person causing the removal of, or removing, the abandoned property.

4. Any owner of any private property causing the removal of abandoned property parked on that property is liable to the owner of the abandoned property for double the storage or towing charges whenever there has been a failure to comply with the requirements of this section or [to state the grounds for the removal of the property if requested by the registered owner of the abandoned property as required by subsection 2 of this section] **section 304.157.**

5. Any towing company which tows abandoned property for hire shall have the towing company's name, city and state clearly printed in letters at least three inches in height on the

sides of the truck, wrecker or other vehicle used in the towing.

6. A towing company may impose a charge of not more than one-half of the regular towing charge for the towing of abandoned property at the request of the owner of private property or that owner's agent pursuant to this section if the owner of the abandoned property or the owner's agent returns to the abandoned property before it is removed from the private property. The regular towing charge may only be imposed after the abandoned property has been removed from the property and is in transit.

7. Persons operating or in charge of any storage facility where the abandoned property is stored pursuant to this section shall accept cash for payment of towing and storage by a registered owner or the owner's agent claiming the abandoned property. [Persons operating or in charge of any storage facility which is not operated by the state, a county or municipality, which is located in an area with a population in excess of fifty thousand at a density at or greater than one thousand persons per square mile, and where the abandoned property is stored pursuant to this section shall accept a valid bank credit card for payment of towing and storage by a registered owner or the owner's agent claiming the abandoned property, except where the tow and impoundment of the abandoned property was the result of an arrest or accident whereby the towing company or storage facility may then demand payment in the form of cash. A person operating or in charge of such storage facility who refuses to accept a valid bank credit card pursuant to this subsection is liable to the registered owner of the abandoned property for four times the amount of the towing and storage charges, but not to exceed five hundred dollars.] In addition, persons operating or in charge of the storage facility shall have sufficient moneys on the premises to accommodate, and make change in, a reasonable monetary transaction.

8. **[A] Except for the removal of abandoned property authorized by a law enforcement agency under section 304.157, a** towing company shall not remove or commence the removal of abandoned property from private property without first obtaining written authorization from the property owner. All written authorizations shall be maintained for at least one year by the towing company. General authorization to remove or commence removal of abandoned property at the towing company's discretion shall not be delegated to a towing company or its affiliates except in the case of abandoned property unlawfully parked within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire lane designated by a fire department or the state fire marshal.

9. Any towing company, or any affiliate of a towing company, which removes, or commences removal of, abandoned property from private property without first obtaining written authorization from the property owner or lessee, or an employee or agent thereof, who is present at the time of removal or commencement of the removal, except as permitted in subsection 8 of this section, is liable to the owner of the property for four times the amount of the towing and

storage charges, in addition to any applicable criminal penalty, for a violation of this section.

10. Any county, city, town or village may enact ordinances or orders which are consistent with sections 304.155 to 304.158 and which may specify maximum reasonable towing, storage and other charges which can be imposed by towing and storage companies operating within the governmental entity's jurisdiction.

11. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of sections 304.155 to 304.158 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a violation of the provisions of section 407.020, RSMo. In any proceeding brought by the attorney general for a violation of the provisions of this section, the court may, in addition to imposing the penalties provided for in this section order the revocation or suspension of the registration or license of the towing company.

304.159. 1. Any city, town, or village within this state may prohibit, by ordinance, the storage of inoperable vehicles or other vehicles deemed by such city, town, or village to constitute a public safety hazard. Nothing in this section shall apply to a vehicle which is completely enclosed within a locked building or locked fenced area and not visible from adjacent public or private property, nor to any vehicle upon the property of a business licensed as salvage, swap, junk dealer, towing or storage facility so long as the business is operated in compliance with its business license and the property is in compliance with applicable zoning ordinances.

2. Upon a showing of probable cause of the existence of such inoperable or hazardous vehicles by the sworn application of any law enforcement official or code official designated by the city, town or village, the municipal judges of any city, town, or village are hereby authorized to issue to law enforcement officials and code officials warrants to enter private premises for inspection and abatement of such conditions by towing or otherwise.

307.350. 1. The owner of every motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010, RSMo, which is required to be registered in this state, except:

(1) New motor vehicles which have not been previously titled and registered, [prior to the initial motor vehicle registration or the next succeeding registration which is required by law] **for the two-year period following their model year of manufacture;**

(2) Those motor vehicles which are engaged in interstate commerce and are proportionately registered in this state with the Missouri highway reciprocity commission, although the owner may request that such vehicle be inspected by an official inspection station, and a peace officer may stop and inspect such vehicles to determine whether the mechanical condition is in compliance with the safety regulations established by the United States Department of Transportation; and

(3) Historic motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 301.131, RSMo; shall submit such vehicles to [an annual] **a biennial** inspection of their mechanism and equipment in accordance with the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 and obtain a certificate of inspection and approval and a sticker, seal, or other device from a duly authorized official inspection station. The inspection, except the inspection of school buses which shall be made at the time provided in section 307.375, shall be made at the time prescribed in the rules and regulations issued by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol; but the inspection of a vehicle shall not be made more than sixty days prior to the date of application for [annual] registration or within sixty days of when a vehicle's registration is transferred. **Any vehicle manufactured as an even-numbered model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved pursuant to the safety inspection program established pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390 in each even-numbered calendar year and any such vehicle manufactured as an odd-numbered model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved pursuant to section 307.350 to 307.390 in each odd-numbered year.** The certificate of inspection and approval shall be a sticker, seal, or other device or combination thereof, as the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol prescribes by regulation and shall be displayed upon the motor vehicle or trailer as prescribed by the regulations established by him. The replacement of certificates of inspection and approval which are lost or destroyed shall be made by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol under regulations prescribed by him.

2. For the purpose of obtaining an inspection only, it shall be lawful to operate a vehicle over the most direct route between the owner's usual place of residence and an inspection station of such owner's choice, notwithstanding the fact that the vehicle does not have a current state registration license. It shall also be lawful to operate such a vehicle from an inspection station to another place where repairs may be made and to return the vehicle to the inspection station notwithstanding the absence of a current state registration license.

