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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 301.020, 301.130, 301.147, 301.190, 301.448, 301.469, 307.350, and 307.380, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to motor vehicle registration.

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

Section A. Sections 301.020, 301.130, 301.147, 301.190, 301.448, 301.469, 307.350, 2 and 307.380, RSMo, are repealed and eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known 3 as sections 301.020, 301.130, 301.147, 301.190, 301.448, 301.469, 307.350, and 307.380, to 4 read as follows:

301.020. 1. Every owner of a motor vehicle or trailer, which shall be operated or 2 driven upon the highways of this state, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, shall 3 annually file, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the director of revenue, an application for 4 registration on a blank to be furnished by the director of revenue for that purpose containing:

5 (1) A brief description of the motor vehicle or trailer to be registered, including the 6 name of the manufacturer, the vehicle identification number, the amount of motive power of 7 the motor vehicle, stated in figures of horsepower and whether the motor vehicle is to be 8 registered as a motor vehicle primarily for business use as defined in section 301.010;

9 (2) The name, the applicant's identification number and address of the owner of such 10 motor vehicle or trailer;

11 (3) The gross weight of the vehicle and the desired load in pounds if the vehicle is a 12 commercial motor vehicle or trailer.

13 2. If the vehicle is a motor vehicle primarily for business use as defined in section 14 301.010 and if such vehicle is [~~ten years of age or less~~] **model year 2012 or newer** and has

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.

15 less than one hundred fifty thousand miles on the odometer, the director of revenue shall  
16 retain the odometer information provided in the vehicle inspection report, and provide for  
17 prompt access to such information, together with the vehicle identification number for the  
18 motor vehicle to which such information pertains, for a period of ten years after the receipt of  
19 such information. This section shall not apply unless:

20 (1) The application for the vehicle's certificate of ownership was submitted after July  
21 1, 1989; and

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

23 3. If the vehicle is any motor vehicle other than a motor vehicle primarily for business  
24 use, a recreational motor vehicle, motorcycle, motortricycle, autocycle, bus, or any  
25 commercial motor vehicle licensed for over twelve thousand pounds and if such motor  
26 vehicle is ~~[ten years of age or less]~~ **model year 2012 or newer** and has less than one hundred  
27 fifty thousand miles on the odometer, the director of revenue shall retain the odometer  
28 information provided in the vehicle inspection report, and provide for prompt access to such  
29 information, together with the vehicle identification number for the motor vehicle to which  
30 such information pertains, for a period of ten years after the receipt of such information. This  
31 subsection shall not apply unless:

32 (1) The application for the vehicle's certificate of ownership was submitted after July  
33 1, 1990; and

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

35 4. If the vehicle qualifies as a reconstructed motor vehicle, motor change vehicle,  
36 specially constructed motor vehicle, non-USA-std motor vehicle, as defined in section  
37 301.010, or prior salvage as referenced in section 301.573, the owner or lienholder shall  
38 surrender the certificate of ownership. The owner shall make an application for a new  
39 certificate of ownership, pay the required title fee, and obtain the vehicle examination  
40 certificate required pursuant to subsection 9 of section 301.190. If an insurance company  
41 pays a claim on a salvage vehicle as defined in section 301.010 and the owner retains the  
42 vehicle, as prior salvage, the vehicle shall only be required to meet the examination  
43 requirements under subsection 10 of section 301.190. Notarized bills of sale along with a  
44 copy of the front and back of the certificate of ownership for all major component parts  
45 installed on the vehicle and invoices for all essential parts which are not defined as major  
46 component parts shall accompany the application for a new certificate of ownership. If the  
47 vehicle is a specially constructed motor vehicle, as defined in section 301.010, two pictures of  
48 the vehicle shall be submitted with the application. If the vehicle is a kit vehicle, the  
49 applicant shall submit the invoice and the manufacturer's statement of origin on the kit. If the  
50 vehicle requires the issuance of a special number by the director of revenue or a replacement  
51 vehicle identification number, the applicant shall submit the required application and

52 application fee. All applications required under this subsection shall be submitted with any  
53 applicable taxes which may be due on the purchase of the vehicle or parts. The director of  
54 revenue shall appropriately designate "Reconstructed Motor Vehicle", "Motor Change  
55 Vehicle", "Non-USA-Std Motor Vehicle", or "Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle" on the  
56 current and all subsequent issues of the certificate of ownership of such vehicle.

