MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES AND FEE OFFICES (Section 136.055, RSMo)

This bill increases the fees authorized to be charged by motor vehicle registration offices as follows:

- (1) For a motor vehicle registration issued, renewed or transferred, the fee increases from \$6 to \$9 for an annual registration and from \$12 to \$18 for a biennial registration;
- (2) For each trailer registration issued, renewed, or transferred, the annual registration fee is \$9; the three-year registration fee is \$27, and for a permanent registration the fee is \$45;
- (3) An application or transfer of title fee increases from \$6 to \$9;
- (4) For an instruction permit, nondriver license, chauffeur's, operator's, or driver's license issued for a period of three years or less, the fee increases from \$6 to \$9; and for a license or instruction permit issued or renewed for a period exceeding three years, the fee increases from \$12 to \$18; and
- (5) For a notice of lien processed, the fee increases from \$6 to \$9.

The bill specifies that the Director of the Department of Revenue will not award fee office contracts to entities affiliated in any manner, as defined in the bill, with a current employee of the Department or with a former employee of the Department for the one-year period following the employee's termination of employment, and no person affiliated in any manner with an entity awarded a fee office contract will be affiliated in any manner with a motor vehicle title service agent as prescribed by law.

This bill allows the Department Director to amend or renew any fee office contracts awarded through the competitive bidding process after September 1, 2009, for up to five years after the expiration date of such contract. The bill includes other requirements relating to contract renewals.

The bill removes reference to tax-exempt organization status and provides that all fees authorized under the bill that are collected by a contract fee office can be used by the entity operating the contract fee office, and fees that are collected by a fee office that is operated by the Department are considered State revenue.

The fees authorized under this bill will be collected by all contract fee offices and by all full-time or temporary offices operated by the Department.