3. No person whose motor vehicle was duly inspected and approved as provided in this section shall be required to have the same motor vehicle again inspected and approved for the sole reason that such person wishes to obtain a set of any special personalized license plates available pursuant to section 301.144, RSMo, or a set of any license plates available pursuant to section 301.142, RSMo, prior to the expiration date of such motor vehicle's current [annual] registration.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.390, violation of this section shall be deemed an infraction.

307.353. Other provisions of law notwithstanding, no person shall be required to have [an annual] **a biennial** vehicle inspection during a registration period which exceeds [one year] **two years**. The inspection required at the beginning of the registration period shall be valid for the

entire registration period.

307.355. 1. No state registration license to operate the type of vehicle required to be inspected by section 307.350 may be transferred or issued [unless the application for the transfer of a license or the application for annual registration is accompanied by a current certificate of inspection and approval issued not more than sixty days prior to the date of the application, or, in the cases of school buses, the current certificate of inspection and approval issued at the time provided in section 307.375 next preceding the date of application] **during a biennial registration year in which the vehicle is required to be inspected unless the application is accompanied by a certificate of inspection and approval issued no more than sixty days prior to the date of application, or in the cases of school buses, which will be required to be inspected annually as provided in section 307.375,** except:

(1) The director of revenue may transfer or issue a state registration license to the type of vehicle required to be inspected by section 307.350 without a certificate of inspection and approval accompanying the application if the director has satisfactory evidence that the vehicle was not in the state of Missouri at any time during the sixty days prior to the date of application; however, the owner of every such vehicle must submit the vehicle for inspection and obtain a certificate of inspection and approval within ten days after the vehicle is first returned to the state of Missouri.

(2) The director of revenue shall renew a vehicle's registration license without a certificate of inspection and approval accompanying the application if satisfactory documentary evidence is presented at the time of application that the license being renewed was properly transferred within a six-month period prior to the expiration of the license being renewed or that the vehicle for which the registration is being issued was issued a registration for a period of less than one year for the registration period just expiring.

2. If due to interstate operation a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010, RSMo, or a trailer of the type required to be inspected is required to obtain full fee registration in this and any other state during the same calendar year, no Missouri certificate of inspection and approval is required if the vehicle bears evidence that a current valid inspection sticker or decal was issued by such other state in which the vehicle is registered; provided that the sticker or decal issued by such other state is valid for the registration period in this state.

3. After a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010, RSMo, has been registered for the current year, no certificate of inspection and approval is required when a local commercial motor vehicle license is changed to a beyond-local commercial motor vehicle license or when the licensed gross weight is changed during the licensed period.

307.360. 1. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall issue permits

and written instructions to official inspection stations and shall furnish forms and certificates for the inspection of brakes, lighting equipment, signaling devices, steering mechanisms, horns, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires, wheels, exhaust system, glazing, air pollution control devices, fuel [tank] **system**, and any other safety equipment required by the state. In no instance will road testing of a vehicle be considered a part of the inspection procedure.

2. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall prescribe the standards and equipment necessary for an official inspection station and the qualifications for persons who conduct the inspections, and no applicant may be approved to operate an official inspection station until the applicant meets the standards and has the required equipment and qualified [inspections] **inspectors** as prescribed. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall establish standards and procedures to be followed in the making of inspections required by sections 307.350 to 307.390 and shall prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the stations.

3. (1) The application for permit as an official inspection station shall be made to the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol on a form furnished by [him] **the superintendent**. The fee for a permit to operate an official inspection station shall be ten dollars per year and each permit shall be renewed annually on the date of issue. All fees shall be payable to the director of revenue and shall be deposited by him in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

(2) The application shall set forth the name under which applicant transacts or intends to transact business, the location of [his] **the applicant's** place of business and such other information as the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol may require. If the applicant has or intends to have more than one place of business within the state, a separate application shall be made for each place of business. If the applicant is a partnership, the application shall set forth the names of the partners; [in] **if** a corporation, the names of the officers shall be shown. The application shall be signed and verified by oath or affirmation of the owner or an authorized officer or partner.

(3) Each location which fulfills the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol's requirements and whose owners, proprietors and employees comply with [his] **the superintendent's** regulations and qualifications shall be designated as an official inspection station and the applicant issued a certificate. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall investigate all applicants for inspection station permits to determine whether or not the premises, equipment and personnel meet the requirements prescribed by him.

(4) Any automobile mechanic who has had at least one year of practical experience as an automotive mechanic or any person who has successfully completed a course of vocational

instruction in automotive mechanics from a generally recognized educational institution, either public or private, and who has demonstrated **[his] the** knowledge and ability to conduct an inspection in compliance with the regulations established by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol may be issued a permit to conduct inspections at any official inspection station. No person without a valid permit shall conduct any part of an inspection, except a person without a valid permit may assist in the inspection of a vehicle by operating the vehicle's lighting equipment and signaling devices. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol may **[at his discretion]** require a mechanic to be reexamined at any time to determine **[his] the mechanic's** knowledge and ability to conduct an inspection. If the mechanic fails the reexamination or refuses to be reexamined, the permit issued to **[him] the mechanic** shall be suspended until the mechanic passes the examination but under no circumstances can the mechanic again be tested until a period of thirty days has elapsed. No fee shall be charged for the permit and the permit shall remain valid for a period of three years from the date of issue or until suspended or revoked by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol.

(5) The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol may issue a private official inspection station permit to any association, person, partnership, corporation and/or subsidiary corporation, and governmental entity having registered or titled in his, **her** or its name in this state one or more vehicles of the type required to be inspected by section 307.350, or who maintains such vehicles under a written maintenance agreement of at least one year's duration and who maintains approved inspection facilities and has qualified personnel; but separate permits must be obtained for separate facilities of the same association, person, partnership, corporation and/or subsidiary corporation, or governmental entity. Such private stations shall inspect only vehicles registered or to be registered, titled or to be titled or maintained in the name of the person or organization described on the application for permit. No fee shall be charged for a permit issued to a governmental entity.

