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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 21.795, 301.050, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.067, 301.129, 301.130, 301.140, 301.144, 301.160, 301.290, 301.300, and 301.2999, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to motor vehicles, with effective dates for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 21.795, 301.050, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.067, 301.129,

- 2 301.130, 301.140, 301.144, 301.160, 301.290, 301.300, and 301.2999, RSMo, are repealed and
- 3 sixteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 21.795, 301.050, 301.055,
- 4 301.057, 301.058, 301.067, 301.130, 301.140, 301.144, 301.160, 301.290, 301.300, and
- 5 301.2999, 301.3150, 301.3152, and 301.3154, to read as follows:

21.795. 1. There is established a permanent joint committee of the general assembly to

- 2 be known as the "Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight" to be composed of seven
- 3 members of the standing transportation committees of both the senate and the house of
- 4 representatives and three nonvoting ex officio members. Of the fourteen members to be
- 5 appointed to the joint committee, the seven senate members of the joint committee shall be
- 6 appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and minority leader of the senate and the seven
- 7 house members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the
- 8 minority floor leader of the house of representatives. No major party shall be represented by
- more than four members from the house of representatives nor more than four members from the
- senate. The ex officio members shall be the state auditor, the director of the oversight division

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.

of the committee on legislative research, and the commissioner of the office of administration or the designee of such auditor, director or commissioner. The joint committee shall be chaired jointly by both chairs of the senate and house transportation committees. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members, other than the ex officio members, shall be required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

- 2. The transportation inspector general shall be appointed by majority vote of a group consisting of the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority floor leader of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the minority floor leader of the senate. It shall be the duty of the inspector general to serve as the executive director of the joint committee on transportation oversight. The compensation of the inspector general and other personnel shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the senate and house contingent funds until an appropriation is made therefor. No funds from highway user fees or other funds allocated for the operation of the department of transportation shall be used for the compensation of the inspector general and his or her staff. The joint committee inspector general initially appointed pursuant to this section shall take office January 1, 2004, for a term ending June 30, 2005. Subsequent joint committee on transportation oversight directors shall be appointed for five-year terms, beginning July 1, 2005. Any joint committee on transportation oversight inspector general whose term is expiring shall be eligible for reappointment. The inspector general of the joint committee on transportation oversight shall:
- (1) Be qualified by training or experience in transportation policy, management of transportation organizations, accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, or public administration;
- (2) Report to and be under the general supervision of the joint committee. The joint committee on transportation oversight shall, by a majority vote, direct the inspector general to perform specific investigations, reviews, audits, or other studies of the state department of transportation, in which instance the director shall report the findings and recommendations directly to the joint committee on transportation oversight. All investigations, reviews, audits, or other studies performed by the director shall be conducted so that the general assembly can procure information to assist it in formulating transportation legislation and policy for this state;
- (3) Receive and process citizen complaints relating to transportation issues. The inspector general shall, when necessary, submit a written complaint report to the joint committee on transportation oversight and the highways and transportation commission. The complaint report shall contain the date, time, nature of the complaint, and any immediate facts and circumstances surrounding the initial report of the complaint. The inspector general shall investigate a citizen complaint if he or she is directed to do so by a majority of the joint

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- 48 (4) Investigate complaints from current and former employees of the department of 49 transportation if the inspector general receives information from an employee which shows:
 - (a) The department is violating a law, rule, or regulation;
 - (b) Gross mismanagement by department officers;
 - (c) Waste of funds by the department;
- (d) That the department is engaging in activities which pose a danger to public health and safety;
 - (5) Maintain confidentiality with respect to all matters and the identities of the complainants or witnesses coming before the inspector general except insofar as disclosures may be necessary to enable the inspector general to carry out duties and to support recommendations;
 - (6) Maintain records of all investigations conducted, including any record or document or thing, any summary, writing, complaint, data of any kind, tape or video recordings, electronic transmissions, e-mail, or other paper or electronic documents, records, reports, digital recordings, photographs, software programs and software, expense accounts, phone logs, diaries, travel logs, or other things, including originals or copies of any of the above. Records of investigations by the inspector general shall be an "investigative report" of law enforcement agency pursuant to the provisions of section 610.100, RSMo. As provided in such section, such records shall be a closed record until the investigation becomes inactive. If the inspector general refers a violation of law to the appropriate prosecuting attorney or the attorney general, such records shall be transmitted with the referral. If the inspector general finds no violation of law or determines not to refer the subject of the investigation to the appropriate prosecuting attorney or the attorney general regarding matters referred to the appropriate prosecuting attorney or the attorney general and the statute of limitations expires without any action being filed, the record shall remain closed. As provided in section 610.100, RSMo, any person may bring an action pursuant to this section in the circuit court having jurisdiction to authorize disclosure of information in the records of the inspector general which would otherwise be closed pursuant to this section. Any disclosure of records by the inspector general in violation of this section shall be grounds for a suit brought by any individual, person, or corporation to recover damages, and upon award to the plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees.
 - 3. The department of transportation shall submit a written report prior to November tenth of each year to the governor, lieutenant governor, and every member of the senate and house of representatives. The report shall be posted to the department's Internet website so that general assembly members may elect to access a copy of the report electronically. The written report shall contain the following:
 - (1) A comprehensive financial report of all funds for the preceding state fiscal year

