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HOUSE BILL NO. 2485

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KORMAN.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 142.869 and 301.711, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to motor vehicle decal fees.

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

Section A. Sections 142.869 and 301.711, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 142.869 and 301.711, to read as follows:

142.869. 1. The tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply to passenger motor vehicles, buses as defined in section 301.010, or commercial motor vehicles registered in this state which 2 3 are powered by alternative fuel, and for which a valid decal has been acquired as provided in this section, provided that sales made to alternative fueled vehicles powered by propane, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas that do not meet the requirements of subsection 3 of this section shall be taxed exclusively pursuant to subdivisions (4) to (7) of subsection 1 of section 142.803, respectively. The owners or operators of such motor vehicles, except plug-in electric hybrids, shall, in lieu of the tax imposed by section 142.803, pay an annual alternative fuel decal fee as follows: [seventy-five] one hundred fifty dollars on each passenger motor vehicle, school 10 bus as defined in section 301.010, and commercial motor vehicle with a licensed gross vehicle weight of eighteen thousand pounds or less; [one] two hundred dollars on each motor vehicle 11 12 with a licensed gross weight in excess of eighteen thousand pounds but not more than thirty-six thousand pounds used for farm or farming transportation operations and registered with a license 13 plate designated with the letter "F"; [one] three hundred [fifty] dollars on each motor vehicle 14 with a licensed gross vehicle weight in excess of eighteen thousand pounds but less than or equal 15 16 to thirty-six thousand pounds, and each passenger-carrying motor vehicle subject to the 17 registration fee provided in sections 301.059, 301.061 and 301.063; [two] five hundred [fifty]

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.

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dollars on each motor vehicle with a licensed gross weight in excess of thirty-six thousand pounds used for farm or farming transportation operations and registered with a license plate designated with the letter "F"; and [one] two thousand dollars on each motor vehicle with a licensed gross vehicle weight in excess of thirty-six thousand pounds. Owners or operators of plug-in electric hybrids shall pay one-half of the stated annual alternative fuel decal fee. Notwithstanding provisions of this section to the contrary, motor vehicles licensed as historic under section 301.131 which are powered by alternative fuel shall be exempt from both the tax imposed by this chapter and the alternative fuel decal requirements of this section. For the purposes of this section, a plug-in electric hybrid shall be any hybrid vehicle made by a manufacturer with a model year of 2018 or newer, that has not been modified from the original manufacturer specifications, with an internal combustion engine and batteries that can be recharged by connecting a plug to an electric power source.

- 2. Except interstate fuel users and vehicles licensed under a reciprocity agreement as defined in section 142.617, the tax imposed by section 142.803 shall not apply to motor vehicles registered outside this state which are powered by alternative fuel other than propane, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas, and for which a valid temporary alternative fuel decal has been acquired as provided in this section. The owners or operators of such motor vehicles shall, in lieu of the tax imposed by section 142.803, pay a temporary alternative fuel decal fee of [eight] sixteen dollars on each such vehicle. Such decals shall be valid for a period of fifteen days from the date of issuance and shall be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the front windshield on the motor vehicle for which it was issued. Such decal and fee shall not be transferable. All proceeds from such decal fees shall be deposited as specified in section 142.345. Alternative fuel dealers selling such decals in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the director shall be allowed to retain fifty cents for each decal fee timely remitted to the director.
- 3. Owners or operators of passenger motor vehicles, buses as defined in section 301.010, or commercial motor vehicles registered in this state which are powered by compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas who have installed a compressed natural gas fueling station or liquefied natural gas fueling station used solely to fuel the motor vehicles they own or operate as of December 31, 2015, may continue to apply for and use the alternative fuel decal in lieu of paying the tax imposed under subdivisions (4) and (5) of subsection 1 of section 142.803. Owners or operators of compressed natural gas fueling stations or liquefied natural gas fueling stations whose vehicles bear an alternative fuel decal shall be prohibited from selling or providing compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas to any motor vehicle they do not own or operate. Owners or operators of motor vehicles powered by compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas bearing an alternative fuel decal after January 1, 2016, that decline to renew

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the alternative fuel decals for such motor vehicles shall no longer be eligible to apply for and use alternative fuel decals under this subsection. Any compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas obtained at any fueling station not owned by the owner or operator of the motor vehicle bearing an alternative fuel decal shall be subject to the tax under subdivisions (4) and (5) of subsection 1 of section 142.803.

- 4. An owner or operator of a motor vehicle powered by propane may continue to apply for and use the alternative fuel decal in lieu of paying the tax imposed under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 142.803. If the appropriate motor fuel tax under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 142.803 is collected at the time of fueling, an operator of a propane fueling station that uses quick-connect fueling nozzles may sell propane as a motor fuel without verifying the application of a valid Missouri alternative fuel decal. If an owner or operator of a motor vehicle powered by propane that bears an alternative fuel decal refuels at an unattended propane refueling station, such owner or operator shall not be eligible for a refund of the motor fuel tax paid at such refueling.
- 5. The director shall annually, on or before January thirty-first of each year, collect or cause to be collected from owners or operators of the motor vehicles specified in subsection 1 of this section the annual decal fee. Applications for such decals shall be supplied by the department of revenue. In the case of a motor vehicle which is not in operation by January thirty-first of any year, a decal may be purchased for a fractional period of such year, and the amount of the decal fee shall be reduced by one-twelfth for each complete month which shall have elapsed since the beginning of such year. This subsection shall not apply to an owner or operator of a motor vehicle powered by propane who fuels such vehicle exclusively at unattended fueling stations that collect the motor fuel tax.
- 6. Upon the payment of the fee required by subsection 1 of this section, the director shall issue a decal, which shall be valid for the current calendar year and shall be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the front windshield on the motor vehicle for which it was issued.
- 7. The decal fee paid pursuant to subsection 1 of this section for each motor vehicle shall be transferable upon a change of ownership of the motor vehicle and, if the LP gas or natural gas equipment is removed from a motor vehicle upon a change of ownership and is reinstalled in another motor vehicle, upon such reinstallation. Such transfers shall be accomplished in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the director.
- 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle required to have an alternative fuel decal upon the highways of this state without a valid decal unless the motor vehicle is exclusively fueled at propane, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas fueling stations that collect the motor fuel tax.

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9. No person shall cause to be put, or put, any alternative fuel into the fuel supply receptacle or battery of a motor vehicle required to have an alternative fuel decal unless the motor vehicle either has a valid decal attached to it or the appropriate motor fuel tax is collected at the time of such fueling.

- 10. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of an infraction and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined five hundred dollars.
- 11. Motor vehicles displaying a valid alternative fuel decal are exempt from the licensing and reporting requirements of this chapter.
 - 301.711. 1. Upon receipt of the application for registration and the appropriate fee, the department of revenue shall issue a decal showing the registration number and expiration date. The decal shall be displayed at all times and be affixed to the right front fork or frame of the all-terrain vehicle where it is clearly visible.
 - 2. The fee for registration of an all-terrain vehicle shall be [ten] twenty dollars. The registration of an all-terrain vehicle shall be valid for a period of three years. The penalty fee of five dollars shall be paid on all delinquent registrations at the time the owner makes application for registration.
 - 3. In the event of the loss, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of registration or decal issued by the director of revenue, the lawful holder thereof shall, within five days, file with the director of revenue an application and an affidavit stating such fact, and shall on the payment of seven dollars and fifty cents, obtain a duplicate of such certificate of registration or decal.
 - 4. The director of revenue shall deposit all fees collected pursuant to sections 301.707 to 301.714 in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

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