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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.070, 301.130, 301.144, 301.560, 311.326, and 430.082, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to the regulation of motor vehicles, with an effective date for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.070, 301.130, 301.144, 301.560, 311.326, and 430.082, RSMo, are repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.130, 301.144, 301.560, 301.2998, 311.326, and 430.082, to read as follows: 301.055. The annual registration fee for passenger motor vehicles [other than commercial motor vehicles is: 5 Motorcycles 10 11 301.057. The annual registration fee for property-carrying commercial motor vehicles, not including property-carrying local commercial motor vehicles, or land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicles, based on gross weight is:

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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6	6,001 pounds to 9,000 pounds	38.00
7	9,001 pounds to 12,000 pounds	38.00]
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9	12,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds	63.00
10	18,001 pounds to [24,000 pounds	100.50
11	24,001 pounds to] 26,000 pounds	127.00
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14	36,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds 4 42,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds 5	13.00
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required to purchase the proper license plates and, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall be subject to the annual registration fee for the full calendar year for the vehicle's gross weight as prescribed in section 301.057.

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301.130. 1. The director of revenue, upon receipt of a proper application for registration, required fees and any other information which may be required by law, shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in such manner and form as the director of revenue may prescribe and a set of license plates, or 5 other evidence of registration, as provided by this section. Each set of license plates shall bear the name or abbreviated name of this state, the words 6 7 "SHOW-ME STATE", the month and year in which the registration shall expire, 8 and an arrangement of numbers or letters, or both, as shall be assigned from year to year by the director of revenue. The plates shall also contain fully reflective 9 material with a common color scheme and design for each type of license plate 10 issued pursuant to this chapter. The plates shall be clearly visible at night, and 11 shall be aesthetically attractive. Special plates for qualified disabled veterans 12 will have the "DISABLED VETERAN" wording on the license plates in preference 13 to the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and special plates for members of the national 14 guard will have the "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the words 15 "SHOW-ME STATE". 16

- 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates shall be uniform throughout each classification of registration. The director may provide for the arrangement of the numbers in groups or otherwise, and for other distinguishing marks on the plates.
- 213. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying 22commercial motor vehicles, local transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers, 23motorcycles, motortricycles, motorscooters and driveaway vehicles shall be 24 registered with the director of revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of section 25301.030, or with the state highways and transportation commission as otherwise 2627 provided in this chapter, but only one license plate shall be issued for each such vehicle except as provided in this subsection. The applicant for registration of 28 29any property-carrying commercial motor vehicle may request and be issued two license plates for such vehicle, and if such plates are issued the director of 30 revenue may assess and collect an additional charge from the applicant in an 31 amount not to exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates in 32subsection 1 of section 301.144. 33

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4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall bear the [letter "D" preceding the number,] letters and numbers as prescribed by section 301.560, and the director may place upon the plates other letters or marks to distinguish commercial motor vehicles and trailers and other types of motor vehicles.

5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this state unless it shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the director of revenue or the state highways and transportation commission and authorized by section 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle in a manner so that all parts thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof are not impaired. License plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds on the front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles and motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plate on buses, other than school buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up or if two plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the same manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate or plates authorized by section 301.140, when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the required fees have been paid.

- 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or biennially a tab or set of tabs as provided by law as evidence of the annual payment of registration fees and the current registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates. Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may prescribe any additional information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that the tab or tabs positively correlate with the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue for such vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.
- 67 (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is issued shall affix and 68 display such tab or tabs in the designated area of the license plate, no more than 69 one per plate.

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70 (3) A tab or set of tabs issued by the director of revenue when attached 71 to a vehicle in the prescribed manner shall be prima facie evidence that the 72 registration fee for such vehicle has been paid.

- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the director of revenue shall issue plates for a period of at least six years.
- (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant to section 301.041, the plate issued by the highways and transportation commission shall be a permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of any vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this section from the obligation to pay the annual registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license plate shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission upon the sale or disposal of the vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation commission for the registration of such replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the highways and transportation commission shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.
- (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under this section, or upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent nonexpiring plate issued for such vehicle shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission and shall not be valid for operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation commission for the registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall be given credit for any unused portion of the annual registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration year.
- 7. The director of revenue and the highways and transportation commission may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the

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- 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners of motor vehicles other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight may apply for special personalized license plates. Vehicles licensed for eighteen thousand pounds that display special personalized license plates shall be subject to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 301.030.
- 9. Commencing January 1, 2009, the director of revenue shall cause to be 113 reissued new license plates of such design as directed by the director consistent 114 with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this section and this 115116 chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all other fees required by law, applicants for registration of vehicles with license plates that 117expire between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2011, applicants for 118 119 registration of trailers or semitrailers with license plates that expire between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2011, and applicants for registration of 120 121 vehicles that are to be issued new license plates shall pay an additional fee, based 122 on the actual cost of the reissuance, to cover the cost of the newly reissued plates 123 required by this subsection. The additional fee prescribed in this subsection shall not be charged to persons receiving special license plates issued under section 124 125 301.073 or 301.443. Historic motor vehicle license plates registered pursuant to 126 section 301.131 and specialized license plates are exempt from the provisions of 127 this subsection.
- 301.144. 1. The director of revenue shall establish and issue special personalized license plates containing letters or numbers or combinations of letters and numbers. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Any person desiring to obtain a special personalized license plate for any motor vehicle the person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight shall apply to the director of revenue on a form provided by 9 10 the director and shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars in addition to the regular registration fees. The director of revenue shall issue rules and regulations 12setting the standards and establishing the procedure for application for and issuance of the special personalized license plates and shall provide a deadline 13 each year for the applications. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is

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defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2001, shall be invalid and void. No two owners shall be issued identical plates. An owner shall make a new application and pay a new fee each year such owner desires to obtain or retain special personalized license plates; however, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 8 of section 301.130 to the contrary, the director shall allow the special personalized license plates to be replaced with new plates every three years without any additional charge, above the fee established in this section, to the renewal applicant. Any person currently in possession of an approved personalized license plate shall have first priority on that particular plate for each of the following years that timely and appropriate application is made.

- 2. Upon application for a personalized plate by the owner of a motor vehicle for which the owner has no registration plate available for transfer as prescribed by section 301.140, the director shall issue a temporary permit authorizing the operation of the motor vehicle until the personalized plate is issued.
- 37 3. No personalized license plates shall be issued containing any letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers which are obscene, profane, 38 patently offensive or contemptuous of a racial or ethnic group, or offensive to good 39 taste or decency, or would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety 40 of the applicant, of other users of streets and highways, or of the public in any 41 42location where the vehicle with such a plate may be found. The director may recall any personalized license plates, including those issued prior to August 28, 43 1992, if the director determines that the plates are obscene, profane, patently 44 offensive or contemptuous of a racial or ethnic group, or offensive to good taste 4546 or decency, or would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the applicant, of other users of streets and highways, or of the public in any 47 location where the vehicle with such a plate may be found. Where the director 48 recalls such plates pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the director shall 49 reissue personalized license plates to the owner of the motor vehicle for which 50

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they were issued at no charge, if the new plates proposed by the owner of the 51 52 motor vehicle meet the standards established pursuant to this section. The director shall not apply the provisions of this statute in a way that violates the 53 54Missouri or United States Constitutions as interpreted by the courts with controlling authority in the state of Missouri. The primary purpose of motor 5556 vehicle licence plates is to identify motor vehicles. Nothing in the issuance of a personalized license plate creates a designated or limited public forum. Nothing 57 58 contained in this subsection shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of license 59 plates, which are no longer valid for registration purposes, as collector's items or for decorative purposes. 60