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which shall include a report by independent certified public accountants, selected by the commissioner of the office of administration, attesting that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the department in conformity with generally accepted government accounting principles. This report shall include amounts of:

- (a) State revenues by sources, including all new state revenue derived from highway users which results from action of the general assembly or voter-approved measures taken after August 28, 2003, and projects funded in whole or in part from such new state revenue, and amounts of federal revenues by source;
 - (b) Any other revenues available to the department by source;
- (c) Funds appropriated, the amount the department has budgeted and expended for the following: contracts, right-of-way purchases, preliminary and construction engineering, maintenance operations and administration;
- (d) Total state and federal revenue compared to the revenue estimate in the fifteen-year highway plan as adopted in 1992.

All expenditures made by, or on behalf of, the department for personal services including fringe benefits, all categories of expense and equipment, real estate and capital improvements shall be assigned to the categories listed in this subdivision in conformity with generally accepted government accounting principles;

- (2) A detailed explanation of the methods or criteria employed to select construction projects, including a listing of any new or reprioritized projects not mentioned in a previous report, and an explanation as to how the new or reprioritized projects meet the selection methods or criteria;
- (3) The proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys and the proposed work plan for the current fiscal year, at least the next four years, and for any period of time expressed in any public transportation plan approved by either the general assembly or by the voters of Missouri. This proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys shall include the amounts of proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys in each of the categories listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection;
- (4) The amounts which were planned, estimated and expended for projects in the state highway and bridge construction program or any other projects relating to other modes of transportation in the preceding state fiscal year and amounts which have been planned, estimated or expended by project for construction work in progress;
- (5) The current status as to completion, by project, of the fifteen-year road and bridge program adopted in 1992. The first written report submitted pursuant to this section shall include the original cost estimate, updated estimate and final completed cost by project. Each written

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119 report submitted thereafter shall include the cost estimate at the time the project was placed on 120 the most recent five-year highway and bridge construction plan and the final completed cost by 121 project;

- (6) The reasons for cost increases or decreases exceeding five million dollars or ten percent relative to cost estimates and final completed costs for projects in the state highway and bridge construction program or any other projects relating to other modes of transportation completed in the preceding state fiscal year. Cost increases or decreases shall be determined by comparing the cost estimate at the time the project was placed on the most recent five-year highway and bridge construction plan and the final completed cost by project. The reasons shall include the amounts resulting from inflation, departmentwide design changes, changes in project scope, federal mandates, or other factors;
- 130 (7) Specific recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary for the 131 efficient and effective operation of the department;
 - (8) An accounting of the total amount of state, federal and earmarked federal highway funds expended in each district of the department of transportation; and
 - Any further information specifically requested by the joint committee on transportation oversight.
- 4. Prior to December first of each year, the committee shall hold an annual meeting and 137 call before its members, officials or employees of the state highways and transportation commission or department of transportation, as determined by the committee, for the sole purpose of receiving and examining the report required pursuant to subsection 3 of this section. The joint committee may also call before its members at the annual meeting, the inspector general of the joint committee on transportation oversight for purposes authorized in this section. 142 The committee shall not have the power to modify projects or priorities of the state highways and transportation commission or department of transportation. The committee may make recommendations to the state highways and transportation commission or the department of transportation. Disposition of those recommendations shall be reported by the commission or the department to the joint committee on transportation oversight.
 - 5. In addition to the annual meeting required by subsection 4 of this section, the committee shall meet two times each year. The co-chairs of the committee shall establish an agenda for each meeting that may include, but not be limited to, the following items to be discussed with the committee members throughout the year during the scheduled meeting:
 - (1) Presentation of a prioritized plan for all modes of transportation;
- 152 (2) Discussion of department efficiencies and expenditure of cost-savings within the 153 department;
 - (3) Presentation of a status report on department of transportation revenues and

expenditures, including a detailed summary of projects funded by new state revenue as provided in paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section;