57         5. Every insurance company that pays a claim for repair of a motor vehicle which as  
58 the result of such repairs becomes a reconstructed motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010  
59 or that pays a claim on a salvage vehicle as defined in section 301.010 and the owner is  
60 retaining the vehicle shall in writing notify the owner of the vehicle, and in a first party claim,  
61 the lienholder if a lien is in effect, that he is required to surrender the certificate of ownership,  
62 and the documents and fees required pursuant to subsection 4 of this section to obtain a prior  
63 salvage motor vehicle certificate of ownership or documents and fees as otherwise required  
64 by law to obtain a salvage certificate of ownership, from the director of revenue. The  
65 insurance company shall within thirty days of the payment of such claims report to the  
66 director of revenue the name and address of such owner, the year, make, model, vehicle  
67 identification number, and license plate number of the vehicle, and the date of loss and  
68 payment.

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

71         7. An applicant for registration may make a donation of one dollar to promote a  
72 blindness education, screening and treatment program. The director of revenue shall collect  
73 the donations and deposit all such donations in the state treasury to the credit of the blindness  
74 education, screening and treatment program fund established in section 209.015. Moneys in  
75 the blindness education, screening and treatment program fund shall be used solely for the  
76 purposes established in section 209.015; except that the department of revenue shall retain no  
77 more than one percent for its administrative costs. The donation prescribed in this subsection  
78 is voluntary and may be refused by the applicant for registration at the time of issuance or  
79 renewal. The director shall inquire of each applicant at the time the applicant presents the  
80 completed application to the director whether the applicant is interested in making the one  
81 dollar donation prescribed in this subsection.

82         8. An applicant for registration may make a donation of an amount not less than one  
83 dollar to promote an organ donor program. The director of revenue shall collect the donations  
84 and deposit all such donations in the state treasury to the credit of the organ donor program  
85 fund as established in sections 194.297 to 194.304. Moneys in the organ donor fund shall be  
86 used solely for the purposes established in sections 194.297 to 194.304, except that the  
87 department of revenue shall retain no more than one percent for its administrative costs. The  
88 donation prescribed in this subsection is voluntary and may be refused by the applicant for

89 registration at the time of issuance or renewal. The director shall inquire of each applicant at  
90 the time the applicant presents the completed application to the director whether the applicant  
91 is interested in making a contribution not less than one dollar as prescribed in this subsection.

92 9. An applicant for registration may make a donation of one dollar to the Missouri  
93 medal of honor recipients fund. The director of revenue shall collect the donations and  
94 deposit all such donations in the state treasury to the credit of the Missouri medal of honor  
95 recipients fund as established in section 226.925. Moneys in the medal of honor recipients  
96 fund shall be used solely for the purposes established in section 226.925, except that the  
97 department of revenue shall retain no more than one percent for its administrative costs. The  
98 donation prescribed in this subsection is voluntary and may be refused by the applicant for  
99 registration at the time of issuance or renewal. The director shall inquire of each applicant at  
100 the time the applicant presents the completed application to the director whether the applicant  
101 is interested in making the one dollar donation prescribed in this subsection.

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

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

18 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a gross weight  
19 in excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles, local  
20 transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles,  
21 motorscooters, and driveaway vehicles shall be registered with the director of revenue as  
22 provided for in subsection 3 of section 301.030, or with the state highways and transportation  
23 commission as otherwise provided in this chapter, but only one license plate shall be issued  
24 for each such vehicle, except as provided in this subsection. The applicant for registration of

25 any property-carrying commercial vehicle registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve  
26 thousand pounds may request and be issued two license plates for such vehicle, and if such  
27 plates are issued, the director of revenue shall provide for distinguishing marks on the plates  
28 indicating one plate is for the front and the other is for the rear of such vehicle. The director  
29 may assess and collect an additional charge from the applicant in an amount not to exceed the  
30 fee prescribed for personalized license plates in subsection 1 of section 301.144.

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

35 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this state unless it  
36 shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the director of  
37 revenue or the state highways and transportation commission and authorized by section  
38 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle or trailer in a manner  
39 so that all parts thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective  
40 qualities thereof are not impaired. Each such plate may be encased in a transparent cover so  
41 long as the plate is plainly visible and its reflective qualities are not impaired. License plates  
42 shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors  
43 licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds on the front and rear of such vehicles not less  
44 than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers  
45 thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles,  
46 and motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles either horizontally or  
47 vertically, with the letters and numbers plainly visible. The license plate on buses, other than  
48 school buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of  
49 twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less than eight  
50 nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right  
51 side up or if two plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to subsection 3 of this section,  
52 displayed in the same manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate or  
53 plates authorized by section 301.140, when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence  
54 that the required fees have been paid.

55 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or biennially a tab or set of tabs as  
56 provided by law as evidence of the annual payment of registration fees and the current  
57 registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates. Beginning January 1, 2010, the director  
58 may prescribe any additional information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that the tab or  
59 tabs positively correlate with the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue  
60 for such vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.

