

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 439

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIPMAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 491.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the admissibility of municipal offenses to prove credibility.

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

Section A. Section 491.050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 491.050, to read as follows:

491.050. Any person who has been convicted of a crime is, notwithstanding, a competent witness; however, any prior **convictions of municipal offenses** or criminal convictions may be proved to affect his **or her** credibility in a civil or criminal case and, further, any prior pleas of guilty, pleas of nolo contendere, and findings of guilty **in state or municipal court** may be proved to affect his **or her** credibility in a criminal case. Such proof may be either by the record or by his **or her** own cross-examination, upon which he **or she** must answer any question relevant to that inquiry, and the party cross-examining shall not be concluded by his **or her** answer.

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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.