- (4) Review of any report from the joint committee inspector general; and
- 158 (5) Implementation of any actions as may be deemed necessary by the committee as authorized by law.

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- The co-chairs of the committee may call special meetings of the committee with ten days' notice to the members of the committee, the director of the department of transportation, and the department of transportation.
- 6. The committee shall also review for approval or denial all applications for the development of specialty plates submitted to it by the department of revenue. The committee shall approve such application by simple majority. The committee shall notify the director of the department of revenue upon approval or denial of an application for the development of a specialty plate.
- 7. The committee shall submit records of its meetings to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives in accordance with sections 610.020 and 610.023, RSMo.

301.050. All registration fees shall be payable to the director of revenue and shall accompany the application for registration. A penalty fee of five dollars shall be paid on all delinquent registrations. Beginning January 1, 2006, such five-dollar penalty shall be imposed for each month of delinquency, with a maximum penalty amount of twenty dollars. Any motor vehicle on which the annual registration fee falls due prior to September 1, 1984, and which is delinquent shall thereafter be registered by the department of revenue to renew that annual registration at the fee in effect when the annual registration was due plus the penalty provided in this section.

301.055. The annual registration fee for **passenger** motor vehicles [other than commercial motor vehicles is:

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3	Less than 12 horsepower	\$18.00
4	12 horsepower and less than 24 horsepower	21.00
5	24 horsepower and less than 36 horsepower	24.00
6	36 horsepower and less than 48 horsepower	33.00
7	48 horsepower and less than 60 horsepower	39.00
8	60 horsepower and less than 72 horsepower	45.00
9	72 horsepower and more	51.00]
10	and trucks having a gross weight of twelve thousand pounds or	
11	less shall be	29.75

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	301.057. The annual registration fee for property-carrying commercial motor vehicles,
2	not including property-carrying local commercial motor vehicles, or land improvement
3	contractors' commercial motor vehicles, based on gross weight is:
4	[6,000 pounds and under\$ 25.50
5	6,001 pounds to 9,000 pounds
6	9,001 pounds to 12,000
7	12,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds
8	18,001 pounds to 24,000 pounds
9	24,001 pounds to 26,000 pounds
10	26,001 pounds to 30,000 pounds
11	30,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds
12	36,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds
13	42,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds
14	48,001 pounds to 54,000 pounds
15	54,001 pounds to 60,010 pounds
16	60,011 pounds to 66,000 pounds
17	66,001 pounds to 73,280 pounds
18	73,281 pounds to 78,000 pounds
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	301.058. 1. The annual registration fee for property-carrying local commercial motor
2	vehicles, other than a land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicles, based on gross
3	weight is:
4	[6,000 pounds and under
5	6,001 pounds to 12,000 pounds
6	12,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds
7	18,001 pounds to 24,000 pounds
8	24,001 pounds to 26,000 pounds
9	26,001 pounds to 30,000 pounds
10	30,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds
11	36,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds
12	42,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds
13	48,001 pounds to 54,000 pounds
14	54,001 pounds to 60,010 pounds
15	60,011 pounds to 66,000 pounds