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

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

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

68 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant to section  
69 301.041, the plate issued by the highways and transportation commission shall be a  
70 permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall be issued. Nothing in this section  
71 shall relieve the owner of any vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this section from the  
72 obligation to pay the annual registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring  
73 license plate shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission upon the sale or  
74 disposal of the vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is  
75 issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement commercial motor vehicle when the  
76 owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation  
77 commission for the registration of such replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon  
78 payment of the annual registration fee, the highways and transportation commission shall  
79 issue a certificate of registration or other suitable evidence of payment of the annual fee, and  
80 such evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

81 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under this section,  
82 or upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent nonexpiring plate issued  
83 for such vehicle shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission and shall  
84 not be valid for operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement  
85 vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways and  
86 transportation commission for the registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which  
87 is permanently registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise disposed of, or the  
88 lease terminated, the registrant shall be given credit for any unused portion of the annual  
89 registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the purchase or lease of another vehicle  
90 during the registration year.

91 **7. Beginning January 1, 2026, the director of revenue may issue five-year tabs as**  
92 **provided by law as evidence of the payment of registration fees and the current**  
93 **registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates to motor vehicle owners electing a five-**  
94 **year registration under subsection 2 of section 301.147.**

95 **8.** The director of revenue and the highways and transportation commission may  
96 prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. No rule or

97 portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless  
98 it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

99 [8:] 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners of  
100 motor vehicles other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed  
101 in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight may apply for special personalized  
102 license plates. Vehicles licensed for twenty-four thousand pounds that display special  
103 personalized license plates shall be subject to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section  
104 301.030. On and after August 28, 2016, owners of motor vehicles, other than apportioned  
105 motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand  
106 pounds gross weight, may apply for any preexisting or hereafter statutorily created special  
107 personalized license plates.

108 [9:] 10. No later than January 1, 2019, the director of revenue shall commence the  
109 reissuance of new license plates of such design as approved by the advisory committee under  
110 section 301.125 consistent with the terms, conditions, and provisions of section 301.125 and  
111 this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all other fees  
112 required by law, applicants for registration of vehicles with license plates that expire during  
113 the period of reissuance, applicants for registration of trailers or semitrailers with license  
114 plates that expire during the period of reissuance and applicants for registration of vehicles  
115 that are to be issued new license plates during the period of reissuance shall pay the cost of  
116 the plates required by this subsection. The additional cost prescribed in this subsection shall  
117 not be charged to persons receiving special license plates issued under section 301.073 or  
118 301.443. Historic motor vehicle license plates registered pursuant to section 301.131 and  
119 specialized license plates are exempt from the provisions of this subsection. Except for new,  
120 replacement, and transfer applications, permanent nonexpiring license plates issued to  
121 commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 301.041 are exempt from the  
122 provisions of this subsection.

301.147. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.020 to the contrary,  
2 beginning July 1, 2000, the director of revenue may provide owners of motor vehicles, other  
3 than commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of fifty-four thousand pounds gross  
4 weight, the option of biennially registering motor vehicles[~~—Any vehicle manufactured as an~~  
5 ~~even-numbered model year vehicle shall be renewed each even-numbered calendar year and~~  
6 ~~any such vehicle manufactured as an odd-numbered model year vehicle shall be renewed each~~  
7 ~~odd-numbered calendar year], subject to the following requirements:~~

8 (1) The fee collected at the time of biennial registration shall include the annual  
9 registration fee plus a pro rata amount for the additional twelve months of the biennial  
10 registration;

11 (2) Presentation of all documentation otherwise required by law for vehicle  
12 registration including, but not limited to, a personal property tax receipt or certified statement  
13 for the preceding year that no such taxes were due as set forth in section 301.025, proof of a  
14 motor vehicle safety inspection and any applicable emission inspection conducted within  
15 sixty days prior to the date of application and proof of insurance as required by section  
16 303.026.

