

SB 378 -- STOLEN LICENSE PLATE TABS

SPONSOR: Coleman (Boykins)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 14 to 0.

Under this bill, a person replacing stolen license plate tabs may receive four license plate tabs a year at no cost. Currently, two free tabs are provided. A citation will not be issued for missing license plate tabs if the person indicates to law enforcement that the tabs have been stolen and a check of the person's motor vehicle registration record reveals that the vehicle is properly registered. Court costs will be waived in cases where a citation has been improperly issued.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of Up to \$10,000 in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the stealing of license plate tabs has been a major problem in Missouri's metropolitan areas and is becoming a problem in communities all around the state.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Coleman; City of St. Louis; and St. Louis Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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