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AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.020, 301.055, and 301.070, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to a miles per gallon based motor vehicle registration fee, with penalty provisions and a delayed effective date.

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

Section A. Sections 301.020, 301.055, and 301.070, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.020, 301.055, and 301.070, to read as follows:

301.020. 1. Every owner of a motor vehicle or trailer, which shall be operated or driven upon the highways of this state, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, shall ~~annually~~ file, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the director of revenue, an application for registration on a blank to be furnished by the director of revenue for that purpose containing:

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle or trailer to be registered, including:

(a) The name of the manufacturer~~[-]~~ ;

(b) The vehicle identification number~~[-]~~ ;

(c) The ~~[amount of motive power of the motor vehicle, stated in figures of horsepower]~~ **combined city/highway miles per gallon rating of the motor vehicle as determined by the department of revenue using one of the following methods:**

a. The motor vehicle's fuel economy label provided by the Environmental Protection Agency or any successor agency;

b. The rating as obtained using a vehicle identification number decoding system;

or

c. If such rating cannot be obtained under subparagraph a or b of this paragraph:

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.

16 (i) For motor vehicles that have paid the alternative fuel decal fee in section
17 142.869, the rating shall not be determined; or

18 (ii) For motor vehicles that have not paid the alternative fuel decal fee in section
19 142.869, the rating shall be determined to be at or below twenty-nine miles per gallon; and

20 (d) Whether the motor vehicle is to be registered as a motor vehicle primarily for
21 business use as defined in section 301.010;

22 (2) The name, the applicant's identification number and address of the owner of such
23 motor vehicle or trailer;

24 (3) The gross weight of the **motor** vehicle and the desired load in pounds if the **motor**
25 vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle or trailer.

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27 **As used in this subsection and in section 301.055, the term "miles per gallon" or "MPG"**
28 **means the distance traveled in a motor vehicle powered by one gallon of motor fuel.**

29 2. If the vehicle is a motor vehicle primarily for business use as defined in section
30 301.010 and if such vehicle is five years of age or less, the director of revenue shall retain the
31 odometer information provided in the vehicle inspection report, and provide for prompt access
32 to such information, together with the vehicle identification number for the motor vehicle to
33 which such information pertains, for a period of five years after the receipt of such information.
34 This section shall not apply unless:

35 (1) The application for the **motor** vehicle's certificate of ownership was submitted after
36 July 1, 1989; and

37 (2) The certificate was issued pursuant to a manufacturer's statement of origin.

38 3. If the vehicle is any motor vehicle other than a motor vehicle primarily for business
39 use, a recreational motor vehicle, motorcycle, motortricycle, autocycle, bus, or any commercial
40 motor vehicle licensed for over twelve thousand pounds and if such motor vehicle is five years
41 of age or less, the director of revenue shall retain the odometer information provided in the
42 vehicle inspection report, and provide for prompt access to such information, together with the
43 vehicle identification number for the motor vehicle to which such information pertains, for a
44 period of five years after the receipt of such information. This subsection shall not apply unless:

45 (1) The application for the vehicle's certificate of ownership was submitted after July 1,
46 1990; and

47 (2) The certificate was issued pursuant to a manufacturer's statement of origin.

48 4. If the **motor** vehicle qualifies as a reconstructed motor vehicle, motor change vehicle,
49 specially constructed motor vehicle, non-USA-std motor vehicle, as defined in section 301.010,
50 or prior salvage as referenced in section 301.573, the owner or lienholder shall surrender the
51 certificate of ownership. The owner shall make an application for a new certificate of ownership,

52 pay the required title fee, and obtain the vehicle examination certificate required pursuant to
53 subsection 9 of section 301.190. If an insurance company pays a claim on a salvage vehicle as
54 defined in section 301.010 and the owner retains the vehicle, as prior salvage, the vehicle shall
55 only be required to meet the examination requirements under subsection 10 of section 301.190.
56 Notarized bills of sale along with a copy of the front and back of the certificate of ownership for
57 all major component parts installed on the vehicle and invoices for all essential parts which are
58 not defined as major component parts shall accompany the application for a new certificate of
59 ownership. If the vehicle is a specially constructed motor vehicle, as defined in section 301.010,
60 two pictures of the vehicle shall be submitted with the application. If the vehicle is a kit vehicle,
61 the applicant shall submit the invoice and the manufacturer's statement of origin on the kit. If
62 the vehicle requires the issuance of a special number by the director of revenue or a replacement
63 vehicle identification number, the applicant shall submit the required application and application
64 fee. All applications required under this subsection shall be submitted with any applicable taxes
65 which may be due on the purchase of the vehicle or parts. The director of revenue shall
66 appropriately designate "Reconstructed Motor Vehicle", "Motor Change Vehicle",
67 "Non-USA-Std Motor Vehicle", or "Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle" on the current and
68 all subsequent issues of the certificate of ownership of such vehicle.

69 5. Every insurance company that pays a claim for repair of a motor vehicle which as the
70 result of such repairs becomes a reconstructed motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010 or that
71 pays a claim on a salvage vehicle as defined in section 301.010 and the owner is retaining the
72 vehicle shall in writing notify the owner of the vehicle, and in a first party claim, the lienholder
73 if a lien is in effect, that he is required to surrender the certificate of ownership, and the
74 documents and fees required pursuant to subsection 4 of this section to obtain a prior salvage
75 motor vehicle certificate of ownership or documents and fees as otherwise required by law to
76 obtain a salvage certificate of ownership, from the director of revenue. The insurance company
77 shall within thirty days of the payment of such claims report to the director of revenue the name
78 and address of such owner, the year, make, model, vehicle identification number, and license
79 plate number of the vehicle, and the date of loss and payment.