17 **2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.020 to the contrary, beginning**  
18 **January 1, 2026, the director of revenue may provide owners of motor vehicles with a**  
19 **model year of manufacture that is less than six years old, other than commercial motor**  
20 **vehicles licensed in excess of fifty-four thousand pounds gross weight, the option of a**  
21 **five-year registration period, subject to the following requirements:**

22 **(1) The fee collected at the time of five-year registration shall include the annual**  
23 **registration fee plus a pro rata amount for the additional four years of the five-year**  
24 **registration;**

25 **(2) Presentation of all documentation otherwise required by law for vehicle**  
26 **registration including, but not limited to, a personal property tax receipt or certified**  
27 **statement for the preceding year that no such taxes were due as set forth in section**  
28 **301.025, proof of a motor vehicle safety inspection if applicable, and proof of insurance**  
29 **as required by section 303.026.**

30 **3.** The director of revenue may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective  
31 administration of this section. The director is authorized to adopt those rules that are  
32 reasonable and necessary to accomplish the limited duties specifically delegated within this  
33 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
34 promulgated pursuant to the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if  
35 it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536. This section and chapter  
36 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
37 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
38 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
39 proposed or adopted after July 1, 2000, shall be invalid and void.

40 ~~[3-]~~ **4.** The director of revenue shall have the authority to stagger the registration  
41 period of motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twelve  
42 thousand pounds gross weight. Once the owner of a motor vehicle chooses the option of  
43 biennial registration, such registration must be maintained for the full twenty-four month  
44 period.

301.190. 1. No certificate of registration of any motor vehicle or trailer, or number  
2 plate therefor, shall be issued by the director of revenue unless the applicant therefor shall  
3 make application for and be granted a certificate of ownership of such motor vehicle or trailer,



4 or shall present satisfactory evidence that such certificate has been previously issued to the  
5 applicant for such motor vehicle or trailer. Application shall be made within thirty days after  
6 the applicant acquires the motor vehicle or trailer, unless the motor vehicle was acquired  
7 under section 301.213 or subsection 5 of section 301.210 in which case the applicant shall  
8 make application within thirty days after receiving title from the dealer, upon a blank form  
9 furnished by the director of revenue and shall contain the applicant's identification number, a  
10 full description of the motor vehicle or trailer, the vehicle identification number, and the  
11 mileage registered on the odometer at the time of transfer of ownership, as required by section  
12 407.536, together with a statement of the applicant's source of title and of any liens or  
13 encumbrances on the motor vehicle or trailer, provided that for good cause shown the director  
14 of revenue may extend the period of time for making such application. When an owner wants  
15 to add or delete a name or names on an application for certificate of ownership of a motor  
16 vehicle or trailer that would cause it to be inconsistent with the name or names listed on the  
17 notice of lien, the owner shall provide the director with documentation evidencing the  
18 lienholder's authorization to add or delete a name or names on an application for certificate of  
19 ownership.

20         2. The director of revenue shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether the  
21 facts stated in such application are true and shall, to the extent possible without substantially  
22 delaying processing of the application, review any odometer information pertaining to such  
23 motor vehicle that is accessible to the director of revenue. If satisfied that the applicant is the  
24 lawful owner of such motor vehicle or trailer, or otherwise entitled to have the same  
25 registered in his name, the director shall thereupon issue an appropriate certificate over his  
26 signature and sealed with the seal of his office, procured and used for such purpose. The  
27 certificate shall contain on its face a complete description, vehicle identification number, and  
28 other evidence of identification of the motor vehicle or trailer, as the director of revenue may  
29 deem necessary, together with the odometer information required to be put on the face of the  
30 certificate pursuant to section 407.536, a statement of any liens or encumbrances which the  
31 application may show to be thereon, and, if ownership of the vehicle has been transferred, the  
32 name of the state issuing the transferor's title and whether the transferor's odometer mileage  
33 statement executed pursuant to section 407.536 indicated that the true mileage is materially  
34 different from the number of miles shown on the odometer, or is unknown.

35         3. The director of revenue shall appropriately designate on the current and all  
36 subsequent issues of the certificate the words "Reconstructed Motor Vehicle", "Motor Change  
37 Vehicle", "Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle", or "Non-USA-Std Motor Vehicle", as  
38 defined in section 301.010. Effective July 1, 1990, on all original and all subsequent issues of  
39 the certificate for motor vehicles as referenced in subsections 2 and 3 of section 301.020, the  
40 director shall print on the face thereof the following designation: "Annual odometer updates

41 may be available from the department of revenue.". On any duplicate certificate, the director  
42 of revenue shall reprint on the face thereof the most recent of either:

43 (1) The mileage information included on the face of the immediately prior certificate  
44 and the date of purchase or issuance of the immediately prior certificate; or

45 (2) Any other mileage information provided to the director of revenue, and the date  
46 the director obtained or recorded that information.

47 4. The certificate of ownership issued by the director of revenue shall be  
48 manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to alter, counterfeit,  
49 duplicate, or forge such certificate without ready detection. In order to carry out the  
50 requirements of this subsection, the director of revenue may contract with a nonprofit  
51 scientific or educational institution specializing in the analysis of secure documents to  
52 determine the most effective methods of rendering Missouri certificates of ownership  
53 nonalterable or noncounterfeitable.