- 4. The director may also establish categories of special license plates from which license plates may be issued. Any such person, other than a person exempted from the additional fee pursuant to subsection 7 of this section, that desires a personalized special license plate from any such category shall pay the same additional fee and make the same kind of application as that required by subsection 1 of this section, and the director shall issue such plates in the same manner as other personalized special license plates are issued.
- 5. The director of revenue shall issue to residents of the state of Missouri who hold an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, upon application and upon payment of the additional fee specified in subsection 1 of this section, except for a person exempted from the additional fee pursuant to subsection 7 of this section, personalized special license plates bearing the official amateur radio call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to the applicant with the words "AMATEUR RADIO" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". The application shall be accompanied by a statement stating that the applicant has an unrevoked and unexpired amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and the official radio call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to the applicant. An owner making a new application and paying a new fee to retain an amateur radio plate may request a replacement plate with the words "AMATEUR RADIO" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". If application is made to retain a plate that is three years old or older, the replacement plate shall be issued upon the payment of required fees.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, any business that repossesses motor vehicles or trailers and sells or otherwise disposes of them

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shall be issued a placard displaying the word "Repossessed", provided such business pays the fees presently required of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer in subsection 1 of section [301.253] 301.560. Such placard shall bear a number and shall be in such form as the director of revenue shall determine, and shall be only used for demonstrations when displayed substantially as provided for number plates on the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer.

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7. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who has retired from any branch of the United States armed forces or reserves, the United States Coast Guard or reserve, the United States Merchant Marines or reserve, the National Guard, or any subdivision of any such services shall be exempt from the additional fee required for personalized license plates issued pursuant to section 301.441. As used in this subsection, "retired" means having served twenty or more years in the appropriate branch of service and having received an honorable discharge.

301.560. 1. In addition to the application forms prescribed by the department, each applicant shall submit the following to the department:

3 (1) Every application other than a renewal application for a motor vehicle franchise dealer shall include a certification that the applicant has a bona fide 4 established place of business. When the application is being made for licensure 6 as a manufacturer, motor vehicle dealer, wholesale motor vehicle dealer, 7 wholesale motor vehicle auction or a public motor vehicle auction, certification 8 shall be performed by a uniformed member of the Missouri state highway patrol 9 stationed in the troop area in which the applicant's place of business is located; except, that in counties of the first classification, certification may be performed 10 by an officer of a metropolitan police department when the applicant's established 11 place of business of distributing or selling motor vehicles or trailers is in the 12 metropolitan area where the certifying metropolitan police officer is 13 employed. When the application is being made for licensure as a boat 14 manufacturer or boat dealer, certification shall be performed by a uniformed 15 member of the Missouri state water patrol stationed in the district area in which 16 the applicant's place of business is located or by a uniformed member of the 17 18 Missouri state highway patrol stationed in the troop area in which the applicant's place of business is located or, if the applicant's place of business is located 19 20 within the jurisdiction of a metropolitan police department in a first class county, by an officer of such metropolitan police department. A bona fide established 21place of business for any new motor vehicle franchise dealer or used motor vehicle 22

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dealer shall include a permanent enclosed building or structure, either owned in fee or leased and actually occupied as a place of business by the applicant for the selling, bartering, trading or exchanging of motor vehicles or trailers and wherein the public may contact the owner or operator at any reasonable time, and wherein shall be kept and maintained the books, records, files and other matters required and necessary to conduct the business. The applicant's place of business shall contain a working telephone which shall be maintained during the entire registration year. In order to qualify as a bona fide established place of business for all applicants licensed pursuant to this section there shall be an exterior sign displayed carrying the name of the business set forth in letters at least six inches in height and clearly visible to the public and there shall be an area or lot which shall not be a public street on which one or more vehicles may be displayed, except when licensure is for a wholesale motor vehicle dealer, a lot and sign shall not be required. The sign shall contain the name of the dealership by which it is known to the public through advertising or otherwise, which need not be identical to the name appearing on the dealership's license so long as such name is registered as a fictitious name with the secretary of state, has been approved by its line-make manufacturer in writing in the case of a new motor vehicle franchise dealer and a copy of such fictitious name registration has been provided to the department. When licensure is for a boat dealer, a lot shall not be required. In the case of new motor vehicle franchise dealers, the bona fide established place of business shall include adequate facilities, tools and personnel necessary to properly service and repair motor vehicles and trailers under their franchisor's warranty;

