

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 803
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 301.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to local government license plates.

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

Section A. Section 301.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.030, to read as follows:

301.030. 1. The director shall provide for the retention of license plates by the owners of motor vehicles, other than commercial motor vehicles, and shall establish a system of registration on a monthly series basis to distribute the work of registering motor vehicles as uniformly as practicable throughout the twelve months of the calendar year. For the purpose of assigning license plate numbers, each type of motor vehicle shall be considered a separate class. Commencing July 1, 1949, motor vehicles, other than commercial motor vehicles, shall be registered for a period of twelve consecutive calendar months. There are established twelve registration periods, each of which shall start on the first day of each calendar month of the year and shall end on the last date of the twelfth month from the date of beginning.

2. Motor vehicles, other than commercial motor vehicles, operated for the first time upon the public highways of this state, to and including the fifteenth day of any given month, shall be subject to registration and payment of a fee for the twelve-month period commencing the first day of the month of such operation; motor vehicles, other than commercial motor vehicles, operated for the first time on the public highways of this state after the fifteenth day of any given month shall be subject to registration and payment of a fee for the twelve-month period commencing the first day of the next following calendar month.

3. All commercial motor vehicles and trailers, except those licensed under section 301.035 and those operated under agreements as provided for in sections 301.271 to 301.279,

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.

19 shall be registered either on a calendar year basis or on a prorated basis as provided in this
20 section. The fees for commercial motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and driveaway vehicles,
21 other than those to be operated under agreements as provided for in sections 301.271 to 301.279
22 shall be payable not later than the last day of February of each year, except when such vehicle
23 is licensed between April first and July first the fee shall be three-fourths the annual fee, when
24 licensed between July first and October first the fee shall be one-half the annual fee and when
25 licensed on or after October first the fee shall be one-fourth the annual fee. Such license plates
26 shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be
27 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.
28 Local commercial motor vehicle license plates may also be so stamped, marked or designed as
29 to indicate they are to be used only on local commercial motor vehicles and, in addition to such
30 stamp, mark or design, the letter "F" shall also be displayed on local commercial motor vehicle
31 license plates issued to motor vehicles used for farm or farming transportation operations as
32 defined in section 301.010 in the manner prescribed by the advisory committee established in
33 section 301.129. In addition, all commercial motor vehicle license plates may be so stamped or
34 marked with a letter, figure or other emblem as to indicate the gross weight for which issued.

35 4. The director shall, upon application, issue registration and license plates for nine
36 thousand pounds gross weight for property-carrying commercial motor vehicles referred to
37 herein, upon payment of the fees prescribed for twelve thousand pounds gross weight as provided
38 in section 301.057.

39 **5. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any other law to the contrary,**
40 **it shall be permissible for a person who volunteers as a firefighter with a county or**
41 **municipal fire department to display a local government license plate containing the words**
42 **"fire department" on his or her personal motor vehicle when responding to any volunteer-**
43 **related calls. The provisions of this subsection shall not exempt such person from any**
44 **other motor vehicle titling and registration requirements with respect to his or her**
45 **personal motor vehicle under this chapter.**

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