54 5. The fee for each original certificate so issued shall be eight dollars and fifty cents,  
55 in addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle or trailer. If application for the  
56 certificate is not made within thirty days after the vehicle is acquired by the applicant, or  
57 where the motor vehicle was acquired under section 301.213 or subsection 5 of section  
58 301.210 and the applicant fails to make application within thirty days after receiving title  
59 from the dealer, a delinquency penalty fee of twenty-five dollars for the first thirty days of  
60 delinquency and twenty-five dollars for each thirty days of delinquency thereafter, not to  
61 exceed a total of two hundred dollars, but such penalty may be waived by the director for a  
62 good cause shown. If the director of revenue learns that any person has failed to obtain a  
63 certificate within thirty days after acquiring a motor vehicle or trailer, or where the motor  
64 vehicle was acquired under section 301.213 or subsection 5 of section 301.210 and the  
65 applicant fails to make application within thirty days after receiving title from the dealer, or  
66 has sold a vehicle without obtaining a certificate, he shall cancel the registration of all  
67 vehicles registered in the name of the person, either as sole owner or as a co-owner, and shall  
68 notify the person that the cancellation will remain in force until the person pays the  
69 delinquency penalty fee provided in this section, together with all fees, charges and payments  
70 which the person should have paid in connection with the certificate of ownership and  
71 registration of the vehicle. The certificate shall be good for the life of the motor vehicle or  
72 trailer so long as the same is owned or held by the original holder of the certificate and shall  
73 not have to be renewed annually.

74 6. Any applicant for a certificate of ownership requesting the department of revenue  
75 to process an application for a certificate of ownership in an expeditious manner requiring  
76 special handling shall pay a fee of five dollars in addition to the regular certificate of  
77 ownership fee.

78           7. It is unlawful for any person to operate in this state a motor vehicle or trailer  
79 required to be registered under the provisions of the law unless a certificate of ownership has  
80 been applied for as provided in this section.

81           8. Before an original Missouri certificate of ownership is issued, an inspection of the  
82 vehicle and a verification of vehicle identification numbers shall be made by the Missouri  
83 state highway patrol on vehicles for which there is a current title issued by another state if a  
84 Missouri salvage certificate of title has been issued for the same vehicle but no prior  
85 inspection and verification has been made in this state, except that if such vehicle has been  
86 inspected in another state by a law enforcement officer in a manner comparable to the  
87 inspection process in this state and the vehicle identification numbers have been so verified,  
88 the applicant shall not be liable for the twenty-five dollar inspection fee if such applicant  
89 submits proof of inspection and vehicle identification number verification to the director of  
90 revenue at the time of the application. The applicant, who has such a title for a vehicle on  
91 which no prior inspection and verification have been made, shall pay a fee of twenty-five  
92 dollars for such verification and inspection, payable to the director of revenue at the time of  
93 the request for the application, which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of  
94 the state highways and transportation department fund.

95           9. Each application for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for a vehicle  
96 which is classified as a reconstructed motor vehicle, specially constructed motor vehicle, kit  
97 vehicle, motor change vehicle, non-USA-std motor vehicle, or other vehicle as required by  
98 the director of revenue shall be accompanied by a vehicle examination certificate issued by  
99 the Missouri state highway patrol, or other law enforcement agency as authorized by the  
100 director of revenue. The vehicle examination shall include a verification of vehicle  
101 identification numbers and a determination of the classification of the vehicle. The owner of  
102 a vehicle which requires a vehicle examination certificate shall present the vehicle for  
103 examination and obtain a completed vehicle examination certificate prior to submitting an  
104 application for a certificate of ownership to the director of revenue. Notwithstanding any  
105 provision of the law to the contrary, an owner presenting a motor vehicle which has been  
106 issued a salvage title and which is ten years of age or older to a vehicle examination described  
107 in this subsection in order to obtain a certificate of ownership with the designation prior  
108 salvage motor vehicle shall not be required to repair or restore the vehicle to its original  
109 appearance in order to pass or complete the vehicle examination. The fee for the vehicle  
110 examination application shall be twenty-five dollars and shall be collected by the director of  
111 revenue at the time of the request for the application and shall be deposited in the state  
112 treasury to the credit of the state highways and transportation department fund. If the vehicle  
113 is also to be registered in Missouri, the safety inspection required in chapter 307 and the

114 emissions inspection required under chapter 643 shall be completed and the fees required by  
115 section 307.365 and section 643.315 shall be charged to the owner.