(2) If the application is for licensure as a manufacturer, boat manufacturer, new motor vehicle franchise dealer, used motor vehicle dealer, wholesale motor vehicle auction, boat dealer or a public motor vehicle auction, a photograph, not to exceed eight inches by ten inches, showing the business building and sign shall accompany the initial application. In the case of a manufacturer, new motor vehicle franchise dealer or used motor vehicle dealer, the photograph shall include the lot of the business. A new motor vehicle franchise dealer applicant who has purchased a currently licensed new motor vehicle franchised dealership shall be allowed to submit a photograph of the existing dealership building, lot and sign but shall be required to submit a new photograph upon the installation of the new dealership sign as required by sections 301.550 to 301.573. Applicants shall not be required to submit a

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59 photograph annually unless the business has moved from its previously licensed 60 location, or unless the name of the business or address has changed, or unless the 61 class of business has changed;

- (3) If the application is for licensure as a wholesale motor vehicle dealer or as a boat dealer, the application shall contain the business address, not a post office box, and telephone number of the place where the books, records, files and other matters required and necessary to conduct the business are located and where the same may be inspected during normal daytime business hours. Wholesale motor vehicle dealers and boat dealers shall file reports as required of new franchised motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle dealers;
- (4) Every applicant as a new motor vehicle franchise dealer, a used motor vehicle dealer, a wholesale motor vehicle dealer, or boat dealer shall furnish with the application a corporate surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit as defined in section 400.5-103, RSMo, issued by any state or federal financial institution in the penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars on a form approved by the department. The bond or irrevocable letter of credit shall be conditioned upon the dealer complying with the provisions of the statutes applicable to new motor vehicle franchise dealers, used motor vehicle dealers, wholesale motor vehicle dealers and boat dealers, and the bond shall be an indemnity for any loss sustained by reason of the acts of the person bonded when such acts constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the dealer's license. The bond shall be executed in the name of the state of Missouri for the benefit of all aggrieved parties or the irrevocable letter of credit shall name the state of Missouri as the beneficiary; except, that the aggregate liability of the surety or financial institution to the aggrieved parties shall, in no event, exceed the amount of the bond or irrevocable letter of credit. The proceeds of the bond or irrevocable letter of credit shall be paid upon receipt by the department of a final judgment from a Missouri court of competent jurisdiction against the principal and in favor of an aggrieved party;
- (5) Payment of all necessary license fees as established by the department. In establishing the amount of the annual license fees, the department shall, as near as possible, produce sufficient total income to offset operational expenses of the department relating to the administration of sections 301.550 to 301.573. All fees payable pursuant to the provisions of sections 301.550 to 301.573, other than those fees collected for the issuance of dealer plates or certificates of number collected pursuant to subsection 6 of this section,

shall be collected by the department for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the "Motor Vehicle Commission Fund", which is hereby created. The motor vehicle commission fund shall be administered by the Missouri department of revenue. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, money in such fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund until the amount in the motor vehicle commission fund at the end of the biennium exceeds two times the amount of the appropriation from such fund for the preceding fiscal year or, if the department requires permit renewal less frequently than yearly, then three times the appropriation from such fund for the preceding fiscal year. The amount, if any, in the fund which shall lapse is that amount in the fund which exceeds the multiple of the appropriation from such fund for the preceding fiscal year.

