

HB 2969 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Kelley

This bill repeals the inspection requirement for non-commercial motor vehicles that is currently required in order to renew a motor vehicle license, with the exception of prior salvage vehicles immediately following a rebuilding process. The air quality and emission inspection requirements for St. Louis and some specified areas that are mandated by Federal law are not modified. Inspection stations may still perform school bus safety inspections and odometer reading inspections and services for transferring vehicle ownership.

The bill also specifies that the first offense for driving with expired registration may be removed from a driver's record if, within 30 days, the driver renews the registration and submits a request to the Department of Revenue requesting the removal.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the Director of Revenue may provide owners of certain motor vehicles the additional options of a three-year and five-year registration as specified in the bill. In addition, motor vehicles may be registered permanently upon payment of 10 times the applicable fees required to register the vehicle annually. Permanent license plates will be nontransferrable and nonrefundable, and the Director of the Department may issue a distinctive registration tab indicating a vehicle has been permanently registered.

The provisions of this bill become effective January 1, 2027.

This bill is similar to HB 334 (2025).