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HOUSE BILL NO. 1231

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 137.100, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.059, 301.061, 301.062, 301.063, 301.064, 301.065, 301.066, 301.067, and 301.069, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirteen new sections relating to motor vehicles, with a contingent effective date.

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

Section A. Sections 137.100, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.059, 301.061, 301.062, 301.063, 301.064, 301.065, 301.066, 301.067, and 301.069, RSMo, are repealed and thirteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 137.100, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.059, 301.061, 301.062, 301.063, 301.064, 301.065, 301.066, 301.067, and 301.069, to read as follows:

137.100. The following subjects are exempt from taxation for state, county or local purposes:

(1) Lands and other property belonging to this state;

(2) Lands and other property belonging to any city, county or other political subdivision in this state, including market houses, town halls and other public structures, with their furniture and equipments, and on public squares and lots kept open for health, use or ornament;

(3) Nonprofit cemeteries;

(4) The real estate and tangible personal property which is used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural societies organized in this state, including not-for-profit agribusiness associations;

(5) All property, real and personal, actually and regularly used exclusively for religious worship, for schools and colleges, or for purposes purely charitable and not held for private or corporate profit, except that the exemption herein granted does not include real property not

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

14 actually used or occupied for the purpose of the organization but held or used as investment even
 15 though the income or rentals received therefrom is used wholly for religious, educational or
 16 charitable purposes;

17 (6) Household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles of personal use and
 18 adornment, as defined by the state tax commission, owned and used by a person in his home or
 19 dwelling place;

20 (7) Motor vehicles leased for a period of at least one year to this state or to any city,
 21 county, or political subdivision or to any religious, educational, or charitable organization which
 22 has obtained an exemption from the payment of federal income taxes, provided the motor
 23 vehicles are used exclusively for religious, educational, or charitable purposes;

24 (8) Real or personal property leased or otherwise transferred by an interstate compact
 25 agency created pursuant to sections 70.370 to 70.430 or sections 238.010 to 238.100 to another
 26 for which or whom such property is not exempt when immediately after the lease or transfer, the
 27 interstate compact agency enters into a leaseback or other agreement that directly or indirectly
 28 gives such interstate compact agency a right to use, control, and possess the property; provided,
 29 however, that in the event of a conveyance of such property, the interstate compact agency must
 30 retain an option to purchase the property at a future date or, within the limitations period for
 31 reverters, the property must revert back to the interstate compact agency. Property will no longer
 32 be exempt under this subdivision in the event of a conveyance as of the date, if any, when:

33 (a) The right of the interstate compact agency to use, control, and possess the property
 34 is terminated;

35 (b) The interstate compact agency no longer has an option to purchase or otherwise
 36 acquire the property; and

37 (c) There are no provisions for reverter of the property within the limitation period for
 38 reverters;

39 (9) All property, real and personal, belonging to veterans' organizations. As used in this
 40 section, "veterans' organization" means any organization of veterans with a congressional charter,
 41 that is incorporated in this state, and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(19) of the
 42 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

43 (10) Solar energy systems not held for resale; and

44 **(11) Beginning on or after January 1, 2020, all motor vehicles in subclass (4) or (6)**
 45 **of class two, tangible personal property described under section 137.080.**

301.055. The annual registration fee for motor vehicles other than commercial motor
 2 vehicles is:

3	Less than 12 horsepower	\$ [18.00]	36.00
4	12 horsepower and less than 24 horsepower	[21.00]	42.00

5	24 horsepower and less than 36 horsepower	[24.00]	48.00
6	36 horsepower and less than 48 horsepower	[33.00]	66.00
7	48 horsepower and less than 60 horsepower	[39.00]	78.00
8	60 horsepower and less than 72 horsepower	[45.00]	90.00
9	72 horsepower and more	[51.00]	102.00
10	Motorcycles	[8.50]	17.00
11	Motortricycles	[10.00]	20.00