4. (1) The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall supervise and cause inspections to be made of the official inspection stations and inspecting personnel and if **[he] the superintendent** finds that the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 or the regulations issued pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390 are not being complied with, or that the business of an official inspection station, in connection with corrections, adjustments, repairs or inspection of vehicles is being improperly conducted, **[he] the superintendent** shall suspend or revoke the permit of the station for a period of not less than thirty days or more than one year and require the immediate surrender and return of the permit, together with all official forms and certificates of inspection and approval. If the superintendent finds that an inspector has violated any of the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 or the regulations issued pursuant to sections 307.350

to 307.390, [he] **the superintendent** shall suspend or revoke the inspector's permit for a period of not less than thirty days nor more than one year. If a station operator or if an inspector violates any of the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390, he **or she** is subject to prosecution as provided in section 307.390.

(2) The suspension or revocation of a station permit or of an inspector's permit shall be in writing to the operator, inspector, or the person in charge of the station. Before suspending or revoking either of the permits, the superintendent shall serve notice in writing by certified mail or by personal service to the permittee at [his] **the permittee's** address of record giving [him] **the permittee** the opportunity to appear in the office of the superintendent on a stated date, not less than ten nor more than thirty days after the mailing or service of the notice, for a hearing to show cause why [his] **the permittee's** permit should not be suspended or revoked. An inspection station owner or an inspector may appear in person or by counsel in the office of the superintendent to show cause why the proposed suspension or revocation is in error, or to present any other facts or testimony that would bear on the final decision of the superintendent. If the permittee or [his] **the permittee's** agent does not appear on the stated day after receipt of notice, it shall be presumed that the permittee admits the allegations of fact contained in the hearing notification letter. The decision of the superintendent may in such case be based upon the written reports submitted to [him] by [his] **the superintendent's** officers. The order of the superintendent, specifying his findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be considered final immediately after receipt of notice thereof by the permittee.

(3) Any person whose permit is suspended or revoked or whose application for a permit is denied may within ten days appeal the action as provided in chapter 536, RSMo.

307.365. 1. No permit for an official inspection station shall be assigned or transferred or used at any location other than therein designated and every permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the location designated. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall design and furnish each official inspection station, at no cost, one official sign made of metal or other durable material to be displayed in a conspicuous location to designate the station as an official inspection station. Additional signs may be obtained by an official inspection station for a fee equal to the cost to the state. Each inspection station shall also be supplied with one or more posters which must be displayed in a conspicuous location at the place of inspection and which informs the public that required repairs or corrections need not be made at the inspection station.

2. No person operating an official inspection station [under] **pursuant to** the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 may issue a certificate of inspection and approval for any vehicle except upon an official form furnished by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol

for that purpose and only after inspecting the vehicle and determining that its brakes, lighting equipment, signaling devices, steering mechanisms, horns, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires, wheels, exhaust system, glazing, air pollution control devices, fuel [tank] **system** and any other safety equipment as required by the state are in proper condition and adjustment to be operated upon the public highways of this state with safety to the driver or operator, other occupants therein, as well as other persons and property upon the highways, as provided by sections 307.350 to 307.390 and the regulations prescribed by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol. No person operating an official inspection station shall furnish, loan, give or sell a certificate of inspection and approval to any other person except those entitled to receive it under provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390. No person shall have in [his] **such person's** possession any certificate of inspection and approval and/or inspection sticker with knowledge that the certificate and/or inspection sticker has been illegally purchased, stolen or counterfeited.

3. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol may require officially designated stations to furnish reports upon forms furnished by [him] **the superintendent** for that purpose as [he] **the superintendent** considers reasonably necessary for the proper and efficient administration of sections 307.350 to 307.390.

4. If, upon inspection, defects or unsafe conditions are found, the owner may correct them [himself] or shall have them corrected at any place [of his own choice] **the owner chooses** within [fifteen] **twenty** days after the defect or unsafe condition is found, and shall have the right to remove the vehicle to such place for correction, but before the vehicle is operated thereafter upon the public highways of this state, a certificate of inspection and approval must be obtained. The inspecting personnel of the official inspection station must inform the owner that [he need not have] the corrections **need not be** made at the inspection station.

5. A fee, not to exceed [seven] **twelve** dollars, as determined by each official inspection station, may be charged by an official inspection station for each official inspection including the issuance of the certificate of inspection and approval, sticker, seal or other device and a total fee, not to exceed [six] **ten** dollars, as determined by each official inspection station, may be charged for an official inspection of a trailer or motorcycle, which shall include the issuance of the certificate of inspection and approval, sticker, seal or other device. Such fee shall be conspicuously posted on the premises of each such official inspection station. No owner shall be charged an additional inspection fee upon having corrected defects or unsafe conditions found in an inspection completed within the previous [ten] **twenty** consecutive days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, if such follow-up inspection is made by the station making the initial inspection. Every inspection for which a fee is charged shall be a complete inspection, and upon completion of the inspection, if any defects are found the owner of the vehicle shall be furnished a list of the defects

and a receipt for the fee paid for the inspection. If the owner of a vehicle decides to have any necessary repairs or corrections made at the official inspection station, **[he] the owner** shall be furnished a written estimate of the cost of such repairs before such repairs or corrections are made by the official inspection station. The written estimate shall have plainly written upon it that the owner understands that **[he need not have]** the corrections **need not be** made by the official inspection station and shall have a signature line for the owner. The owner must sign below the statement on the signature line before any repairs are made.