- 2. Any person found to have improperly registered a motor vehicle in excess of fifty-four thousand pounds when he or she was not entitled to shall be required to purchase the proper license plates and, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall be subject to the annual registration fee for the full calendar year for the vehicle's gross weight as prescribed in section 301.057.
- trailer fee or an annual fee of [seven dollars fifty cents] ten dollars, and in addition thereto such permit fee authorized by law against trailers used in combination with tractors operated under the supervision of the motor carrier and railroad safety division of the department of economic development. The fees for tractors used in any combination with trailers or semitrailers or both trailers and semitrailers (other than on passenger-carrying trailers or semitrailers) shall be computed on the total gross weight of the vehicles in the combination with load. Cars, sport utility vehicles, and pickup trucks pulling trailers shall pay an annual towing permit fee of twenty-five dollars, and upon payment of such fee shall receive a sticker which shall be displayed in the vehicle's front window.
 - 2. [Any trailer or semitrailer may at the option of the registrant be registered for a period of three years upon payment of a registration fee of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.] The department of revenue may issue the trailer sticker in combination with the window sticker issued at the time of issuance or renewal of registration.
 - 3. Any trailer or semitrailer which is operated coupled to a towing vehicle by a fifth wheel and kingpin assembly or by a trailer converter dolly may, at the option of the registrant, be registered permanently upon the payment of a registration fee of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents. The permanent plate and registration fee is vehicle specific. The plate and the registration fee paid is nontransferable and nonrefundable, except those covered under the provisions of section 301.442.
- 301.130. 1. The director of revenue, upon receipt of a proper application for registration, required fees and any other information which may be required by law, shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in such manner and form as the director of revenue may prescribe and a set of license plates, or other evidence of registration, as provided by this section. Each set of license plates shall bear the name or abbreviated name of this state, the words "SHOW-ME STATE", the month and year in which the registration shall expire, and an arrangement of numbers or letters, or both, as shall be assigned from year to year by the director of revenue. The plates shall also contain fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design for each type of license plate issued pursuant to this chapter. The plates shall be

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clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive. Special plates for qualified disabled veterans will have the "DISABLED VETERAN" wording on the license plates in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and special plates for members of the national guard will have the "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE".

- 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates shall be uniform throughout each classification of registration. The director may provide for the arrangement of the numbers in groups or otherwise, and for other distinguishing marks on the plates.
- 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles, local transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, motorscooters and driveaway vehicles shall be registered with the director of revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of section 301.030, but only one license plate shall be issued for each such vehicle except as provided in this subsection. The applicant for registration of any property-carrying commercial motor vehicle may request and be issued two license plates for such vehicle, and if such plates are issued the director of revenue may assess and collect an additional charge from the applicant in an amount not to exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates in subsection 1 of section 301.144.
- 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall bear the letter "D" preceding the number, and the director may place upon the plates other letters or marks to distinguish commercial motor vehicles and trailers and other types of motor vehicles.
- 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this state unless it shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the director of revenue and authorized by section 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle in a manner so that all parts thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof are not impaired. License plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds on the front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles and motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plate on buses, other than school buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up or if two plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to subsection 5 of this section, displayed in the same manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate or plates authorized by section 301.140, when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the

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- 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually a tab or set of tabs to be placed on the license plate or plates and a window sticker as evidence of the [annual] payment of registration fees and the current registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates. The window sticker shall not be issued for motorcycle or trailer registrations. Beginning January 1, 2008, the numbers recorded on the tab or tabs and window sticker must be the same numbers that appear on the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue that are displayed on the vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.
- (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is issued shall affix and display such tab or tabs in the designated area of the license plate, no more than one per plate. The window sticker shall be placed on the inside front window in an area prescribed by the director of revenue.
- (3) A tab or set of tabs issued by the director when attached to a vehicle in the prescribed manner, along with the validated registration receipt carried in the vehicle, shall be prima facie evidence that the registration fee for such vehicle has been paid.
- (4) Except as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the director of revenue shall issue plates for a period of at least five years.
- (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant to section 301.041, the plate issued by the director of revenue shall be a permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of any vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this section from the obligation to pay the annual registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license plate shall be returned to the director of revenue upon the sale or disposal of the vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highway reciprocity commission for the registration of such replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the director of revenue shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.
- (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under this section, or upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent nonexpiring plate issued for such vehicle shall be returned to the director and shall not be valid for operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highway reciprocity commission for the registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall be given

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credit for any unused portion of the annual registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration year.