116         10. When an application is made for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for  
117 a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in a state other than Missouri or as required by  
118 section 301.020, it shall be accompanied by a current inspection form certified by a duly  
119 authorized official inspection station as described in chapter 307, **except that such**  
120 **inspection may be completed by an employee of a licensed new or used motor vehicle**  
121 **dealer for a motor vehicle sold to a person who lives outside of this state and intends to**  
122 **register the vehicle outside of this state or for a motor vehicle having less than thirty**  
123 **thousand miles for the three-year period following the model year of manufacture.** The  
124 completed form shall certify that the manufacturer's identification number for the vehicle has  
125 been inspected, that it is correctly displayed on the vehicle and shall certify the reading shown  
126 on the odometer at the time of inspection. The inspection station **or, in the case of a motor**  
127 **vehicle sold to a person who lives outside of this state and intends to register the vehicle**  
128 **outside of this state or a motor vehicle having less than thirty thousand miles for the**  
129 **three-year period following the model year of manufacture, the licensed new or used**  
130 **motor vehicle dealer** shall collect the same fee as authorized in section 307.365 for making  
131 the inspection, and the fee shall be deposited in the same manner as provided in section  
132 307.365. If the vehicle is also to be registered in Missouri, the safety inspection required in  
133 chapter 307 and the emissions inspection required under chapter 643 shall be completed and  
134 only the fees required by section 307.365 and section 643.315 shall be charged to the owner.  
135 This section shall not apply to vehicles being transferred on a manufacturer's statement of  
136 origin. **A licensed new or used motor vehicle dealer completing the inspection under this**  
137 **section shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or**  
138 **revocation of their dealer's license for knowingly completing such inspection with**  
139 **incorrect information. Such disciplinary action shall take place in accordance with**  
140 **department of revenue regular procedures for disciplinary action.**

141         11. Motor vehicles brought into this state in a wrecked or damaged condition or after  
142 being towed as an abandoned vehicle pursuant to another state's abandoned motor vehicle  
143 procedures shall, in lieu of the inspection required by subsection 10 of this section, be  
144 inspected by the Missouri state highway patrol in accordance with subsection 9 of this  
145 section. If the inspection reveals the vehicle to be in a salvage or junk condition, the director  
146 shall so indicate on any Missouri certificate of ownership issued for such vehicle. Any  
147 salvage designation shall be carried forward on all subsequently issued certificates of title for  
148 the motor vehicle.

149         12. When an application is made for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for  
150 a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in a state other than Missouri, and the

151 certificate of ownership has been appropriately designated by the issuing state as a  
152 reconstructed motor vehicle, motor change vehicle, specially constructed motor vehicle, or  
153 prior salvage vehicle, the director of revenue shall appropriately designate on the current  
154 Missouri and all subsequent issues of the certificate of ownership the name of the issuing state  
155 and such prior designation. The absence of any prior designation shall not relieve a transferor  
156 of the duty to exercise due diligence with regard to such certificate of ownership prior to the  
157 transfer of a certificate. If a transferor exercises any due diligence with regard to a certificate  
158 of ownership, the legal transfer of a certificate of ownership without any designation that is  
159 subsequently discovered to have or should have had a designation shall be a transfer free and  
160 clear of any liabilities of the transferor associated with the missing designation.

161           13. When an application is made for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for  
162 a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in a state other than Missouri, and the  
163 certificate of ownership has been appropriately designated by the issuing state as non-USA-  
164 std motor vehicle, the director of revenue shall appropriately designate on the current  
165 Missouri and all subsequent issues of the certificate of ownership the words "Non-USA-Std  
166 Motor Vehicle".

167           14. The director of revenue and the superintendent of the Missouri state highway  
168 patrol shall make and enforce rules for the administration of the inspections required by this  
169 section.

170           15. Each application for an original Missouri certificate of ownership for a vehicle  
171 which is classified as a reconstructed motor vehicle, manufactured forty or more years prior  
172 to the current model year, and which has a value of three thousand dollars or less shall be  
173 accompanied by:

174           (1) A proper affidavit submitted by the owner explaining how the motor vehicle or  
175 trailer was acquired and, if applicable, the reasons a valid certificate of ownership cannot be  
176 furnished;

177           (2) Photocopies of receipts, bills of sale establishing ownership, or titles, and the  
178 source of all major component parts used to rebuild the vehicle;

179           (3) A fee of one hundred fifty dollars in addition to the fees described in subsection 5  
180 of this section. Such fee shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state  
181 highways and transportation department fund; and

182           (4) An inspection certificate, other than a motor vehicle examination certificate  
183 required under subsection 9 of this section, completed and issued by the Missouri state  
184 highway patrol, or other law enforcement agency as authorized by the director of revenue.  
185 The inspection performed by the highway patrol or other authorized local law enforcement  
186 agency shall include a check for stolen vehicles.

