

HB 1800 -- MOTOR VEHICLES (Morris (140))

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Transportation

Currently, the Department of Revenue is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the awarding and renewal of fee office contracts. This bill requires the Director of the Department of Revenue to award fee office contracts through a competitive bidding process and to give preference to certain factors, such as Missouri not-for-profit corporations, persons and entities that reinvest at least 75% of net proceeds to charitable organizations in the state, and persons or entities that are based in a location near the fee office location.

If the department utilizes a scoring mechanism to evaluate bids, the scoring mechanism must ensure that:

- (1) A person or entity based no more than 35 miles from the fee office location shall be awarded a bonus 15% of the total available points;
- (2) A person or entity based more than 35 miles but no more than 60 miles from the fee office location shall be awarded a bonus of 10% of the total available points;
- (3) A person or entity that is a resident of the state, as defined in the bill, shall be awarded a bonus of 10% of the total available points; and
- (4) A person or entity based more than 60 miles but no more than 75 miles from the fee office location shall be awarded a bonus of 7% of the total available points.

No fee office contract shall be awarded to any person or entity that is not in compliance with the established rules.

The department shall not consider for a contract award any entity that has not be registered with the Secretary of State for at least one year.

Currently, Purple Heart recipients may receive specialty Purple Heart license plates by paying the regular registration fees and may not be charged an additional fee. This bill allows for the issuance of two sets of these specialty license plates. The first set of plates shall be issued without a fee and only the regular registration fee shall apply to any additional set of plates.

Additionally, in the event of the death of a Purple Heart recipient, the co-owner of the motor vehicle who was also the

spouse of the deceased may use and renew the license plates until he or she remarries or, if they do not remarry, for the remainder of their life.