

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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# HOUSE BILL NO. 478

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

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

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*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 known as section 301.3131, to read as follows:

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

**2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to Optimist International, the organization shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the owner to the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. Upon presentation of the annual statement, payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the registration fee and documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized license plate which shall bear the emblem of Optimist International and shall have the words "FRIEND OF YOUTH" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, 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.**