- 7. The director of revenue may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024, RSMo.
- 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners of motor vehicles other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight may apply for special personalized license plates. Vehicles licensed for eighteen thousand pounds that display special personalized license plates shall be subject to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 301.030.
- 9. Commencing January 1, 2006, and on each fourth anniversary thereafter, the director shall cause to be reissued a new license plate of such design as directed by the director consistent with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all other fees required by law, applicants for registration of vehicles with license plates that expire between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007, applicants for registration of trailers or semitrailers with license plates that expire between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007, and applicants for registration of vehicles that are to be issued new license plates shall pay an additional fee of up to two dollars and twenty-five cents, based on the actual cost of the reissuance, to cover the cost of the newly reissued plates required by this subsection. These fees may be assessed every fourth anniversary thereafter and the fees may be increased to account for inflation, but shall not be higher than the actual cost of reissuance. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of section 301.067 to the contrary, every license plate for a trailer or semitrailer which is permanently registered under subsection 3 of section 301.067 shall be returned to the director of revenue between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2006, and a license plate which conforms to the provisions of this subsection issued as a replacement plate upon the payment of a one dollar and fifteen cent fee per plate prescribed by this subsection. The additional fee, based on actual cost, prescribed by this subsection shall only be one dollar and fifteen cents for issuance of one new plate for vehicles requiring only one license plate pursuant to this section. The additional fee of two dollars and twenty-five cents prescribed in this subsection shall not be charged to persons receiving special license plates issued under section 301.073 or 301.443.
- 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 **and window sticker** shall be removed by the owner at the time of the transfer of possession, and it

4 shall be unlawful for any person other than the person to whom such number plates were

- 5 originally issued to have the same in his or her possession whether in use or not; except that the
- 6 buyer of a motor vehicle or trailer who trades in a motor vehicle or trailer may attach the license
- 7 plates from the traded-in motor vehicle or trailer to the newly purchased motor vehicle or trailer.
- 8 The operation of a motor vehicle with such transferred plates shall be lawful for no more than
- 9 thirty days. The requirement of a window sticker shall not be required during this thirty-
- 10 day time frame. 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
- 12 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, and payment of a fee as prescribed in section 301.300 for a replacement window sticker, 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, the fee prescribed in section 301.300 for a replacement window sticker, 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, and payment of a fee as prescribed in section 301.300 for a replacement window sticker 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, the fee prescribed in section 301.300 for a replacement window sticker, 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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

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76 of the original registration fee against the registration fee of another motor vehicle. Such credit 77 shall be granted based upon the date the license plates are surrendered. No refunds shall be made 78 on the unused portion of any license plates surrendered for such credit.

301.144. 1. The director of revenue shall establish and issue special personalized license plates containing letters or numbers or combinations of letters and numbers, not to exceed [six] seven characters in length. 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. Any person desiring to obtain a special personalized license plate for any motor vehicle the person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed [for more than twelve] in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight shall apply to the director of revenue on a form provided by the director and shall pay a fee of [fifteen] twenty-five dollars in addition to the regular registration fees. The director of revenue shall issue rules and regulations setting the standards and establishing the procedure for application for and issuance of the special 12 personalized license plates and shall provide a deadline each year for the applications. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the 14 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This 16 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 August 28, 2001, shall be invalid and void. No two owners shall be issued identical plates. An owner shall make a new application and pay a new fee each year such owner desires to obtain or retain special personalized license plates; however, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 8 of section 301.130 to the contrary, the director shall allow the special personalized license plates to be replaced with new plates every three years without any additional charge, above the fee established in this section, to the renewal applicant. Any person currently in possession of an approved personalized license plate shall have first priority on that particular plate for each of the following years that timely and appropriate application is made.

2. No personalized license plates shall be issued containing any letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers which are obscene, profane, patently offensive or contemptuous of a racial or ethnic group, or offensive to good taste or decency, or would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the applicant, of other users of streets and highways, or of the public in any location where the vehicle with such a plate may be found. The director may recall any personalized license plates, including those issued prior to August 28,

1992, if the director determines that the plates are obscene, profane, patently offensive or contemptuous of a racial or ethnic group, or offensive to good taste or decency, or would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the applicant, of other users of streets and highways, or of the public in any location where the vehicle with such a plate may be found. Where the director recalls such plates pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the director shall reissue personalized license plates to the owner of the motor vehicle for which they were issued at no charge, if the new plates proposed by the owner of the motor vehicle meet the standards established pursuant to this section. The director shall not apply the provisions of this statute in a way that violates the Missouri or United States Constitutions as interpreted by the courts with controlling authority in the state of Missouri. The primary purpose of motor vehicle licence plates is to identify motor vehicles. Nothing in the issuance of a personalized license plate creates a designated or limited public forum. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of license plates, which are no longer valid for registration purposes, as collector's items or for decorative purposes.

