

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 3302

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUSH.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 589, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of an animal abuse offender registry.

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

Section A. Chapter 589, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 589.765, to read as follows:

**589.765. 1. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Missouri state highway patrol shall post on its website, in a searchable format prescribed by the department of public safety, the names of any person convicted of animal abuse under section 578.012 on or after such date.**

**2. All circuit court clerks shall forward a copy of the judgment and date of birth of all persons convicted of animal abuse to the Missouri state highway patrol within sixty calendar days of the date of judgment.**

**3. Upon a person's first conviction for animal abuse under section 578.012, the Missouri state highway patrol shall maintain the person's name on the list under subsection 1 of this section for two years following the date of conviction, after which time the highway patrol shall remove the person's name from the list, provided that the person is not convicted of a second or subsequent offense of animal abuse during such two-year period.**

**4. Upon a person's second or subsequent conviction for animal abuse, the Missouri state highway patrol shall maintain the person's name on the list under subsection 1 of this section for five years following the date of the most recent conviction, after which time the highway patrol shall remove the person's name from**

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.

18 the list, provided that the person is not convicted of a second or subsequent offense of  
19 animal abuse within such five-year period.

20         **5. The Missouri state highway patrol shall remove a person's name from the**  
21 **registry list if the sole offense that subjected the person to the provisions of this section is**  
22 **expunged.**

23         **6. The department of public safety may promulgate rules and regulations to**  
24 **implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is**  
25 **defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section**  
26 **shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of**  
27 **chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**  
28 **nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**  
29 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**  
30 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**  
31 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.**

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