

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1521

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLINGTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 542, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to written consent to search vehicles.

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

Section A. Chapter 542, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 542.292, to read as follows:

**542.292. 1. Before conducting a consensual search of a vehicle, a peace officer shall  
2 obtain written consent from the person with the authority to provide permission to search  
3 the vehicle.**

**4 2. If the person with the authority to provide permission to search the vehicle  
5 consents, such person shall sign a form, which shall include the following information:**

**6 (1) The date and location of the stop;**

**7 (2) The name and identification number of the peace officer making the request for  
8 consent to search;**

**9 (3) The names and identification numbers of any additional peace officers who  
10 actively participate in the discussion with the driver or passenger or passengers concerning  
11 the request for consent to search;**

**12 (4) A statement informing the driver or other person authorized to give consent of  
13 the right to refuse to grant consent to search and noting that if the driver or other person  
14 authorized to give consent grants consent, the driver or other person authorized to give  
15 consent at any time for any reason may withdraw consent to search;**

**16 (5) A statement informing the driver or other person authorized to give consent of  
17 the right, which may be knowingly waived, to be present during the search at a location**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 consistent with the safety of both the peace officer and the motor vehicle occupant or  
19 occupants;

20 (6) Check-off boxes to indicate whether consent has been granted. If consent is  
21 granted, the driver or other person authorized to give consent shall check the appropriate  
22 box and sign and date the form; and

23 (7) If the driver or other person authorized to give consent refuses consent, the  
24 peace officer or the driver or other person authorized to give consent shall so note on the  
25 form and the driver or other person authorized to give consent shall not be required to sign  
26 the form.

27 3. This section shall not apply to a search of a vehicle conducted by a peace officer  
28 who has probable cause, a search incident to or subsequent to a lawful arrest, or a search  
29 for which there is a legal basis other than consent.

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