6. Certificates of inspection and approval, sticker, seal or other device shall be purchased by the official inspection stations from the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall collect a fee of **[seventy-five] one dollar fifty** cents for each certificate of inspection, sticker, seal or other device issued to the official inspection stations, except that no charge shall be made for certificates of inspection, sticker, seal or other device issued to official inspection stations operated by governmental entities. All fees collected shall be deposited in the state treasury with **[fifty cents] one dollar** of each fee collected credited to the state highway fund and, for the purpose of administering and enforcing the state motor vehicle laws and traffic regulations, **[twenty-five] fifty** cents credited to the "Highway Patrol Inspection Fund" which is hereby created. The moneys collected and deposited in the highway patrol inspection fund shall be expended subject to appropriations by the general assembly for the administration and enforcement of sections 307.350 to 307.390 by the Missouri state highway patrol. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of each biennium exceeding the amount of the appropriations from the fund for the first two fiscal years shall be transferred to the state road fund, and the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, relating to the transfer of funds to the general revenue fund at the end of the biennium, shall not apply to the fund.

7. The owner or operator of any inspection station who discontinues operation during the period that a station permit is valid or whose station permit is suspended or revoked shall return all official signs and posters and any current unused inspection stickers, seals or other devices to the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol and shall receive a full refund on request except for official signs and posters, provided the request is made during the calendar year or within sixty days thereafter in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol. Stations which have a valid permit shall exchange unused previous year issue inspection stickers and/or decals for an identical number of current year issue, provided the unused stickers and/or decals are submitted for exchange not later than April thirtieth of the current calendar year, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol.

307.366. 1. This enactment of the emissions inspection program is a mandate of the United States Congress pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401, et seq. In any city not within a county, any county of the first classification having a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census, any county of the first classification with a charter form of government and a population of not more than two hundred twenty thousand inhabitants and not less than two hundred thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census, any county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of not more than one hundred eighty thousand inhabitants and not less than one hundred seventy thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census and any county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of not more than eighty-two thousand inhabitants and not less than eighty thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census, as a part of the motor vehicle inspection procedure required by sections 307.350 to 307.390, certain motor vehicles shall be tested to determine that the emissions system is functioning within the emission standards as specified by the Missouri air conservation commission and as required to attain the national health standards for air quality. **The motor vehicles to be tested shall be all vehicles except those specifically exempted pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3) of subsection 1 of section 307.350 and those exempted pursuant to this section.**

2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(1) Motor vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating in excess of eight thousand five hundred pounds;

(2) Motorcycles and motortricycles;

(3) Model year vehicles prior to 1971;

(4) School buses;

(5) Diesel-powered vehicles;

(6) Motor vehicles registered in the area covered by this section but which are based and operated exclusively in an area of this state not subject to the provisions of this section if the owner of such vehicle presents to the director a sworn affidavit that the vehicle will be based and operated outside the covered area; [and]

(7) New motor vehicles not previously titled or registered prior to the initial motor vehicle registration or the next succeeding registration which is required by law; **and**

(8) Motor vehicles owned by a person who resides in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census who has chosen to have a biennial motor vehicle registration pursuant to section 301.147, RSMo.

Each official inspection station which conducts safety or emissions inspections in a city or county referred to in subsection 1 of this section shall indicate the gross vehicle weight rating of the motor vehicle on the safety inspection certificate if the vehicle is exempt from the emissions inspection pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

3. In addition to the fee authorized by subsection 5 of section 307.365, a fee, not to exceed eight dollars and fifty cents for inspections conducted prior to January 1, 1993, and not to exceed ten dollars and fifty cents for inspections conducted thereafter, as determined by each official safety and emissions inspection station located in any city or county described in subsection 1 of this section, may be charged for an automobile emissions and air pollution control inspection in order to attain the national health standards for air quality. Such fee shall be conspicuously posted on the premises of each such inspection station. The official safety and emissions inspection station shall issue a certificate of inspection and an approval sticker or seal certifying the emissions system is functioning properly. The certificate or approval issued shall bear the legend: "This cost is mandated by your United States Congress." No owner shall be charged an additional fee after having corrected defects or unsafe conditions in the automobile's emissions and air pollution control system if the reinspection is completed within twenty consecutive days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and if such follow-up inspection is made by the station making the initial inspection.

4. The air conservation commission shall establish, by rule, a waiver amount which may be lower for older model vehicles and which shall be no greater than seventy-five dollars for model year vehicles prior to 1981 and no greater than two hundred dollars for model year vehicles of 1981 and all subsequent model years.

5. An owner whose vehicle fails upon reinspection to meet the emission standards specified by the Missouri air conservation commission shall be issued a certificate of inspection and an approval sticker or seal by the official safety and emissions inspection station that provided the inspection if the vehicle owner furnishes a complete, signed affidavit satisfying the requirements of this subsection and the cost of emissions repairs and adjustments is equal to or greater than the waiver amount established by the air conservation commission pursuant to this section. The air conservation commission shall establish, by rule, a form and a procedure for verifying that repair and adjustment was performed on a failing vehicle prior to the granting of a waiver and approval. The waiver form established pursuant to this subsection shall be an affidavit requiring:

(1) A statement signed by the repairer that the specified work was done and stating the itemized charges for the work; and

(2) A statement signed by the inspector that an inspection of the vehicle verified, to the extent practical, that the specified work was done.

6. The department of revenue shall require evidence of the inspection and approval required by this section in issuing the motor vehicle annual registration in conformity with the procedure required by sections 307.350 to 307.370.

7. Each safety and emissions inspection station located in any city or county described in subsection 1 of this section shall purchase from the highway patrol sufficient forms and stickers or other devices to evidence approval of the motor vehicle's emissions control system. In addition, safety and emissions inspection stations may be required to purchase forms for use in automated analyzers from outside vendors of the inspection station's choice. The forms must comply with state regulations.

8. In addition to the fee collected by the superintendent pursuant to subsection 5 of section 307.365, the highway patrol shall collect a fee of seventy-five cents for each automobile emissions certificate issued to the applicable official safety and emissions inspection stations, except that no charge shall be made for certificates of inspection issued to official safety and emissions inspection stations operated by governmental entities. All fees collected by the superintendent pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the "Missouri Air Pollution Control Fund", which is hereby created.

