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102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.064, 301.120, and 301.130, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to registration of motor vehicles.

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

Section A. Sections 301.064, 301.120, and 301.130, RSMo,
2 are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to
3 be known as sections 301.064, 301.120, and 301.130, to read as
4 follows:

301.064. 1. The annual registration fee for a land
2 improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicle is three
3 hundred fifty dollars. The maximum gross weight for which
4 such a vehicle may be registered is eighty thousand pounds.
5 Transporting for hire by such a motor vehicle is prohibited.
6 2. Upon application to the director of revenue
7 accompanied by an affidavit signed by the owner or owners
8 stating that the motor vehicle to be licensed as a land
9 improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicle shall not
10 be operated in any manner other than as prescribed in
11 section 301.010, and by the amount of the registration fee
12 prescribed above, and otherwise complying with the laws
13 relating to the registration and licensing of motor
14 vehicles, the owner or owners shall be issued a [set of]
15 land improvement contractors' license [plates] **plate**. The
16 director of revenue shall by regulation determine the
17 characteristic features of land improvement contractors'

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

18 license [plates] **plate** so that they may be readily
19 identified as such.

301.120. **1.** When the owner of a motor vehicle moves
2 the vehicle to another state, [he] **the owner** shall return
3 the license plates to the director of revenue within ninety
4 days or upon the expiration of the period of reciprocity
5 granted by the new state of residence; or if the owner of a
6 motor vehicle ceases to operate the vehicle in Missouri, he
7 shall return the license plates to the director of revenue
8 within ninety days.

**2. For motor vehicles that require the issuance of
10 only one license plate under section 301.130 on or after
11 August 28, 2023, an owner whose motor vehicle has a front
12 license plate on August 28, 2023, shall surrender the front
13 license plate to the department of revenue.**

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

18 plates for qualified disabled veterans will have the
19 "DISABLED VETERAN" wording on the license plates in
20 preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and special plates
21 for members of the National Guard will have the "NATIONAL
22 GUARD" wording in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE".

23 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license
24 plates shall be uniform throughout each classification of
25 registration. The director may provide for the arrangement
26 of the numbers in groups or otherwise, and for other
27 distinguishing marks on the plates.

28 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to
29 be registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand
30 pounds, all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles,
31 local transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers,
32 motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles, motorscooters, and
33 driveaway vehicles shall be registered with the director of
34 revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of section 301.030,
35 or with the state highways and transportation commission as
36 otherwise provided in this chapter, but only one license
37 plate shall be issued for each such vehicle, except as
38 provided in this subsection. The applicant for registration
39 of any property-carrying commercial vehicle registered at a
40 gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds may request
41 and be issued two license plates for such vehicle, and if
42 such plates are issued, the director of revenue shall
43 provide for distinguishing marks on the plates indicating
44 one plate is for the front and the other is for the rear of
45 such vehicle. The director may assess and collect an
46 additional charge from the applicant in an amount not to
47 exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates in
48 subsection 1 of section 301.144.

49 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers
50 shall bear the letters and numbers as prescribed by section
51 301.560, and the director may place upon the plates other
52 letters or marks to distinguish commercial motor vehicles
53 and trailers and other types of motor vehicles.

54 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on
55 any highway of this state unless it shall have displayed
56 thereon the license plate [or set of license plates] issued
57 by the director of revenue or the state highways and
58 transportation commission and authorized by section
59 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the
60 motor vehicle or trailer in a manner so that all parts
61 thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so
62 that the reflective qualities thereof are not impaired.
63 Each such plate may be encased in a transparent cover so
64 long as the plate is plainly visible and its reflective
65 qualities are not impaired. **The license [plates] plate**
66 shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks,
67 tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in
68 excess of twelve thousand pounds on the [front and] rear of
69 such vehicles not less than eight nor more than forty-eight
70 inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers
71 thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers,
72 motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles, and motorscooters
73 shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles either
74 horizontally or vertically, with the letters and numbers
75 plainly visible. The license plate on buses, other than
76 school buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or
77 truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds
78 shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less
79 than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the
80 ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up

81 or if two plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to
82 subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the same manner
83 on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate
84 or plates authorized by section 301.140, when properly
85 attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the required
86 fees have been paid.

87 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually
88 or biennially a tab or set of tabs as provided by law, **in**
89 **cases where two license plates have been issued**, as evidence
90 of the annual payment of registration fees and the current
91 registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates.
92 Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may prescribe any
93 additional information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure
94 that the tab or tabs positively correlate with the license
95 plate or plates issued by the department of revenue for such
96 vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau
97 office.

98 (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is
99 issued shall affix and display such tab or tabs in the
100 designated area of the license plate, no more than one per
101 plate.

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

106 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
107 director of revenue shall issue plates for a period of at
108 least six years.

109 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers
110 registered pursuant to section 301.041, the plate issued by
111 the highways and transportation commission shall be a
112 permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall

113 be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner
114 of any vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this
115 section from the obligation to pay the annual registration
116 fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license
117 plate shall be returned to the highways and transportation
118 commission upon the sale or disposal of the vehicle by the
119 owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is
120 issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement
121 commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental
122 application with the Missouri highways and transportation
123 commission for the registration of such replacement
124 commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual
125 registration fee, the highways and transportation commission
126 shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable
127 evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of
128 payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for
129 which it is issued.

130 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle
131 permanently registered under this section, or upon the
132 termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent
133 nonexpiring plate issued for such vehicle shall be returned
134 to the highways and transportation commission and shall not
135 be valid for operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be
136 transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner files a
137 supplemental application with the Missouri highways and
138 transportation commission for the registration of such
139 replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently
140 registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise
141 disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall
142 be given credit for any unused portion of the annual
143 registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the

144 purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration
145 year.

146 7. The director of revenue and the highways and
147 transportation commission may prescribe rules and
148 regulations for the effective administration of this
149 section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the
150 authority of this section shall become effective unless it
151 has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section
152 536.024.

153 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to
154 the contrary, owners of motor vehicles other than
155 apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles
156 licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross
157 weight may apply for special personalized license plates.
158 Vehicles licensed for twenty-four thousand pounds that
159 display special personalized license plates shall be subject
160 to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section
161 301.030. On and after August 28, 2016, owners of motor
162 vehicles, other than apportioned motor vehicles or
163 commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twenty-four
164 thousand pounds gross weight, may apply for any preexisting
165 or hereafter statutorily created special personalized
166 license plates.

167 9. No later than January 1, 2019, the director of
168 revenue shall commence the reissuance of new license plates
169 of such design as approved by the advisory committee under
170 section 301.125 consistent with the terms, conditions, and
171 provisions of section 301.125 and this chapter. Except as
172 otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all other
173 fees required by law, applicants for registration of
174 vehicles with license plates that expire during the period
175 of reissuance, applicants for registration of trailers or

176 semitrailers with license plates that expire during the
177 period of reissuance and applicants for registration of
178 vehicles that are to be issued new license plates during the
179 period of reissuance shall pay the cost of the plates
180 required by this subsection. The additional cost prescribed
181 in this subsection shall not be charged to persons receiving
182 special license plates issued under section 301.073 or
183 301.443. Historic motor vehicle license plates registered
184 pursuant to section 301.131 and specialized license plates
185 are exempt from the provisions of this subsection. Except
186 for new, replacement, and transfer applications, permanent
187 nonexpiring license plates issued to commercial motor
188 vehicles and trailers registered under section 301.041 are
189 exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

190 **10. The provisions of this section regarding the**
191 **issuance of only one license plate for a motor vehicle shall**
192 **apply to the issuance of personalized license plates issued**
193 **under section 301.144.**

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