



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**MEMORANDUM** Date: 2/4/2025 To: General Laws Committee From: Joseph Plaggenberg, Owner and Member of Plaggenberg Law LC and P&H MGMT LC Re: HB 207-----

-----In Support of Processing Fee Increases:• Increases fees across titling, registration, and driver licensing transactions.o Fees were last increased six years ago.o High inflation has increased costs across the board for license offices, and Prop B will increase costs even more with the need to hire additional staff to offset leave events.o

In support of fee increases for cost of living adjustments.In Opposition to License Office Distribution Fund:• Likely violates Article IV, Section 30(b) of the Missouri Constitution: “[A]ll state revenue derived from highway users as an incident to their use or right to use the highways of the state, including all state license fees and taxes upon motor vehicles, trailers and motor vehicle fuels... shall be deposited in the state road fund.” • License Office Socialism: the Fund establishes a mechanism to redistribute wealth generated from efficient, well ran license offices, to smaller offices and offices that operate poorly.• Based upon processing fee data from FY24, the fees generated from this part of the bill would be approximately \$8.98 million dollars annually, resulting in a redistribution of fees collected of \$51,609 annually assuming 174 license offices are open and operating.o Example: the Ellington License Office collected \$46,300 in fees in FY24. Under the proposal, they would collect an additional \$7,401 for the Fund and receive ~\$51,609.o Subsidizes small offices for merely existing, not for quality and amount of work performed;• Focus should be on making bidding more competitive, improving customer service, and consolidating operations where it makes sense to do so.In Opposition to Former DOR Employee Prohibition on Awards:• Anti-competitive: prohibits former DOR employees with related skills from competitively bidding.o Not applicable to other agency employees in competitive or even noncompetitive contracts.o Proposal made by incumbent contractors to limit competition and maintain an advantage.o Does not prohibit former DOR employees from working for current contractors, just disallows them to compete to provide services.• Not similar to lobbying ban: competitive bidding is different, and state awards should be made to the lowest and best offerors. Most DOR employees are not even involved in the bidding process.• Loss of Value Added: Former DOR employees add value to services provided in license offices and many have successfully started and ran license offices in the past.• Title Service Agent: not mutually exclusive roles; unclear why this is added.

Is it intended to exclude dealership owners from running license offices once they begin collecting titling tax?



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