9. The moneys collected and deposited in the Missouri air pollution control fund pursuant to this section shall be allocated on an equal basis to the Missouri state highway patrol and the Missouri department of natural resources, air pollution control program, and shall be expended subject to appropriation by the general assembly for the administration and enforcement of sections 307.350 to 307.390. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of each appropriation period shall not be transferred to the general revenue fund, except as directed by the general assembly by appropriation, and the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, relating to the transfer of funds to the general revenue fund at the end of the biennium, shall not apply to this fund. The moneys in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer as provided by law, and the interest shall be credited to the fund.

10. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall issue such rules and regulations as are necessary to determine whether a motor vehicle's emissions control system is operating as required by subsection 1 of this section, and the superintendent and the state highways and transportation commission shall use their best efforts to seek federal funds from which reimbursement grants may be made to those official inspection stations which acquire and use the necessary testing equipment which will be required to perform the tests required by the provisions of this section.

11. The provisions of this section shall not apply in any county for any time period during which the air conservation commission has established a motor vehicle emissions inspection

program pursuant to sections 643.300 to 643.355, RSMo, for such county.

12. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.390, violation of this section shall be deemed a class C misdemeanor.

307.375. 1. The owner of every bus used to transport children to or from school in addition to any other inspection required by law shall submit the vehicle to an official inspection station, and obtain a certificate of inspection, sticker, seal or other device annually [during the month of August or], **but the inspection of the vehicle shall not be made more than sixty days** prior to operating the vehicle during the school year. The inspection shall, in addition to the inspection of the mechanism and equipment required for all motor vehicles under the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390, include an inspection to ascertain that the following items are correctly fitted, adjusted, and in good working condition:

- (1) All mirrors, including crossview, inside, and outside;
- (2) The front and rear warning flashers;
- (3) The stop signal arm;
- (4) The crossing control arm on public school buses required to have them pursuant to section 304.050, RSMo;
- (5) The rear bumper to determine that it is flush with the bus so that hitching of rides cannot occur;
- (6) The exhaust tailpipe to determine that it does not protrude from the bus;
- (7) The emergency [door] **doors and exits** to determine [that it is] **them to be** unlocked and easily opened as required;
- (8) The lettering and signing on the front, side, and rear of the bus;
- (9) The service door;
- (10) The step treads;
- (11) The aisle mats or aisle runners;
- (12) The emergency equipment which shall include as a minimum, a first aid kit, flares or fuses, and a fire extinguisher;
- (13) The seats, including a determination that they are securely fastened to the floor;
- (14) The emergency door buzzer;
- (15) All hand hold grips;
- (16) The interior glazing of the bus.

2. In addition to the inspection required by subsection 1, the Missouri state highway patrol shall conduct an inspection after February first of each school year of all vehicles required to be marked as school buses under section 304.050, RSMo. This inspection shall be conducted by the Missouri highway patrol in cooperation with the department of elementary and secondary

education and shall include, as a minimum, items in subsection 1 and the following:

- (1) The driver seat belts;
- (2) The heating and defrosting systems;
- (3) The reflectors;
- (4) The bus steps;
- (5) The aisles.

3. If, upon inspection, conditions which violate the standards in subsection 2 are found, the owner or operator shall have them corrected in ten days and notify the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol or those persons authorized by the superintendent. If the defects or unsafe conditions found constitute an immediate danger, the bus shall not be used until corrections are made and the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol or those persons authorized by the superintendent are notified.

4. The Missouri highway patrol may inspect any school bus at any time and if such inspection reveals a deficiency affecting the safe operation of the bus, the provisions of subsection 3 shall be applicable.

307.390. 1. Any person who violates any provision of sections 307.350 to 307.390 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by law.

2. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol may assign qualified persons who are not highway patrol officers to investigate and enforce motor vehicle safety inspection laws and regulations pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390 and sections 643.300 to 643.355, RSMo. A person assigned by the superintendent pursuant to the authority granted by this subsection shall be designated a motor vehicle inspector and shall have limited powers to issue a uniform complaint and summons for a violation of the motor vehicle inspections laws and regulations. A motor vehicle inspector shall not have authority to exercise the power granted in this subsection until such inspector successfully completes training provided by, and to the satisfaction of, the superintendent.

643.310. 1. The commission may, by rule, establish a motor vehicle emissions inspection program [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355 for any portion of a nonattainment area located within the area described in subsection 1 of section 643.305, except for any portion of the nonattainment area which is located in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census, **except that the commission may establish a motor vehicle emissions inspection program pursuant to sections 643.300 to 643.355 in such county only for motor vehicles owned by residents of such county who have chosen to have a**

biennial motor vehicle registration pursuant to section 301.147, RSMo, if the commission determines that such motor vehicle emissions inspection program is necessary in that area to comply with the requirements of subsection 1 of section 643.305. The commission shall ensure that, for each nonattainment area, the state implementation plan established **[under] pursuant to** subsection 1 of section 643.305 incorporates and receives all applicable credits allowed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for emission reduction programs in other nonattainment areas of like designation in other states. The commission shall ensure that emission reduction amounts established **[under] pursuant to** subsection 2 of section 643.305 shall be consistent with and not exceed the emissions reduction amounts required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for other nonattainment areas of like designation in other states. No motor vehicle emissions inspection program shall be required to comply with subsection 1 of section 643.305 unless the plan established thereunder takes full advantage of any changes in requirements or any agreements made or entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any entity or entities on behalf of a nonattainment area concerning compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The air conservation commission shall request and it shall be the duty of the attorney general to bring, in a court of competent jurisdiction, an action challenging the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to impose sanctions for failure to attain National Ambient Air Quality Standards and failure to provide for required emission reductions under the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401, et seq. The action shall seek to define the required emission reductions and the credits allowed for current and planned emission reductions measures. The air conservation commission shall request and it shall be the duty of the attorney general to bring an action to obtain injunctive relief to enjoin and restrain the imposition of sanctions on the state of Missouri under the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401, et seq., until all actions initiated **[under] pursuant to** this section have been decided. Provisions of section 307.366, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, the requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355 shall apply to those areas designated by the commission **[under] pursuant to** this section in lieu of the provisions of section 307.366, RSMo.