- 2. In the event a new manufacturer, boat manufacturer, motor vehicle dealer, wholesale motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, wholesale motor vehicle auction or a public motor vehicle auction submits an application for a license for a new business and the applicant has complied with all the provisions of this section, the department shall make a decision to grant or deny the license to the applicant within eight working hours after receipt of the dealer's application, notwithstanding any rule of the department.
- 3. Upon the initial issuance of a license by the department, the department shall assign a distinctive dealer license number or certificate of number to the applicant and the department shall issue one number plate or certificate bearing the distinctive dealer license number or certificate of number within eight working hours after presentment of the application. Upon the renewal of a boat dealer, boat manufacturer, manufacturer, motor vehicle dealer, public motor vehicle auction, wholesale motor vehicle dealer or wholesale motor vehicle auction, the department shall issue the distinctive dealer license number or certificate of number shall be in lieu of registering each motor vehicle, trailer, vessel or vessel trailer dealt with by a boat dealer, boat manufacturer, manufacturer, public motor vehicle auction, wholesale motor vehicle dealer, wholesale motor vehicle auction or motor vehicle dealer.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the department shall assign the following distinctive dealer license numbers to:
- 129 New motor vehicle franchise dealers D-0 through D-999
- 130 [New motor vehicle franchise and commercial

131	motor vehicle dealers D-1000 through D-1999]
132	Used motor vehicle and trailer dealers D-2000 through D-5399
133	and D-6000 through D-9999
134	Wholesale motor vehicle dealers W-1000 through W-1999
135	Wholesale motor vehicle auctions
136	[Trailer dealers
137	Motor vehicle and trailer manufacturers
138	Motorcycle dealers
139	Public motor vehicle auctions
140	Boat dealers and boat manufacturers
141	5. Upon the sale of a currently licensed new motor vehicle franchise
142	$dealership\ the\ department\ shall,\ upon\ request,\ authorize\ the\ new\ approved\ dealer$
143	applicant to retain the selling dealer's license number and shall cause the new
144	dealer's records to indicate such transfer.
145	6. In the case of manufacturers and motor vehicle dealers, the department
146	shall also issue one number plate bearing the distinctive dealer license number
147	to the applicant upon payment by the manufacturer or dealer of a fifty dollar
148	fee. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a
149	common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be
150	aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Boat dealers and boat
151	manufacturers shall be entitled to one certificate of number bearing such number
152	upon the payment of a fifty dollar fee. As many additional number plates as may
153	be desired by manufacturers and motor vehicle dealers and as many additional
154	certificates of number as may be desired by boat dealers and boat manufacturers
155	may be obtained upon payment of a fee of ten dollars and fifty cents for each
156	additional plate or certificate. A motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, manufacturer,
157	boat manufacturer, public motor vehicle auction, wholesale motor vehicle dealer
158	or wholesale motor vehicle auction obtaining a dealer license plate or certificate
159	of number or additional license plate or additional certificate of number,
160	throughout the calendar year, shall be required to pay a fee for such license
161	plates or certificates of number computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the full
162	fee prescribed for the original and duplicate number plates or certificates of

number for such dealers' licenses, multiplied by the number of months remaining

in the licensing period for which the dealer or manufacturers shall be required

to be licensed. In the event of a renewing dealer, the fee due at the time of

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renewal shall not be prorated.

7. The plates issued pursuant to subsection 3 or 6 of this section may be displayed on any motor vehicle owned and held for resale by the motor vehicle dealer or manufacturer, and used by a customer who is test driving the motor vehicle, or is used by an employee or officer, but shall not be displayed on any motor vehicle or trailer hired or loaned to others or upon any regularly used service or wrecker vehicle. Motor vehicle dealers may display their dealer plates on a tractor, truck or trailer to demonstrate a vehicle under a loaded condition.

8. The certificates of number issued pursuant to subsection 3 or 6 of this section may be displayed on any vessel or vessel trailer owned and held for resale by a boat manufacturer or a boat dealer, and used by a customer who is test driving the vessel or vessel trailer, or is used by an employee or officer, but shall not be displayed on any vessel or vessel trailer hired or loaned to others or upon any regularly used service vessel or vessel trailer. Boat dealers and manufacturers may display their certificate of number on a vessel or vessel trailer which is being transported to an exhibit or show.