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188 The department of revenue shall issue the owner a certificate of ownership designated with  
189 the words "Reconstructed Motor Vehicle" and deliver such certificate of ownership in  
190 accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Notwithstanding subsection 9 of this section,  
191 no owner of a reconstructed motor vehicle described in this subsection shall be required to  
192 obtain a vehicle examination certificate issued by the Missouri state highway patrol.

301.448. Any person who has served and was honorably discharged or currently  
2 serves in ~~[any branch of the United States Armed Forces]~~ **the United States Army, Marine**  
3 **Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard,** or **in the** reserves  
4 **for any such branch,** ~~[the United States Coast Guard or reserve,]~~ the United States Merchant  
5 Marines or reserve, or the Missouri National Guard, or any subdivision of any of such  
6 services or a member of the United States Marine Corps League may apply for special motor  
7 vehicle license plates, either solely or jointly, for issuance either to passenger motor vehicles  
8 subject to the registration fees provided in section 301.055, or to nonlocal property-carrying  
9 commercial motor vehicles licensed for a gross weight of six thousand pounds up through and  
10 including twenty-four thousand pounds as provided in section 301.057. Any such person  
11 shall make application for the special license plates on a form provided by the director of  
12 revenue and furnish such proof that such person is a member or former member of any such  
13 branch of service as the director may require. Upon presentation of the proof of eligibility  
14 and annual payment of the fee required for personalized license plates in section 301.144, and  
15 other fees and documents which may be required by law, the department shall issue  
16 personalized license plates which shall bear the seal, logo or emblem, along with a word or  
17 words designating the branch or subdivision of such service for which the person applies. All  
18 seals, logos, emblems or special symbols shall become an integral part of the license plate;  
19 however, no plate shall contain more than one seal, logo, emblem or special symbol and the  
20 design of such plates shall be approved by the advisory committee established in section  
21 301.129 and by the branch or subdivision of such service or the Marine Corps League prior to  
22 issuing such plates. The plates shall have a white background with a blue and red  
23 configuration at the discretion of the advisory committee established in section 301.129. The  
24 plates shall be clearly visible at night and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by  
25 section 301.130. The bidding process used to select a vendor for the material to manufacture  
26 the license plates authorized by this section shall consider the aesthetic appearance of the  
27 plate. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement  
28 of this section, and shall design all necessary forms. All license plates issued under this  
29 provision must be renewed in accordance with law. License plates issued under the  
30 provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person, except that any  
31 registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle for the  
32 duration of the year licensed, in the event of the death of the qualified applicant.

301.469. 1. Any vehicle owner may receive license plates as prescribed in this section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight, after an annual payment of an emblem-use authorization fee to the Missouri conservation heritage foundation. The foundation hereby authorizes the use of its official emblems to be affixed on multiyear license plates as provided in this section. Any vehicle owner may annually apply for the use of the emblems.

2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use authorization fee to the Missouri conservation heritage foundation, the foundation shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented to the director of the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle.

3. Upon presentation of the annual statement, payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees and documents which may be required by law, the director of the department of revenue shall issue a license plate, which shall bear an emblem of the Missouri conservation heritage foundation in a form prescribed by the director, to the vehicle owner. 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

**4. Application for the emblem-use authorization and payment of the twenty-five-dollar contribution may also be made at the time of registration to the director of the department of revenue, who shall deposit the contribution to the credit of the Missouri conservation heritage foundation.**

5. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with a Missouri conservation heritage foundation emblem authorized by this section but who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the foundation emblem, as otherwise provided by law.

~~5-~~ 6. The director of the department of revenue may promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is promulgated under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect; however, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to August 28, 1999, if it fully complied with the provisions of chapter 536. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the

38 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
39 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
40 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be invalid  
41 and void.

307.350. 1. The owner of every motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010 which is  
2 required to be registered in this state, except:

3 (1) Motor vehicles having less than one hundred fifty thousand miles~~[-, for the ten-~~  
4 ~~year period following their model year of manufacture]~~ **and of model year 2012 or newer**,  
5 excluding prior salvage vehicles immediately following a rebuilding process and vehicles  
6 subject to the provisions of section 307.380;

7 (2) Those motor vehicles which are engaged in interstate commerce and are  
8 proportionately registered in this state with the Missouri highway reciprocity commission,  
9 although the owner may request that such vehicle be inspected by an official inspection  
10 station, and a peace officer may stop and inspect such vehicles to determine whether the  
11 mechanical condition is in compliance with the safety regulations established by the United  
12 States Department of Transportation; and

13 (3) Historic motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 301.131;