2. No later than the effective date of this section, the department of natural resources and the Missouri highway patrol shall enter into an interagency agreement covering all aspects of the administration and enforcement of section 307.366, RSMo, and sections 643.300 to 643.355.

[2. The department shall contract with one or more persons to provide any motor vehicle emissions inspection program established under sections 643.300 to 643.355.

3. The department may purchase the motor vehicle emissions inspection facilities pursuant to appropriations specifically provided for that purpose. The department may lease, sublease or license the facilities to the contractor or contractors for the purpose of fulfilling the obligations of the contract for the motor vehicle emissions inspection program.]

3. (1) The department [shall contract with one or more persons to provide any motor vehicle emissions inspection program established under sections 643.300 to 643.355.] with the cooperation and approval of the commissioner of administration, shall select a person or persons to operate an inspection facility or inspection program pursuant to sections 643.300 to 643.355, under a bid procedure or under a negotiated process or a combination thereof based on criteria and expectations established by the department. This process may use either a licensing arrangement or contractual arrangement with the selected party or parties. The selection of persons to operate inspection facilities or inspection programs shall be exempt from the provisions of all site procurement laws. The number of locations shall be no less than the number needed to provide adequate service to customers and establish an emissions inspection program which satisfies the requirements of this section. Each person who is authorized to operate a station pursuant to this section shall be capable of providing adequate and cost-effective service to customers.

(2) Service management, coordination and data processing may be provided by the department or by another person, including a contractor or licensee, based upon the most cost-effective proposal for service.

(3) A license or contract shall be for a period of up to seven years, consistent with the provisions of article IV, section 28 of the Missouri Constitution, and licenses or contracts shall be annually reviewed. A license or contract may be suspended or revoked if the licensee or contractor is not meeting the conditions of sections 643.300 to 643.355, all applicable rules, the license agreement or contract as determined by the department. A licensee or contractor found to have violated sections 643.300 to 643.355, applicable rules or the conditions of the license agreement or contract shall be in violation of section 643.151 and subject to the penalties provided thereunder.

4. The inspection program shall satisfy the following criteria:

(1) There shall be an adequate number of stations to ensure that no more than twenty percent of all persons residing in an affected nonattainment area reside farther than five miles from the nearest inspection station, and consideration shall be given to employment, locations and commuting patterns when selecting the locations of the stations;

(2) There shall be an adequate number of inspection lanes at each facility so that no more than five percent of all persons having an inspection are required to wait more than fifteen

minutes before the inspection begins;

(3) The days and daily hours of operation shall include at least those hours specified by the department, which shall include, at a minimum, twelve continuous hours of operation on all weekdays excepting federal holidays, and six continuous hours of operation on all Saturdays excepting federal holidays;

(4) The emissions inspection program shall include a simulated on-road emissions inspection component, including pressure and purge tests, which satisfies the requirements established by regulation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and may include a visual inspection component;

(5) The inspection stations shall be test-only stations and shall not offer motor vehicle emissions repairs, parts or services of any kind;

(6) No person operating or employed by an emissions inspection station shall repair or maintain motor vehicle emission systems or pollution control devices for compensation of any kind.

5. The commission, the department of economic development and the office of administration shall, in cooperation with the minority business advocacy commission, select the contractor or contractors to provide an inspection program which satisfies the minimum requirements of this section in accordance with the requirements of section 33.752, RSMo, and chapter 34, RSMo. The commission, the office of administration and the department of economic development, in cooperation with the minority business advocacy commission shall ensure adequate minority business participation in the selection of the contractor or contractors to provide an inspection program **[under] pursuant to** this section. The commission, the office of administration and the department of economic development shall ensure adequate participation of Missouri businesses in the selection of the contractor or contractors to provide an inspection program **[under] pursuant to** this section.

6. With approval of the commission and **[under] pursuant to** rules adopted by the commission, an organization whose members are motor vehicle dealers or leasing companies may establish one or more additional emissions inspection facilities, which may be either mobile or stationary, to be used solely to inspect motor vehicles owned and held for sale or lease by the members of the organization. With approval of the commission and **[under] pursuant to** rules adopted by the commission, any person operating a fleet of five hundred or more motor vehicles may establish one or more additional emissions inspection facilities, which may be either mobile or stationary, to be used solely to inspect motor vehicles owned or leased and operated by the person establishing the facility. The inspections performed in facilities established **[under] pursuant to** this subsection shall be performed by a contractor selected by the commission **[under] pursuant to** this section and the contractor performing such inspections shall be

responsible solely to the department and shall satisfy all applicable requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355.

7. Any person who owns Missouri analyzer system emission inspection equipment as defined by rule, used to provide emissions inspections [under] **pursuant to** section 307.366, RSMo, at a facility located in an area in which an emissions inspection program has been established [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355 may, within twelve months of the implementation of an emissions inspection program [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355, sell such equipment, to the department of natural resources at current market value as established by an independent appraisal provided that the equipment is fully functional and has been maintained according to all applicable manufacturer's specifications and procedures. The department shall purchase such equipment using funds appropriated for that purpose from the Missouri air emission reduction fund. Any person who, prior to January 1, 1992, contracted to lease or lease purchase, or purchased by borrowing a portion of the funds secured by a chattel mortgage, Missouri analyzer system emission inspection equipment used to provide emissions inspections [under] **pursuant to** section 307.366, RSMo, at a facility located in an area in which an emissions inspection program has been established [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355, and has made all payments required under the contract, may, within twelve months of the implementation of an emissions inspection program [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355, request the department of natural resources to take possession of such equipment and assume all payment obligations owed on such equipment which obligations are not in excess of one hundred and twenty-five percent of the current market value as established by an independent appraisal, provided that the equipment is fully functional and has been maintained according to all applicable manufacturer's specifications and procedures. The department shall take possession of such equipment and pay such obligations using funds appropriated for that purpose from the Missouri air emission reduction fund.

8. If the governor applies to the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to require federal reformulated gasoline in nonattainment areas, nothing in sections 643.300 to 643.355 shall prevent the storage of conventional gasoline in nonattainment areas which is intended for sale to agricultural, commercial or retail customers outside said nonattainment areas subject to reformulated gasoline.