- 3. The director may also establish categories of special license plates from which license plates may be issued. Any such person, other than a person exempted from the additional fee pursuant to subsection 6 of this section, that desires a personalized special license plate from any such category shall pay the same additional fee and make the same kind of application as that required by subsection 1 of this section, and the director shall issue such plates in the same manner as other personalized special license plates are issued.
- 4. The director of revenue shall issue to residents of the state of Missouri who hold an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, upon application and upon payment of the additional fee specified in subsection 1 of this section, except for a person exempted from the additional fee pursuant to subsection 6 of this section, personalized special license plates bearing the official amateur radio call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to the applicant. The applicant has an unrevoked and unexpired amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and the official radio call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to the applicant.
- 5. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, any business that repossesses motor vehicles or trailers and sells or otherwise disposes of them shall be issued a placard displaying the word "Repossessed", provided such business pays the fees presently required of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer in subsection 1 of section 301.253. Such placard shall bear a number and shall be in such form as the director of revenue shall determine, and shall be only used for demonstrations when displayed substantially as provided for number plates on the rear

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301.160. Upon approval of the application for registration of a motor vehicle or trailer and when the required fee has been paid to the department of revenue, the department shall forward or deliver to the applicant the registration receipt, which shall be carried in the motor vehicle at all times, and the number of license plates prescribed for the vehicle or trailer by section 301.130, or renewal tabs if appropriate. The attachment to the motor vehicle or trailer specified in the application of current license plates, along with the validated registration receipt, shall be prima facie evidence that the fees have been paid for such license.

301.290. 1. Correctional enterprises of the department of corrections shall purchase, erect and maintain all of the machinery and equipment necessary for the manufacture of the license plates and tabs issued by the director of revenue, and of signs used by the state transportation department. Beginning on January 1, 2008, correctional enterprises shall no longer erect and maintain tabs for the department of revenue.

- 2. The director of revenue shall procure all plates [and tabs] issued by him, and the state transportation department shall procure all signs used by it from correctional enterprises, unless an emergency arises and correctional enterprises cannot furnish the plates, tabs or signs.
- 3. Correctional enterprises shall furnish the plates[, tabs] and signs at such a price as will not exceed the price at which such plates[, tabs] and signs may be obtained upon the open market, but in no event shall such price be less than the cost of manufacture, including labor and materials.
- 4. All moneys derived from the sale of the plates, tabs and signs shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the working capital revolving fund as provided in section 217.595, RSMo.

301.300. 1. In event of the loss, theft, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of ownership, number plate, tab [or], set of tabs, **or window sticker** issued by the director of revenue, the lawful holder thereof shall, within five days, file with the director of revenue, an affidavit showing such fact, and shall, on the payment of a fee of eight dollars and fifty cents, obtain a duplicate or replacement of such plate, certificate, tab or set of tabs, **or window sticker**. Any duplicate certificate issued for any "motor vehicle primarily for business use", as defined

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7 in section 301.010, shall be issued only to the owner of record.

- 2. Upon filing affidavit of lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed certificate of registration, the director of revenue shall issue to the lawful owner a duplicate or replacement thereof upon payment of a fee of eight dollars and fifty cents.
- 3. Vehicle owners who elect not to transfer or renew multiyear plates shall be charged a fee equal to that charged for a lost plate in addition to the registration fee prescribed by law at the time the new plate or plates are issued.
- 301.2999. 1. No specialized license plate shall be issued after January 1, 2002, by the director of revenue which proposes to raise revenue or funds for an organization which authorizes the use of its emblem for a fee unless such organization:
 - (1) Is a governmental entity; or
- 5 (2) Is an organization registered pursuant to section 501(c) of the 1986 Internal Revenue 6 Code, as amended, or an equivalent law which applies to such not-for-profit entity.
- 7 2. Any organization which raises revenues or funds through the sponsorship of specialized license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter enacted prior to January 1, 2002, shall have until January 1, 2004, to comply with the provisions of this section. The director shall verify that all organizations that are paid fees for the use of their emblems for 10 11 specialized license plates are complying with the provisions of this section. The director shall 12 require all organizations which receive revenues for or funds for the use of their emblems to 13 verify their status as a governmental entity or a qualified not-for-profit organization as provided in subsection 1 of this section, in a format prescribed by the director. Any specialized license plates issued prior to January 1, 2004, shall remain valid for the period in which they were 15 registered, regardless of the status of the sponsoring organization. 16
 - 3. Any moneys received by an organization authorizing the use of its emblem or insignia for a specialized license plate shall only be used by such organization to carry out the organization's charitable mission. Such moneys shall not be used for salaries or any administrative costs of the organization. No individual member of any organization authorizing the use of its emblem or insignia for a specialized license plate shall derive any personal pecuniary gain from any fees the organization collects.
 - 4. The director of revenue shall not authorize the manufacture of the material to produce such specialized license plates with the individual seal, logo, or emblem until such time the director has received one hundred applications for such plates. [An organization shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection if it deposits with the department of revenue the actual cost of producing the initial issuance of such plates and the director receives at least ten applications for such plates.]
 - 5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any special license plates which bears