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]	51.00
5	6,001 pounds to 9,000 pounds.....	[38.00]	76.00
6	9,001 pounds to 12,000 pounds.....	[38.00]	76.00
7	12,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds.....	[63.00]	126.00
8	18,001 pounds to 24,000 pounds.....	[100.50]	201.00
9	24,001 pounds to 26,000 pounds.....	[127.00]	254.00
10	26,001 pounds to 30,000 pounds.....	[180.00]	360.00
11	30,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds.....	[275.50]	551.00
12	36,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds.....	[413.00]	826.00
13	42,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds.....	[550.50]	1,101.00
14	48,001 pounds to 54,000 pounds.....	[688.00]	1,376.00
15	54,001 pounds to 60,010 pounds.....	[825.50]	1,651.00
16	60,011 pounds to 66,000 pounds.....	[1,100.50]	2,201.00
17	66,001 pounds to 73,280 pounds.....	[1,375.50]	2,751.00
18	73,281 pounds to 78,000 pounds.....	[1,650.50]	3,301.00
19	78,001 pounds to 80,000 pounds..	[1,719.50]	3,439.00

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.....	\$ [15.50]	31.00
5	6,001 pounds to 12,000 pounds.....	[18.00]	36.00
6	12,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds.....	[20.50]	41.00
7	18,001 pounds to 24,000 pounds.....	[27.50]	55.00
8	24,001 pounds to 26,000 pounds.....	[33.50]	67.00
9	26,001 pounds to 30,000 pounds.....	[45.50]	91.00
10	30,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds.....	[67.50]	135.00

11	36,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds.....	[100.50]	201.00
12	42,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds.....	[135.50]	276.00
13	48,001 pounds to 54,000 pounds.....	[170.50]	341.00
14	54,001 pounds to 60,010 pounds.....	[200.50]	401.00
15	60,011 pounds to 66,000 pounds.....	[270.50]	541.00
16	66,001 pounds to 72,000 pounds.....	[335.50]	671.00
17	72,001 pounds to 80,000 pounds.....	[350.50]	701.00

18 2. Any person found to have improperly registered a motor vehicle in excess of fifty-four
 19 thousand pounds when he or she was not entitled to shall be required to purchase the proper
 20 license plates and, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall be subject to the
 21 annual registration fee for the full calendar year for the vehicle's gross weight as prescribed in
 22 section 301.057.

301.059. The annual registration fee for passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles
 2 (not including passenger-carrying local commercial motor vehicles, school buses or local transit
 3 buses) based on seating capacity is:

4	10 passengers or less	\$ [100.50]	201.00
5	11 to 18 passengers	[180.50]	361.00
6	19 to 25 passengers	[250.50]	501.00
7	26 to 29 passengers	[290.50]	581.00
8	30 to 33 passengers	[330.50]	661.00
9	34 to 37 passengers	[370.50]	741.00
10	38 to 41 passengers	[410.50]	821.00
11	42 to 45 passengers	[450.50]	901.00

301.061. The annual registration fee for passenger-carrying local commercial motor
 2 vehicles based on seating capacity is:

3	10 passengers or less	\$ [50.50]	101.00
4	11 to 18 passengers	[90.50]	181.00
5	19 to 25 passengers	[125.50]	151.00
6	26 to 29 passengers	[145.50]	191.00
7	30 to 33 passengers	[165.50]	131.00
8	34 to 37 passengers	[185.50]	371.00
9	38 to 41 passengers	[205.50]	411.00
10	42 to 45 passengers	[225.50]	451.00

301.062. The annual registration fee for a local log truck, registered pursuant to this
 2 chapter, is ~~[three]~~ **six** hundred dollars.

301.063. The annual registration fee for local transit buses based on seating capacity is:

2	40 passengers or less	\$ [25.50]	51.00
3	41 to 45 passengers	[35.50]	71.00
4	Over 45 passengers	[50.50]	101.00

301.064. 1. The annual registration fee for a land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicle is ~~[three]~~ **seven** hundred ~~[fifty]~~ dollars. The maximum gross weight for which such a vehicle may be registered is eighty thousand pounds. Transporting for hire by such a motor vehicle is prohibited.

2. Upon application to the director of revenue accompanied by an affidavit signed by the owner or owners stating that the motor vehicle to be licensed as a land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicle shall not be operated in any manner other than as prescribed in section 301.010, and by the amount of the registration fee prescribed above, and otherwise complying with the laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, the owner or owners shall be issued a set of land improvement contractors' license plates. The director of revenue shall by regulation determine the characteristic features of land improvement contractors' license plates so that they may be readily identified as such.