9. The governor, the department of natural resources, and the commission shall work to ensure an orderly transition period in the nonattainment area for the introduction of reformulated gasoline. Priority shall be given to ensure the petroleum refiners ample time to organize, structure, and implement both the production and the delivery of reformulated gasoline to the nonattainment area, so that consumers will see an orderly, seamless market substitution.

643.315. 1. Except as provided in sections 643.300 to 643.355, all motor vehicles which are domiciled, registered or primarily operated in an area for which the commission has established a motor vehicle emissions inspection program [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355, **including all motor vehicles owned by residents of a county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants according to the most recent decennial census who have chosen to have a biennial motor vehicle registration pursuant to section 301.147, RSMo**, shall be inspected and approved prior to sale or transfer. In addition, any such vehicle manufactured as an even-numbered model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved under the emissions inspection program established [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355 in each even-numbered calendar year and any such vehicle manufactured as an odd-numbered model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved under the emissions inspection program established [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355 in each odd-numbered calendar year. All motor vehicles subject to the inspection requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355 shall display a valid emissions inspection sticker, and when applicable, a valid emissions inspection certificate shall be presented at the time of registration or registration renewal of such motor vehicle.

2. No emission standard established by the commission for a given make and model year shall exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The emission standard for that vehicle model year as established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; or

(2) The emission standard for that vehicle make and model year as established by the vehicle manufacturer.

3. The inspection requirement of subsection 1 of this section shall apply to all motor vehicles except:

(1) Motor vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating in excess of eight thousand five hundred pounds;

(2) Motorcycles and motortricycles if such vehicles are exempted from the motor vehicle emissions inspection under federal regulation and approved by the commission by rule;

(3) Model year vehicles prior to 1971;

(4) Vehicles which are powered exclusively by electric or hydrogen power or by fuels other than gasoline which are exempted from the motor vehicle emissions inspection under federal regulation and approved by the commission by rule;

(5) Motor vehicles registered in an area subject to the inspection requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355 which are domiciled and operated exclusively in an area of the state not subject to the inspection requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355, but only if the owner of such vehicle

presents to the department an affidavit that the vehicle will be operated exclusively in an area of the state not subject to the inspection requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355 for the next twenty-four months, and the owner applies for and receives a waiver which shall be presented at the time of registration or registration renewal; and

(6) New and unused motor vehicles, of model years of the current calendar year and of any calendar year within two years of such calendar year, which have an odometer reading of less than six thousand miles at the time of original sale by a motor vehicle manufacturer or licensed motor vehicle dealer to the first user.

4. The commission may, by rule, allow inspection reciprocity with other states having equivalent or more stringent testing and waiver requirements than those established [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355.

5. (1) At the time of sale, a licensed motor vehicle dealer, as defined in section [301.250] **301.550**, RSMo, may choose to sell a motor vehicle subject to the inspection requirements of sections 643.300 to 643.355 either:

(a) With prior inspection and approval as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection; or
(b) Without prior inspection and approval as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection[;].

(2) If the dealer chooses to sell the vehicle with prior inspection and approval, the dealer shall disclose, in writing, prior to sale, whether the vehicle obtained approval by meeting the emissions standards established [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355 or by obtaining a waiver [under] **pursuant to** section 643.335. **A vehicle sold pursuant to this subdivision by a licensed motor vehicle dealer shall be inspected and approved within the one hundred and twenty days immediately preceding the date of sale, and, for the purpose of registration of such vehicle, such inspection shall be considered timely;**

(3) If the dealer chooses to sell the vehicle without prior inspection and approval, the purchaser may return the vehicle within fourteen days of the date of purchase, provided that the vehicle has no more than one thousand additional miles since the time of sale, if the vehicle fails, upon inspection, to meet the emissions standards specified by the commission and the dealer shall have the vehicle inspected and approved without the option for a waiver of the emissions standard and return the vehicle to the purchaser with a valid emissions certificate and sticker within five working days[, or the dealer shall either provide a full refund of the vehicle purchase price or provide a comparable vehicle until the original vehicle is returned to the purchaser with a valid emissions certificate and sticker. If the dealer cannot return the vehicle with a valid emissions certificate and sticker within fifteen additional working days, then, at the purchaser's option, the purchaser may return the vehicle to the dealer for a full refund of the vehicle purchase price,

which may include a vehicle taken on trade or the amount allowed for a vehicle taken on trade or the purchaser and dealer may enter into any other mutually acceptable agreement]. If the dealer chooses to sell the vehicle without prior inspection and approval, the dealer shall disclose conspicuously on the sales contract and bill of sale that the purchaser has the option to return the vehicle within fourteen days, provided that the vehicle has no more than one thousand additional miles since the time of sale, to have the dealer repair the vehicle and provide an emissions certificate and sticker within five working days if the vehicle fails, upon inspection, to meet the emissions standards established by the commission, [or the dealer shall either provide a full refund of the vehicle purchase price or provide a comparable vehicle until the original vehicle is returned to the purchaser with a valid emissions certificate and sticker or, if the vehicle cannot be inspected and approved within fifteen additional working days, then the purchaser may choose to return the vehicle for a full refund, which may include a vehicle taken on trade or the amount allowed for a vehicle taken on trade,] or enter into any mutually acceptable agreement with the dealer. A violation of this subdivision shall be an unlawful practice as defined in section 407.020, RSMo. No emissions inspection shall be required [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.360 for the sale of any motor vehicle which may be sold without a certificate of inspection and approval, as provided [under] **pursuant to** subsection 2 of section 307.380, RSMo.

643.335. 1. The commission shall establish, by rule, a waiver amount which may be lower for older model vehicles and which, prior to January 1, 2001, shall be no greater than seventy-five dollars for model year vehicles prior to 1981, no greater than two hundred dollars for model year vehicles of 1981 to 1996 and no greater than four hundred and fifty dollars for model year vehicles of 1997 and all subsequent model years. On and after January 1, 2001, the commission may, by rule, set the waiver amount, except that the waiver amount shall not exceed the waiver amount provided in the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder for the enhanced motor vehicle emissions inspection.