301.2998. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, which establishes the issuance of a specialty plate, if no applications for such plate have been received within five years from the effective date of the section authorizing the plate, then the department of revenue no longer will be required to accept applications and issue such plate.

311.326. After a period of not less than one year, or upon reaching the age of twenty-one, whichever occurs first, a person who has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of violating section 311.325 for the first time, and who since such conviction has not been convicted of any other alcohol-related offense, may apply to the court in which he or she was sentenced for an order to expunge all official records of his or her arrest, plea, trial and conviction. No records shall be expunged if the person who has plead guilty to or has been found guilty of violating section 311.325 is licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver or was operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 302.700, RSMo, at the time of the violation. If the court determines, upon review, that such person has not been convicted of any other alcohol-related offense at the time of the application for expungement, and the person has had no other alcohol-related enforcement contacts, as defined in section 302.525, RSMo, the court shall enter an order of expungement. The effect of such an order shall be to restore such person to the status he or she occupied

16 prior to such arrest, plea or conviction, as if such event had never happened. No 17 person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false 18 19 statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him or 2021her for any purpose whatsoever. A person shall be entitled to only one 22expungement pursuant to this section. Nothing contained in this section shall 23prevent courts or other state officials from maintaining such records as are 24necessary to ensure that an individual receives only one expungement pursuant to this section. 25

430.082. 1. Every person expending labor, services, skill or material upon any motor vehicle or trailer, as defined in chapter 301, RSMo, vessel, as defined in chapter 306, RSMo, outboard motor or aircraft at a written request of its 3 owner, authorized agent of the owner, or person in lawful possession thereof, or who provides storage for a motor vehicle, trailer, outboard motor or vessel, at the 5 written request of its owner, authorized agent of the owner, or person in lawful possession thereof, or at the written request of a peace officer in lieu of the owner 7 or owner's agent, where such owner or agent is not available to request storage 8 thereof, shall, where the maximum amount to be charged for labor, services, skill 10 or material has been stated as part of the written request or the daily charge for 11 storage has been stated as part of the written request, have a lien upon the chattel beginning upon the date of commencement of the expenditure of labor, 1213 services, skill, materials or storage for the actual value of all the expenditure of 14 labor, services, skill, materials or storage until the possession of that chattel is voluntarily relinquished to the owner, authorized agent, or one entitled to 15 possession thereof. The person furnishing labor, services, skill or material may 16 17 retain the lien after surrendering possession of the aircraft or part or equipment thereof by filing a statement in the office of the county recorder of the county 18 where the owner of the aircraft or part or equipment thereof resides, if known to 19 20 the claimant, and in the office of the county recorder of the county where the claimant performed the services. Such statement shall be filed within thirty days 2122after surrendering possession of the aircraft or part or equipment thereof and 23 shall state the claimant's name and address, the items on account, the name of 24 the owner and a description of the property, and shall not bind a bona fide purchaser unless the lien has also been filed with the Federal Aviation 25Administration Aircraft Registry. 26

27 2. If the chattel is not redeemed within three months of the completion of the requested labor, services, skill or material, the lienholder may apply to the director of revenue for a certificate of ownership or certificate of title.

- 3. If the charges are for storage or the service of towing the motor vehicle, trailer, outboard motor or vessel, and the chattel has not been redeemed three months after the charges for storage commenced, the lienholder shall notify by certified mail, postage prepaid, the owner and any lienholders of record other than the person making the notification, at the person's last known address that application for a lien title will be made unless the owner or lienholder within forty-five days makes satisfactory arrangements with the person holding the chattel for payment of storage or service towing charges, if any, or makes satisfactory arrangements with the lienholder for paying such charges or for continued storage of the chattel if desired. Forty-five days after the notification has been mailed and the chattel is unredeemed or the notice has been returned marked "not forwardable" or "addressee unknown" and no satisfactory arrangement has been made with the lienholder for payment or continued storage, the lienholder may apply to the director of revenue for a certificate of ownership or certificate of title as provided in this section.
- 4. The application shall be accompanied by:
- (1) The original or a conformed or photostatic copy of the written request of the owner or the owner's agent or of a peace officer with the maximum amount to be charged stated therein;
- (2) An affidavit [of the] from the lienholder that written notice was provided to all owners and lienholders of the applicants intent to apply for a certificate of ownership and that the owner has defaulted on payment of labor, services, skill or material and that payment is three months past due, or that owner has defaulted on payment or has failed to make satisfactory arrangements for continued storage of the chattel for forty-five days since notification of intent to make application for a certificate of ownership or certificate of title. The affidavit shall be accompanied by a copy of the forty-five day notice given by certified mail to any owner and person holding a valid security interest and a copy of the certified mail receipt indicating that the owner and lienholder of record was sent a notice as required in this section;
- 61 (3) A statement of the actual value of the expenditure of labor, services, 62 skill or material, or the amount of storage due on the date of application for a

