

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 3492

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOSLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to persons with impaired or limited ability to communicate with law enforcement.

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

Section A. Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 301.287, to read as follows:

**301.287. 1. This section shall be known and referred to as "Mason's Law".**

2 **2. Beginning January 1, 2027, a resident of this state with a health condition or**  
3 **disability that limits or impairs the ability to effectively communicate with law**  
4 **enforcement may, at the time of motor vehicle registration, apply to the department of**  
5 **revenue for a designation that shall be associated with the person's motor vehicle license**  
6 **plate number and available to law enforcement under the Missouri uniform law**  
7 **enforcement system (MULES) established under chapter 43. Such person may also**  
8 **apply to the department for issuance of a set of two license plate decals that may be**  
9 **affixed to the person's motor vehicle license plates to indicate that the applicant or the**  
10 **applicant's child, parent, or spouse has a physical or mental health condition that is**  
11 **likely to impair the ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement.**

12 **3. The initial application, which shall be on a form prescribed by the department**  
13 **and made available on the department's website, shall be signed by a physician licensed**  
14 **under chapter 334, or a psychologist licensed under chapter 337, certifying that:**

15 **(1) The applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or spouse has a physical or**  
16 **mental health condition that is likely to impair the ability to effectively communicate**  
17 **with law enforcement; and**

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           **(2) The physician or psychologist has determined that the applicant or the**  
19 **applicant's child, parent, or spouse will have the communication impairment for at least**  
20 **five years.**

21           **4. Upon submission of an application and approval by the department, the**  
22 **department shall notify the Missouri state highway patrol of the resident's approved**  
23 **application and the highway patrol shall prepare an entry in the Missouri uniform law**  
24 **enforcement system (MULES) that indicates that the applicant or the applicant's child,**  
25 **parent, or spouse has a physical or mental health condition that may impair the ability**  
26 **to effectively communicate with law enforcement. Such entry shall remain active for a**  
27 **period of five years unless the applicant requests that such designation be removed from**  
28 **the system. Upon expiration of the five-year period, the designation in MULES may be**  
29 **reactivated upon the filing of a renewal form with the department signed by a physician**  
30 **licensed under chapter 334, or a psychologist licensed under chapter 337, certifying**  
31 **that:**

32           **(1) The applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or spouse has a physical or**  
33 **mental health condition that is likely to impair the ability to effectively communicate**  
34 **with law enforcement; and**

35           **(2) The physician or psychologist has determined that the applicant or the**  
36 **applicant's child, parent, or spouse will have the communication impairment for at least**  
37 **five years.**

38           **5. The department of public safety shall issue guidance and education materials**  
39 **to all law enforcement agencies in this state to promote awareness of the designation**  
40 **established under this section.**

41           **6. The department of revenue shall design and produce license plate decals that**  
42 **may be displayed by applicants who qualify for a designation under this section. The**  
43 **decals shall contain a symbol that is recognizable to law enforcement but shall not bear**  
44 **any writing indicating a specific health condition or disability.**

45           **7. The department of revenue may promulgate all necessary rules and**  
46 **regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**  
47 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**  
48 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**  
49 **provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter**  
50 **536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**  
51 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**

52 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority  
53 and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.

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