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I am in Support of this Bill. However, I would like to see an Amendment to have the Depreciation of all Motor Vehicles to be no more than Ten (10) Years.



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In support of a 12-year depreciation schedule for vehicles based off of the vehicles MSRP.



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This is a fun way for the government to cut taxes for themselves and their rich friends. Eliminating income tax in Missouri will unfairly harm our elderly, middle, and lower-class citizens while helping the rich. The rich stay rich by spending everyone else's money except their own. Us "poors" are seen as beneath them, and we "poors" are *struggling*! We can barely afford our groceries because the prices of everything keep going up and we're being taxed to death. Imposing a usage tax is unfair because the "rich" use services far less than the "poors" do. This is a blatant grab at making Missouri an even worse state. It is a blatant slap to the face of the working class



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House Bill No. 3035 represents a fundamental shift in Missouri’s personal property tax assessment framework under the guise of standardization. By mandating the use of manufacturer’s suggested retail price (MSRP) as the starting point for all motor vehicle assessments beginning January 1, 2027, this bill severs valuation from actual market value and replaces it with a static, inflation-sensitive figure that bears diminishing relationship to real-world worth over time.

Article X, Section 3 of the Missouri Constitution requires that taxes be levied in a manner that is uniform upon the same class of subjects and based on true value in money. MSRP is not “true value in money.” It is a manufacturer-defined pricing tool, not a market transaction, not a resale indicator, and not reflective of depreciation caused by condition, usage, or regional market realities. Codifying MSRP as the valuation anchor risks constitutional conflict by substituting convenience for accuracy.

The bill further centralizes valuation authority within the State Tax Commission through compulsory acquisition of proprietary valuation data and mandated software integration, shifting both cost and operational burden to counties without providing a voter-approved funding mechanism. This implicates Article X, Sections 16 and 21, by functionally expanding tax administration costs and exposure without corresponding accountability to local taxpayers.

Equally concerning is the erosion of taxpayer protections.

The existing system—while imperfect—allows assessors discretion to rely on recognized trade publications and requires physical inspections before exceeding defined valuation increases. HB 3035 replaces this with a rigid depreciation table that presumes fairness rather than proving it, reversing the long-standing burden on the government to justify valuation increases with evidence.

Finally, this bill creates inequity across taxpayers by insulating high-value vehicles from meaningful depreciation challenges while locking lower- and middle-income taxpayers into inflated baseline assessments that no longer track resale markets.

Uniformity in formula is not uniformity in effect.

Missouri’s Constitution does not permit taxation by algorithmic convenience, nor does it allow the General Assembly to redefine “true value” by legislative fiat. If reform is necessary, it must enhance transparency, taxpayer recourse, and constitutional fidelity—not sacrifice them.

For these reasons, House Bill No. 3035 should not advance.

Administrative efficiency does not override constitutional limits.