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AN ACT

To amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to special license plates.

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

Section A. Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 301.3143, to read as follows:

301.3143. 1. Any person may receive special license plates with words and an
2 emblem that denotes support for choice, pursuant to this section, for any motor vehicle
3 such person owns either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a
4 commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight after
5 a contribution of at least twenty-five dollars, or at least fifty dollars in the case of a biennial
6 registration, to the Missouri Freedom = Choice support fund. Such license plates shall be
7 called "Freedom = Choice".

8 2. Freedom = Choice license plates shall bear the words "FREEDOM = CHOICE"
9 in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and shall bear the image of two human figures
10 holding hands. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a
11 common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically
12 attractive, pursuant to section 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144,
13 no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this
14 section.

15 3. The contribution of at least twenty-five dollars, or at least fifty dollars in the case
16 of a biennial registration, to the Missouri Freedom = Choice support fund shall be made

17 to the director of revenue at the time of registration of the vehicle. The director shall
18 transfer such contributions to the state treasurer for deposit in the Missouri Freedom =
19 Choice support fund. Upon the receipt of such contribution and payment of a fifteen
20 dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees, and presentation of any documents
21 which may be required by law, the director of revenue shall issue Freedom = Choice license
22 plates to the vehicle owner.

23 4. There shall be no limit on the number of sets of Freedom = Choice license plates
24 a person may obtain pursuant to this section so long as such license plates are issued for
25 vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person, and so long as a contribution of at least
26 twenty-five dollars, or at least fifty dollars in the case of a biennial registration, is made for
27 each set of Freedom = Choice license plates.

28 5. A vehicle owner who was previously issued Freedom = Choice license plates but
29 who does not make a contribution of at least twenty-five dollars, or at least fifty dollars in
30 the case of a biennial registration, to the Missouri Freedom = Choice support fund at a
31 subsequent time of registration shall be issued new plates which do not bear the Freedom
32 = Choice emblem, as otherwise provided by law. The director of revenue shall make
33 necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all
34 necessary forms required by this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated
35 pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been
36 promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.

37 6. The director of revenue shall issue samples of Freedom = Choice license plates
38 to all offices in this state where vehicles are registered and license plates are issued. Such
39 sample license plates shall be prominently displayed in such offices along with literature
40 prepared by the director describing the license plates, the Missouri Freedom = Choice
41 support fund, and the purposes for which the fund is used.

42 7. The general assembly may appropriate moneys annually from the Missouri
43 Freedom = Choice support fund to the department of revenue to offset costs reasonably
44 incurred by the director of revenue pursuant to subsections 1 to 6 of this section.

45 8. There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Missouri Freedom = Choice
46 Support Fund". The state treasurer shall credit to and deposit in such fund:

- 47 (1) Moneys that may be required by law to be credited to or deposited in such fund;
- 48 (2) Moneys that may be appropriated to it by the general assembly;
- 49 (3) Other amounts that may be received from general revenue, grants, gifts,
50 bequests, settlements, awards, or from federal, state, or local sources; and
- 51 (4) Any other sources granted or given for this specific purpose.

52 9. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the Missouri Freedom = Choice

53 support fund in the same manner as surplus state funds are invested pursuant to section
54 30.260, RSMo. All earnings that result from the investment of moneys in the fund shall be
55 credited to such fund.

56 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary,
57 moneys in the Missouri Freedom = Choice support fund shall not revert to the credit of
58 general revenue at the end of the biennium.

59 11. Moneys credited to and deposited in the Missouri Freedom = Choice support
60 fund shall only be used for the purposes authorized pursuant to this section or as otherwise
61 provided by law.

62 12. Until the amount in the Missouri Freedom = Choice support fund exceeds one
63 million dollars, not more than one-half of the moneys credited to and deposited in the fund
64 from all sources, plus all earnings from the investment of moneys in the fund during the
65 previous fiscal year, shall be available for disbursement. When the state treasurer certifies
66 that the assets in the fund exceed one million dollars, all credited earnings plus all future
67 credits to the fund from all sources shall be available for disbursement.

68 13. The Missouri Freedom = Choice support fund shall be used to provide and
69 promote family planning services by grants to, or contracts with, providers of family
70 planning services in this state. The general assembly shall appropriate moneys from the
71 Freedom = Choice support fund to providers of family planning services and pursuant to
72 the provisions of this act. None of these funds appropriated herein may be used for
73 abortion or counseling for abortion.

74 14. As used in this section, "family planning services" shall include but shall not
75 be limited to the following services: breast exams for the early detection of breast cancer,
76 Pap test for the detection of cervical cancer, gynecologic exams, testing and treatment of
77 sexually transmitted infections, health screenings for high blood pressure and diabetes,
78 pregnancy testing, nondirective pregnancy counseling, domestic violence and sexual abuse
79 education, counseling and referral for mental health and substance abuse, contraceptive
80 counseling and client-appropriate birth control methods, infertility management, and
81 preconception counseling.