certificate of ownership or certificate of title, and the amount which is unpaid;and

(4) A fee of ten dollars.

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- 5. If the director is satisfied with the genuineness of the application and supporting documents, [the director shall notify by certified mail, postage prepaid, the owner and any lienholders of record, other than the applicant, at their last known address that application has been made for a lien title on the chattel.
- 71 6. Thirty days after notification of the owner and lienholders, and if no lienholder or the owner has redeemed the chattel or no satisfactory arrangement 72has been made concerning payment or continuation of storage [and the 73 application has not been withdrawn], and if no owner or lienholder has informed 74the director that the owner or lienholder demands a hearing [and enforcement of 75the lien as provided in this section [430.160], the director shall issue, in the 76 same manner as a repossessed title is issued, a certificate of ownership or 77certificate of title to the applicant which shall clearly be captioned "Lien Title". 78
 - 6. The owner or lienholder of any motor vehicle or trailer, as defined in chapter 301, RSMo, vessel, as defined in chapter 306, RSMo, outboard motor, or aircraft may file a petition in the associate circuit court in the county where the motor vehicle, trailer, vessel, outboard motor, or aircraft is stored to determine if the motor vehicle, trailer, vessel, outboard motor, or aircraft was wrongfully taken or withheld from the owner. The petition shall name the person expending labor, services, skill, or material among the defendants. The director of revenue shall not be a party to such petition, but a copy of the petition shall be served on the director of revenue, who shall not issue title to such motor vehicle, trailer, vessel, outboard motor, or aircraft under this section until the petition is finally decided.
- 7. Upon receipt of a lien title, the holder shall within ten days begin proceedings to sell the chattel as prescribed in section 430.100.
- 8. The provisions of section 430.110 shall apply to the disposition of proceeds, and the lienholder shall also be entitled to any actual and necessary expenses incurred in obtaining the lien title, including, but not limited to, court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

[301.070. 1. In determining fees based on the horsepower

2 of vehicles propelled by internal combustion engines, the horsepower shall be

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3 computed and recorded upon the following formula established by the National
4 Automobile Chamber of Commerce: Square the bore of the cylinder in inches

5 multiplied by the number of cylinders, divided by two and one-half.

- 2. The horsepower of all motor vehicles propelled by steam may be accepted as rated by the manufacturers thereof, or may be determined in accordance with regulations promulgated by the director.
 - 3. The horsepower of all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles, propelled by electric power, shall be rated as being between twelve and twenty-four horsepower.
 - 4. Fees of commercial motor vehicles, other than passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles, shall be based on the gross weight of the vehicle or any combination of vehicles and the maximum load to be carried at any one time during the license period, except the fee for a wrecker, tow truck, rollback or car carrier used in a towing service shall be based on the empty weight of such vehicle fully equipped for the recovery or towing of vehicles.
 - 5. The decision of the director as to the type of motor vehicles and their classification for the purpose of registration and the computation of fees therefor shall be final and conclusive.]

Section B. The repeal and reenactment of sections 301.055, 301.057, and

2 301.058 shall become effective July 1, 2007. The repeal of section 301.070 shall

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