80 6. Anyone who fails to comply with the requirements of this section shall be guilty of
81 a class B misdemeanor.

82 7. An applicant for registration may make a donation of one dollar to promote a
83 blindness education, screening and treatment program. The director of revenue shall collect the
84 donations and deposit all such donations in the state treasury to the credit of the blindness
85 education, screening and treatment program fund established in section 209.015. Moneys in the
86 blindness education, screening and treatment program fund shall be used solely for the purposes
87 established in section 209.015; except that the department of revenue shall retain no more than

88 one percent for its administrative costs. The donation prescribed in this subsection is voluntary
 89 and may be refused by the applicant for registration at the time of issuance or renewal. The
 90 director shall inquire of each applicant at the time the applicant presents the completed
 91 application to the director whether the applicant is interested in making the one dollar donation
 92 prescribed in this subsection.

93 8. An applicant for registration may make a donation of one dollar to promote an organ
 94 donor program. The director of revenue shall collect the donations and deposit all such
 95 donations in the state treasury to the credit of the organ donor program fund as established in
 96 sections 194.297 to 194.304. Moneys in the organ donor fund shall be used solely for the
 97 purposes established in sections 194.297 to 194.304, except that the department of revenue shall
 98 retain no more than one percent for its administrative costs. The donation prescribed in this
 99 subsection is voluntary and may be refused by the applicant for registration at the time of
 100 issuance or renewal. The director shall inquire of each applicant at the time the applicant
 101 presents the completed application to the director whether the applicant is interested in making
 102 the one dollar donation prescribed in this subsection.

301.055. 1. **Except for motor vehicles identified under subsection 2 of this section,**
 2 the **base** annual registration fee for motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles is[:
 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 ~~Motorcycles~~ ~~8.50~~
 11 ~~Motortricycles~~ ~~10.00~~
 12 ~~Autoeycles~~ ~~10.00~~] **twenty-four dollars. Motor vehicles with a combined**
 13 **city/highway miles per gallon rating of twenty-nine MPG or less, calculated as provided**
 14 **under section 301.020, shall not pay any additional fee. Motor vehicles with a combined**
 15 **city/highway miles per gallon rating greater than twenty-nine MPG, calculated as provided**
 16 **under section 301.020, shall pay an additional fee, as follows:**

17 (1) **For motor vehicles with a rating greater than twenty-nine MPG, up to and**
 18 **including sixty MPG, six dollars for each mile per gallon the motor vehicle is rated above**
 19 **twenty-nine MPG;**

20 (2) **For motor vehicles with a rating greater than sixty MPG, an amount equivalent**
 21 **to the total fee paid by a motor vehicle with a rating of sixty MPG.**

22 Any additional fee required under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be added
23 to the twenty-four dollar base fee.

24 2. The annual registration fee for motor vehicles not identified under subsection
25 1 of this section is as follows:

26 (1) Motorcycles shall pay a fee of eight dollars and fifty cents;

27 (2) Motortricycles and autocycles shall pay a fee of ten dollars;

28 (3) Motor vehicles that have paid the alternative fuel decal fee required under
29 section 142.869 shall pay a fee equivalent to the total fee paid by motor vehicles under
30 subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section; this fee shall be in addition to and shall not
31 replace any fee required under section 142.869.

32 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the registration of any autocycle
33 registered as a motorcycle or motortricycle prior to August 28, 2018, shall remain in effect until
34 the expiration of the registration period for such vehicle at which time the owner shall be
35 required to renew the motor vehicle's registration under the autocycle classification and pay the
36 appropriate registration fee.

301.070. 1. ~~[In determining fees based on the horsepower of vehicles propelled by
2 internal combustion engines, the horsepower shall be computed and recorded upon the following
3 formula established by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce: Square the bore of the
4 cylinder in inches multiplied by the number of cylinders, divided by two and one-half.~~

5 ~~——— 2. The horsepower of all motor vehicles propelled by steam may be accepted as rated by
6 the manufacturers thereof, or may be determined in accordance with regulations promulgated by
7 the director.~~

8 ~~——— 3. The horsepower of all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles, propelled
9 by electric power, shall be rated as being between twelve and twenty-four horsepower.~~

10 ~~——— 4.] Fees of commercial motor vehicles, other than passenger-carrying commercial motor
11 vehicles, shall be based on the gross weight of the vehicle or any combination of vehicles and
12 the maximum load to be carried at any one time during the license period, except the fee for a
13 wrecker, tow truck, rollback or car carrier used in a towing service shall be based on the empty
14 weight of such vehicle fully equipped for the recovery or towing of vehicles.~~

15 ~~[5-]~~ 2. The decision of the director as to the type of motor vehicles and their
16 classification for the purpose of registration and the computation of fees therefor **authorized**
17 **under this chapter** shall be final and conclusive.

Section B. The repeal and reenactment of sections 301.020, 301.055, and 301.070 of
2 Section A of this act shall become effective on August 28, 2021.

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