30 the emblem or insignia of a branch of the U.S. military or a military organization.

301.3150. 1. An organization, other than an organization seeking a special military license plate, that seeks authorization to establish a new specialty license plate shall initially petition the department of revenue by submitting the following:

- (1) An application in a form prescribed by the director for the particular specialty license plate being sought, describing the proposed specialty license plate in general terms. The application may contain written testimony for support of this specialty plate;
- (2) Each application submitted pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a list of at least one hundred potential applicants who plan to purchase the specialty plate if the specialty plate is approved pursuant to this section;
- (3) An application fee, not to exceed five thousand dollars, to defray the department's cost for reviewing the application and developing the specialty license plate, if authorized; and
- (4) All moneys received by the department of revenue, excluding the twenty-five dollar specialty license plate authorized by this section, for the reviewing and development of specialty plates shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the "Department of Revenue Specialty Plate Fund" which is hereby created. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall make disbursements from the funds requested by the Missouri director of revenue for personal services, expenses, and equipment required to prepare, review, develop, and disseminate a new specialty plate and process the one hundred applications and to refund deposits for the application of such specialty plate, if the application is not approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight and for no other purpose.
 - 2. At the end of each state fiscal year, the director of revenue shall:
- (1) Determine the amount of all moneys deposited into the department of revenue specialty plate fund;
- (2) Determine the amount of disbursements from the department of revenue specialty plate fund which were made to produce the specialty plate and process the one hundred applications; and
- (3) Subtract the amount of disbursements from the income figure referred to in subdivision (1) of this subsection and deliver this figure to the state treasurer.
- 3. The state treasurer shall transfer an amount of money equal to the figure provided by the director of revenue from the department of revenue specialty plate fund to the state highway department fund. An unexpended balance in the department of revenue specialty plate fund at the end of the biennium not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, relating to transfer

of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund.

- 4. The documents and fees required pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the department of revenue by July first prior to the next regular session of the general assembly to be approved or denied by the joint committee on transportation oversight during that legislative session.
- 5. The department of revenue shall give notice of any proposed specialty plate in a manner reasonably calculated to advise the public of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the specialty plate on the department's official public web site, and making available copies of the specialty plate application to any representative of the news media or public upon request and posting the application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office.
- 6. Adequate notice conforming with all the requirements of subsection 5 of this section shall be given not less than four weeks, exclusive of weekends and holidays when the facility is closed, after the submission of the application by the organization to the department of revenue. Written or electronic testimony in support or opposition of the proposed specialty plate shall be submitted to the department of revenue by November thirtieth of the year of filing of the original proposal. All written testimony shall contain the printed name, signature, address, phone number, and e-mail address, if applicable, of the individual giving the testimony.
- 7. The department of revenue shall submit for approval all applications for the development of specialty plates to the joint committee on transportation oversight during a regular session of the general assembly for approval.
- 8. If the specialty license plate requested by an organization is approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight, the organization shall submit the proposed art design for the specialty license plate to the department as soon as practicable, but no later than sixty days after the approval of the specialty license plate. If the specialty license plate requested by the organization is not approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven percent of the application fee shall be refunded to the requesting organization along with all specialty plate fees submitted.
- 9. An emblem-use authorization fee may be charged by the organization prior to the issuance of an approved specialty plate. The organization's specialty plate proposal approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight shall state what fee is required to obtain such statement and if such fee is required annually or biennially, if the applicant has a two-year registration. An organization applying for specialty plates shall authorize the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license

plates within the plate area prescribed by the director of revenue and as provided in this section. Any contribution to the organization derived from the emblem-use contribution, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the purposes of the organization. Any member or nonmember of the organization may annually apply for the use of the emblem, if applicable.

