

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 672

AN ACT

To amend chapter 226, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wrong-way vehicle detection systems.

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

Section A. Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 226.1250, to read as follows:

226.1250. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Alexander Whalen Safe Highways Act".

2. As used in this section, the term "wrong-way vehicle detection system" or "WWVDS" means a system consisting of equipment for wrong-way vehicle detection, wrong-way and do not enter signs enhanced with light-emitting diodes or similar enhanced visibility features, and real-time alerts.

3. The department of transportation shall implement WWVDSs beginning no later than March 1, 2026. The department shall prioritize the installation of WWVDSs at highway interchanges, beginning with:

(1) The intersection of westbound Interstate 64 and Jefferson Avenue; and

(2) Other interchanges with increased wrong-way driving incidents as identified by the department through crash and traffic data analysis.

4. The department shall evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a system to notify other drivers in the area about a wrong-way driver.

5. The department shall evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a system to notify emergency responders of a wrong-way driver.

6. The department shall provide educational information to inform drivers about wrong-way driving risks and safety measures.

7. Beginning December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter, the department shall produce a report on the implementation and effectiveness of WWVDSs, to include:

(1) The number and locations of systems currently implemented;

(2) The number and locations of systems planned to be implemented;

(3) The effect on wrong-way driving incidents and fatalities;

(4) The cost-effectiveness of implemented systems; and

(5) Any adjustments to implementation strategies to be made based on these or other factors.