301.065. The annual registration fee for each school bus, ~~[twenty-five]~~ **fifty-one** dollars;
2 ~~fifty cents~~].

301.066. The annual registration fee for shuttle buses, recreational motor vehicles and vanpool vehicles is ~~[thirty-two]~~ **sixty-four** dollars. The advisory committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the characteristic features of license plates for vehicles registered under the provisions of this section so that they may be recognized as such, except that 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.

301.067. 1. For each trailer or semitrailer there shall be paid an annual fee of ~~[seven]~~ **fifteen** dollars ~~[fifty cents]~~, and in addition thereto such permit fee authorized by law against trailers used in combination with tractors operated under the supervision of the highways and transportation commission of the department of transportation. 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.

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.

3. Any trailer as defined in section 301.010 or semitrailer 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

13 registration fee paid is nontransferable and nonrefundable, except those covered under the
14 provisions of section 301.442.

301.069. 1. A driveaway license plate ~~[may]~~ **shall** not be used on a vehicle used or
2 operated on a highway except for the purpose of transporting vehicles in transit. Driveaway
3 license plates may not be used by tow truck operators transporting wrecked, disabled, abandoned,
4 improperly parked, or burned vehicles. Driveaway license plates shall only be used by owners,
5 corporate officers, or employees of the business to which the plate was issued. For each
6 driveaway license there shall be paid an annual license fee of ~~[forty-four]~~ **eighty-nine** dollars
7 ~~[and fifty cents]~~ for one set of plates or such insignia as the director may issue which shall be
8 attached to the motor vehicle as prescribed in this chapter. Applicants may choose to obtain
9 biennial driveaway licenses. The fee for biennial driveaway licenses shall be ~~[eighty-nine]~~ **one**
10 **hundred seventy-eight** dollars. For single trips the fee shall be four dollars, and descriptive
11 insignia shall be prepared and issued at the discretion of the director who shall also prescribe the
12 type of equipment used to attach such vehicles in combinations.

13 2. No driveaway license plates shall be issued by the director of revenue unless the
14 applicant therefor shall make application for such plate and shall therein include:

15 (1) The business name, business street address, and business telephone number of the
16 applicant;

17 (2) The business owner's full name, date of birth, driver's license number or nondriver's
18 license number, residence street address, and residence telephone number;

19 (3) The signature and printed name of the business owner or authorized representative
20 of the business presenting such application; and

21 (4) A statement explaining what the driveaway license plate or plates will be used for.
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23 The applicant shall provide certification of proof of financial responsibility, as defined in section
24 303.020, sufficient to cover each motor vehicle the applicant shall operate or otherwise move on
25 the streets or highways, through use of the driveaway license plate, during the period of
26 registration. The applicant shall provide such certification by affixing a copy of said certification
27 to the application. The application shall include a photograph, not to exceed eight inches by ten
28 inches but no less than five inches by seven inches, showing the business building and sign of
29 the applicant's business. The applicant shall maintain a working landline telephone at the
30 applicant's place of business throughout the registration period. The applicant shall maintain
31 certification of proof of financial responsibility as described herein throughout the registration
32 period.

33 3. If any of the information required by this section to be reported by the applicant
34 changes during the registration period, the applicant shall report said changes to the department
35 of revenue within ten days of the date of the change.

36 4. Any violation of this section or misrepresentation contained in an application for
37 driveaway license plate shall result in the revocation of the applicant's driveaway license plate
38 and any subsequent application for a driveaway license plate shall be denied for two years from
39 the date of violation. "Applicant" shall include any officer of a business or any employee or
40 agent thereof.

41 5. Any person who knowingly uses a revoked driveaway license plate shall be deemed
42 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

 Section B. The repeal and reenactment of sections 137.100, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058,
2 301.059, 301.061, 301.062, 301.063, 301.064, 301.065, 301.066, 301.067, and 301.069 of this
3 act shall become effective on January first three years after the approval by voters of an
4 amendment to the Constitution of Missouri that exempts motor vehicles from personal property
5 taxation and an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri that distributes revenues from motor
6 vehicle licensing fees to local jurisdictions.

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