

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 254, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by
2 inserting immediately after said line the following:

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4 "301.130. 1. The director of revenue, upon receipt of a proper application for registration,
5 required fees and any other information which may be required by law, shall issue to the applicant a
6 certificate of registration in such manner and form as the director of revenue may prescribe and a set
7 of license plates, or other evidence of registration, as provided by this section. Each set of license
8 plates shall bear the name or abbreviated name of this state, the words "SHOW-ME STATE", the
9 month and year in which the registration shall expire, and an arrangement of numbers or letters, or
10 both, as shall be assigned from year to year by the director of revenue. The plates shall also contain
11 fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design for each type of license plate issued
12 pursuant to this chapter. The plates shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically
13 attractive. Special plates for qualified disabled veterans will have the "DISABLED VETERAN"
14 wording on the license plates in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and special plates for
15 members of the National Guard will have the "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the
16 words "SHOW-ME STATE".

17 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates shall be uniform throughout each
18 classification of registration. The director may provide for the arrangement of the numbers in groups
19 or otherwise, and for other distinguishing marks on the plates.

20 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a gross weight in
21 excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles, local transit
22 buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, motorscooters and driveaway
23 vehicles shall be registered with the director of revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of section
24 301.030, or with the state highways and transportation commission as otherwise provided in this
25 chapter, but only one license plate shall be issued for each such vehicle, except as provided in this
26 subsection. The applicant for registration of any property-carrying commercial vehicle registered at
27 a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds may request and be issued two license plates for
28 such vehicle, and if such plates are issued, the director of revenue shall provide for distinguishing
29 marks on the plates indicating one plate is for the front and the other is for the rear of such vehicle.
30 The director may assess and collect an additional charge from the applicant in an amount not to
31 exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates in subsection 1 of section 301.144.

32 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall bear the letters and numbers as
33 prescribed by section 301.560, and the director may place upon the plates other letters or marks to
34 distinguish commercial motor vehicles and trailers and other types of motor vehicles.

35 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this state unless it shall
36 have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the director of revenue or

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1 the state highways and transportation commission and authorized by section 301.140. Each such
2 plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle or trailer in a manner so that all parts thereof
3 shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof are not impaired.
4 Each such plate may be encased in a transparent cover so long as the plate is plainly visible and its
5 reflective qualities are not impaired. License plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except
6 trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds on the
7 front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground,
8 with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers, motorcycles,
9 motortricycles and motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles either horizontally
10 or vertically, with the letters and numbers [thereon right side up] plainly visible. The license plate
11 on buses, other than school buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in
12 excess of twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less than eight
13 nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up
14 or if two plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the
15 same manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate or plates authorized by section
16 301.140, when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the required fees have been paid.

17 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or biennially a tab or set of tabs as
18 provided by law as evidence of the annual payment of registration fees and the current registration of
19 a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates. Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may prescribe any
20 additional information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that the tab or tabs positively correlate
21 with the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue for such vehicle. Such tabs shall
22 be produced in each license bureau office.

23 (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is issued shall affix and display such tab
24 or tabs in the designated area of the license plate, no more than one per plate.

25 (3) A tab or set of tabs issued by the director of revenue when attached to a vehicle in the
26 prescribed manner shall be prima facie evidence that the registration fee for such vehicle has been
27 paid.

28 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the director of revenue shall issue plates for
29 a period of at least six years.

30 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant to section 301.041,
31 the plate issued by the highways and transportation commission shall be a permanent nonexpiring
32 license plate for which no tabs shall be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of any
33 vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this section from the obligation to pay the annual
34 registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license plate shall be returned to the
35 highways and transportation commission upon the sale or disposal of the vehicle by the owner to
36 whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is issued, or the plate may be transferred to a
37 replacement commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with the
38 Missouri highways and transportation commission for the registration of such replacement
39 commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the highways and
40 transportation commission shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable evidence of
41 payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle
42 for which it is issued.

43 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under this section, or
44 upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent nonexpiring plate issued for such
45 vehicle shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission and shall not be valid for
46 operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner
47 files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation commission for the
48 registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently registered under this

1 section is sold, wrecked or otherwise disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall be
2 given credit for any unused portion of the annual registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the
3 purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration year.

4 7. The director of revenue and the highways and transportation commission may prescribe
5 rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. No rule or portion of a rule
6 promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been
7 promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

8 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners of motor vehicles
9 other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of eighteen
10 thousand pounds gross weight may apply for special personalized license plates. Vehicles licensed
11 for eighteen thousand pounds that display special personalized license plates shall be subject to the
12 provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 301.030.

13 9. No later than January 1, 2009, the director of revenue shall commence the reissuance of
14 new license plates of such design as directed by the director consistent with the terms, conditions,
15 and provisions of this section and this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in
16 addition to all other fees required by law, applicants for registration of vehicles with license plates
17 that expire during the period of reissuance, applicants for registration of trailers or semitrailers with
18 license plates that expire during the period of reissuance and applicants for registration of vehicles
19 that are to be issued new license plates during the period of reissuance shall pay the cost of the plates
20 required by this subsection. The additional cost prescribed in this subsection shall not be charged to
21 persons receiving special license plates issued under section 301.073 or 301.443. Historic motor
22 vehicle license plates registered pursuant to section 301.131 and specialized license plates are
23 exempt from the provisions of this subsection. Except for new, replacement, and transfer
24 applications, permanent nonexpiring license plates issued to commercial motor vehicles and trailers
25 registered under section 301.041 are exempt from the provisions of this subsection."; and
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27 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
28 accordingly.