14 (4) Vehicles registered in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds for a period of less  
15 than twelve months;

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17 shall submit such vehicles to a biennial inspection of their mechanism and equipment in  
18 accordance with the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 and obtain a certificate of  
19 inspection and approval and a sticker, seal, or other device from a duly authorized official  
20 inspection station. The inspection, except the inspection of school buses which shall be made  
21 at the time provided in section 307.375, shall be made at the time prescribed in the rules and  
22 regulations issued by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol; but the  
23 inspection of a vehicle shall not be made more than sixty days prior to the date of application  
24 for registration or within sixty days of when a vehicle's registration is transferred; however, if  
25 a vehicle was purchased from a motor vehicle dealer and a valid inspection had been made  
26 within sixty days of the purchase date, the new owner shall be able to utilize an inspection  
27 performed within ninety days prior to the application for registration or transfer. Any vehicle  
28 manufactured as an even-numbered model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved  
29 pursuant to the safety inspection program established pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390  
30 in each even-numbered calendar year and any such vehicle manufactured as an odd-numbered  
31 model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390  
32 in each odd-numbered year. The certificate of inspection and approval shall be a sticker, seal,  
33 or other device or combination thereof, as the superintendent of the Missouri state highway



34 patrol prescribes by regulation and shall be displayed upon the motor vehicle or trailer as  
35 prescribed by the regulations established by him. The replacement of certificates of  
36 inspection and approval which are lost or destroyed shall be made by the superintendent of  
37 the Missouri state highway patrol under regulations prescribed by him.

38 2. For the purpose of obtaining an inspection only, it shall be lawful to operate a  
39 vehicle over the most direct route between the owner's usual place of residence and an  
40 inspection station of such owner's choice, notwithstanding the fact that the vehicle does not  
41 have a current state registration license. It shall also be lawful to operate such a vehicle from  
42 an inspection station to another place where repairs may be made and to return the vehicle to  
43 the inspection station notwithstanding the absence of a current state registration license.

44 3. No person whose motor vehicle was duly inspected and approved as provided in  
45 this section shall be required to have the same motor vehicle again inspected and approved for  
46 the sole reason that such person wishes to obtain a set of any special personalized license  
47 plates available pursuant to section 301.144 or a set of any license plates available pursuant to  
48 section 301.142, prior to the expiration date of such motor vehicle's current registration.

49 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.390, violation of this section shall  
50 be deemed an infraction.

307.380. 1. Every vehicle of the type required to be inspected upon having been  
2 involved in an accident and when so directed by a police officer must be inspected and an  
3 official certificate of inspection and approval, sticker, seal or other device be obtained for  
4 such vehicle before it is again operated on the highways of this state.

5 2. At the seller's expense every used motor vehicle of the type required to be  
6 inspected by section 307.350 shall immediately prior to sale be fully inspected regardless of  
7 any current certificate of inspection and approval, and an appropriate new certificate of  
8 inspection and approval, sticker, seal or other device shall be obtained **no more than sixty**  
9 **days prior to the date of sale, except that such inspection shall not be required for a**  
10 **motor vehicle sold to a person who lives outside of this state and intends to register the**  
11 **vehicle outside of this state or for a motor vehicle having less than thirty thousand miles**  
12 **for the three-year period following the model year of manufacture when:**

13 (1) Sold by a private seller; or

14 (2) Sold by a licensed new or used motor vehicle dealer, provided that such  
15 dealer has sold at least two hundred motor vehicles in the previous calendar year.

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17 **The seller of a motor vehicle required to be inspected under this subsection shall present**  
18 **the certificate of inspection and approval to the buyer at the point of sale and the buyer**  
19 **shall be required to submit the certificate of inspection when applying for registration of**  
20 **the vehicle.**

21           ~~[2-]~~ 3. Nothing contained in the provisions of this section shall be construed to  
22 prohibit a dealer or any other person from selling a vehicle without a certificate of inspection  
23 and approval if the vehicle is sold for junk, salvage, or for rebuilding, or for vehicles sold at  
24 public auction or from dealer to dealer. The purchaser of any vehicle which is purchased for  
25 junk, salvage, or for rebuilding shall give to the seller an affidavit, on a form prescribed by the  
26 superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol, stating that the vehicle is being  
27 purchased for one of the reasons stated herein. No vehicle of the type required to be inspected  
28 by section 307.350 which is purchased as junk, salvage, or for rebuilding shall again be  
29 registered in this state until the owner has submitted the vehicle for inspection and obtained  
30 an official certificate of inspection and approval, sticker, seal or other device for such vehicle.

31           ~~[3-]~~ 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.390, violation of this section  
32 shall be deemed an infraction.

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