

SENATE BILL NO. 452

103RD 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2 are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to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, 2025, an owner whose motor vehicle has a front
12 license plate on August 28, 2025, 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. **The
8 provisions of this subsection regarding issuance of only one
9 license plate shall also apply to personalized license
10 plates issued under section 301.144 and special license
11 plates issued under this chapter, except as otherwise
12 specified in subsection 3 of this section. Each license
13 plate or set of license plates shall bear the name or
14 abbreviated name of this state, the words "SHOW-ME STATE",
15 the month and year in which the registration shall expire,
16 and an arrangement of numbers or letters, or both, as shall
17 be assigned from year to year by the director of revenue.**

18 The **plate or** plates shall also contain fully reflective
19 material with a common color scheme and design for each type
20 of license plate issued pursuant to this chapter. The **plate**
21 **or** plates shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be
22 aesthetically attractive. Special plates for qualified
23 disabled veterans will have the "DISABLED VETERAN" wording
24 on the license plates in preference to the words "SHOW-ME
25 STATE" and special plates for members of the National Guard
26 will have the "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the
27 words "SHOW-ME STATE".

28 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license
29 plates shall be uniform throughout each classification of
30 registration. The director may provide for the arrangement
31 of the numbers in groups or otherwise, and for other
32 distinguishing marks on the plates.

33 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to
34 be registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand
35 pounds, all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles,
36 local transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers,
37 motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles, motorscooters, and
38 driveaway vehicles shall be registered with the director of
39 revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of section 301.030,
40 or with the state highways and transportation commission as
41 otherwise provided in this chapter, **[but] and** only one
42 license plate shall be issued for each such vehicle, except
43 as provided in this subsection. The applicant for
44 registration of any property-carrying commercial vehicle
45 registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand
46 pounds may request and be issued two license plates for such
47 vehicle, and if such plates are issued, the director of
48 revenue shall provide for distinguishing marks on the plates
49 indicating one plate is for the front and the other is for

50 the rear of such vehicle. The director may assess and
51 collect an additional charge from the applicant in an amount
52 not to exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license
53 plates in subsection 1 of section 301.144.

54 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers
55 shall bear the letters and numbers as prescribed by section
56 301.560, and the director may place upon the plates other
57 letters or marks to distinguish commercial motor vehicles
58 and trailers and other types of motor vehicles.

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

82 truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand pounds
83 shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less
84 than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the
85 ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up
86 or if two plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to
87 subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the same manner
88 on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate
89 or plates [authorized by section 301.140] **issued by the**
90 **director of revenue or the state highways and transportation**
91 **commission**, when properly attached, shall be prima facie
92 evidence that the required fees have been paid.

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

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

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

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

114 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers
115 registered pursuant to section 301.041, the plate issued by
116 the highways and transportation commission shall be a
117 permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall
118 be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner
119 of any vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this
120 section from the obligation to pay the annual registration
121 fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license
122 plate shall be returned to the highways and transportation
123 commission upon the sale or disposal of the vehicle by the
124 owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is
125 issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement
126 commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental
127 application with the Missouri highways and transportation
128 commission for the registration of such replacement
129 commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual
130 registration fee, the highways and transportation commission
131 shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable
132 evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of
133 payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for
134 which it is issued.

135 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle
136 permanently registered under this section, or upon the
137 termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent
138 nonexpiring plate issued for such vehicle shall be returned
139 to the highways and transportation commission and shall not
140 be valid for operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be
141 transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner files a
142 supplemental application with the Missouri highways and
143 transportation commission for the registration of such
144 replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently
145 registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise

146 disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall
147 be given credit for any unused portion of the annual
148 registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the
149 purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration
150 year.

151 7. The director of revenue and the highways and
152 transportation commission may prescribe rules and
153 regulations for the effective administration of this
154 section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the
155 authority of this section shall become effective unless it
156 has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section
157 536.024.

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

172 9. No later than January 1, 2019, the director of
173 revenue shall commence the reissuance of new license plates
174 of such design as approved by the advisory committee under
175 section 301.125 consistent with the terms, conditions, and
176 provisions of section 301.125 and this chapter. Except as
177 otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all other

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

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