2. The commission shall establish, by rule, a form and a procedure for verifying that repair and adjustment was performed on a failing vehicle prior to the granting of a waiver and approval.

3. The waiver form established [under] **pursuant to** subsection 2 of this section shall be an affidavit requiring:

(1) A statement signed by the repairer that the specified work was done and stating the itemized charges for the work; and

(2) A statement signed by the emissions inspection contractor that an inspection of the vehicle verified, to the extent practical, that the specified work was done.

4. A vehicle which fails upon reinspection to meet the emissions standards specified by the commission shall have the emissions standards waived and receive approval only if the owner

furnishes a complete, signed affidavit satisfying the requirements of subsection 3 of this section and the cost of the [repair] **parts, repairs** and adjustment work performed is equal to or greater than the waiver amount established by the commission. **Costs for repair work may only be included toward reaching the waiver amount if the repairs are performed by a recognized repair technician as defined by rule.**

5. No cost for parts, repairs or adjustments shall be included toward reaching the waiver amount if such costs are covered by an emission control performance warranty provided by the manufacturer at no additional cost to the vehicle owner unless the vehicle owner provides, with the affidavit, a written denial of warranty remedy from the motor vehicle manufacturer, dealer or other person providing the warranty.

6. No cost for parts, repairs or adjustments shall be included toward reaching the waiver amount if such costs are required to correct the effects of tampering with emissions systems or air pollution control devices.

643.350. 1. A fee, not to exceed twenty-four dollars, may be charged for an emissions inspection conducted under the emissions inspection program established pursuant to sections 643.300 to 643.355, except that on days of operation, other than the last three days of operation in each calendar month, the fee shall be reduced by:

(1) Five dollars for any person who is required to wait more than fifteen minutes before the inspection begins; **and**

(2) Ten dollars for any person who is required to wait more than thirty minutes before the inspection begins[; and

(3) Twenty dollars for any person who is required to wait more than sixty minutes before the inspection begins].

The waiting time shall begin at the time when the customer's vehicle is on the premises of the inspection station and available for inspection.

2. The commission shall establish, by rule, a time-stamping system to ensure that the time of arrival and the time inspection begins is accurately recorded for each vehicle at each emissions inspection facility.

3. The fee shall be conspicuously posted on the premises of each emissions inspection station.

4. The commission shall establish, by rule, the portion of the fee amount to be remitted by the contractor to the director of revenue and the number of days allowed for remitting fees.

5. The contractor shall remit the portion of fees collected, as established by the commission [under] **pursuant to** this section, to the director of revenue within the time period established by the commission. The director of revenue shall deposit the fees received in the state treasury

to the credit of the "Missouri Air Emission Reduction Fund", which is hereby created. Moneys in the fund shall, subject to appropriation, be expended for the administration and enforcement of sections 643.300 to 643.355 **by the department of natural resources, the Missouri highway patrol, and other appropriate agencies.** Any balance in the fund at the end of the biennium shall remain in the fund and shall not be subject to the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo. All interest earned by moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.

6. In addition to funds from the Missouri air emission reduction fund, costs of capital or operations may be supplemented, upon appropriation, from the general revenue fund, the state highway department fund, federal funds or other funds available for that purpose.

643.355. 1. Any person who knowingly misrepresents himself **or herself** as an official emissions inspection station [shall be] **or an inspector or a recognized repair technician is** guilty of a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class B misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. Any person who is found guilty or who has pleaded guilty to a violation of this subsection shall be considered to have committed an offense for the purposes of this subsection.

2. Any person who knowingly manufactures, conveys or possesses any counterfeit or illegally obtained emissions inspection certificate or a counterfeit or illegally obtained emissions inspection sticker [shall be] **is** guilty of a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class B misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. Any person who is found guilty or who has pleaded guilty to a violation of this subsection shall be considered to have committed an offense for the purposes of this subsection.

3. Any person who knowingly displays or permits to be displayed, on any motor vehicle owned by such person, any counterfeit or illegally obtained emissions inspection sticker [shall be] **is** guilty of an infraction.

4. Any person who knowingly uses any counterfeit or illegally obtained emissions inspection certificate for the purpose of obtaining any motor vehicle registration [shall be] **is** guilty of an infraction for the first offense, a class C misdemeanor for the second offense and a class B misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.

5. Any person who knowingly operates a motor vehicle required to be inspected and approved [under] **pursuant to** sections 643.300 to 643.355 without displaying a valid emissions inspection sticker as required [under] **pursuant to** section 643.315 [shall be] **is** guilty of an infraction for the first offense, a class C misdemeanor for the second offense and a class B misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who violates a requirement of sections 643.300 to 643.355 or a rule promulgated to enforce sections 643.300 to 643.355 [shall be] **is** guilty of an infraction.

7. The superintendent of the highway patrol may seize documents which the superintendent suspects are counterfeit or illegally obtained in violation of this section for the purpose of enforcing this section. Any person who violates any procedural requirement of sections 643.300 to 643.355 [shall be] **is** subject to a fine, and such fine shall be not less than five times the amount of the fee charged pursuant to section 643.350 or one hundred dollars, whichever is greater, if the violation is intentional or one involving gross negligence.

Section B. The repeal and reenactment of sections 32.080, 136.055, 301.025, 301.140, 307.350, 307.353, 307.355, 307.360, 307.365, 307.366, 307.375, 643.310 and 643.315, and the enactment of section 301.147 shall become effective on July 1, 2000.

Section C. The repeal and reenactment of sections 302.302, 302.303, 303.024, 303.025, 303.026, 303.041 and 303.042, the repeal of section 303.043, and the enactment of sections 303.172, 303.175, 303.178 and 303.179, shall become effective on January 1, 2000.

Section D. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the citizens of this state from repeat traffic offenders, section 302.321 of this act, is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 302.321 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, motor vehicle shall include every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor.

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