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HOUSE BILL NO. 478

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE, SEIGFREID, COOPER (155) (Co-sponsors), WALTON, MAY, SANDER, YAEGER, GRAHAM, MYERS AND QUINN.

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Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles March 11, 2003, with recommendation that the bill Do Pass by Consent with House Committee Amendment No. 1.

Perfectured by Consent March 18, 2003.

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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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 301.3131, to read as follows:

301.3131. 1. Any member of Optimist International may receive special license
2 plates as prescribed by this section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely
3 or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed
4 in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight, after an annual payment of an
5 emblem-use authorization fee to Optimist International of which the person is a member.
6 Optimist International hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on
7 multiyear personalized license plates as provided in this section. Any contribution to
8 Optimist International derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs,
9 shall be used solely for the purposes of Optimist International. Any member of Optimist
10 International may annually apply for the use of the emblem.

11 2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use
12 contribution to Optimist International, the organization shall issue to the vehicle owner,
13 without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented

14 by the owner to the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle.
15 Upon presentation of the annual statement, payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to
16 the registration fee and documents which may be required by law, the department of
17 revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized license plate which shall bear the
18 emblem of Optimist International and shall have the words "FRIEND OF YOUTH" in
19 place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully
20 reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night,
21 and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Notwithstanding the
22 provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of
23 license plates pursuant to this section.

24 3. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with the Optimist
25 International emblem authorized by this section but who does not provide an emblem-use
26 authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate
27 which does not bear the Optimist International emblem, as otherwise provided by law.
28 The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the administration
29 of this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule or
30 portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become
31 effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.