- 10. The department shall begin production and distribution of each new specialty license plate within one year after approval of the specialty license plate by the joint committee on transportation oversight.
- 11. The department shall issue a specialty license plate to the owner who meets the requirements for issuance of the specialty plate for any motor vehicle such owner 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.
- 12. Each new or renewed application for an approved specialty license plate shall be made to the department of revenue, accompanied by an additional fee of twenty-five dollars and the appropriate emblem-use authorization statement.
- 13. The appropriate registration fees, twenty-five dollar specialty plate fee, processing fees and documents otherwise required for the issuance of registration of the motor vehicle as set forth by law must be submitted at the time the specialty plates are actually issued and renewed or as otherwise provided by law. However, no additional fee for the personalization of this plate shall be charged.
- 14. Once a specialty plate design is approved, a request for such plate may be made any time during a registration period. If a request is made for a specialty license plate to replace a current valid license plate, all documentation, credits, and fees provided for in this chapter when replacing a current license plate shall apply.
- 15. A vehicle owner who was previously issued a plate with an organization emblem authorized by this section, but who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration if required, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the organization's emblem, as otherwise provided by law.
- 16. Specialty license plates shall bear a design approved by the organization submitting the original application for approval by the joint committee on transportation oversight. The design shall be within the plate area prescribed by the director of revenue, and the designated organization's name or slogan shall be in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme, shall be clearly visible at night, shall have a reflective white background in the area of the plate configuration, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130 and as provided in this section. In addition to a design, the

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108 specialty license plates shall be in accordance with criteria and plate design set forth in this 109 chapter.

17. The department is authorized to discontinue the issuance and renewal of a specialty license plate if the organization has stopped providing services and emblem-use authorization statements are no longer being issued by the organization. organizations shall notify the department immediately to discontinue the issuance of a specialty plate.

18. The organization that requested the specialty license plate shall not redesign the specialty personalized license plate unless such organization pays the director in advance all redesigned plate fees. All holders of such plates must pay the replacement fees prescribed in section 301.300 for the replacement of the existing specialty plate. All other applicable license plate fees in accordance with this chapter shall be required.

301.3152. Any person or organization who has received a notice of denial of application for development of a specialty plate may make a request to the joint committee on transportation oversight within fifteen days of receipt of the notice for a review of the 4 committee's determination at a hearing before the committee at a time deemed appropriate.

301.3154. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter to the contrary, all specialty license plate fees shall be twenty-five dollars for annual registration and fifty dollars for a biennial registration in addition to regular registration fees. The provisions of this section shall not apply to specialty military license plates. The fees for specialty military license plates shall be assessed as provided for by the statute creating such license plate.

> [301.129. There is established in this section an advisory committee for the department of revenue, which shall exist solely to develop uniform designs and common colors for motor vehicle license plates issued under this chapter and to determine appropriate license plate parameters for all license plates issued under this chapter. The advisory committee may adopt more than one type of design and color scheme for license plates issued under this chapter; however, each license plate of a distinct type shall be uniform in design and color scheme with all other license plates of that distinct type. The specifications for the fully reflective material used for the plates, as required by section 301.130, shall be determined by the Such plates shall meet any specific requirements prescribed in this chapter. The advisory committee shall consist of the director of revenue, the superintendent of the highway patrol, the correctional enterprises administrator, one person appointed by the governor, one state senator appointed by the president pro tem of the

senate and one state representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Prior to April 1, 1996, the committee shall meet, select a chairman from among their members, and develop uniform design and license plate parameters for the motor vehicle license plates issued under this chapter. Prior to determining the final design of the plates, the committee shall hold at least three public meetings in different areas of the state to invite public input on the final design. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this section out of funds appropriated for that purpose. The committee shall direct the director of revenue to implement its final design of the uniform motor vehicle license plates and any specific parameters for all license plates developed by the committee not later than April 1, 1996. The committee shall be dissolved upon completion of its duties under this section.]

Section B. The repeal and reenactment of sections 21.795, 301.144, 301.2999 and the enactment of sections 301.3150, 301.3152, and 301.3154 of section A of this act shall become effective January 1, 2005.

Section C. The repeal and reenactment of sections 301.050, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.067, 301.130, 301.140, 301.160, 301.290, and 301.300 of section A of this act shall become effective January 1, 2006.