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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 301.032, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to fleet vehicle registration.

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

Section A. Section 301.032, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.032, to read as follows:

301.032. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 301.030 and
2 301.035 to the contrary, the director of revenue shall establish a system of
3 registration of all fleet vehicles owned or purchased by a fleet owner registered
4 pursuant to this section. The director of revenue shall prescribe the forms for
5 such fleet registration and the forms and procedures for the registration updates
6 prescribed in this section. Any owner of ten or more motor vehicles which must
7 be registered in accordance with this chapter may register as a fleet owner. All
8 registered fleet owners may, at their option, register all motor vehicles included
9 in the fleet on a calendar year or biennial basis pursuant to this section in lieu
10 of the registration periods provided in sections 301.030, 301.035, and
11 301.147. The director shall issue an identification number to each registered
12 owner of fleet vehicles.

13 2. All fleet vehicles included in the fleet of a registered fleet owner shall
14 be registered during April of the corresponding year or on a prorated basis as
15 provided in subsection 3 of this section. Fees of all vehicles in the fleet to be
16 registered on a calendar year basis or on a biennial basis shall be payable not
17 later than the last day of April of the corresponding year, with two years' fees due
18 for biennially-registered vehicles. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
19 307.355, an application for registration of a fleet vehicle must be accompanied by
20 a certificate of inspection and approval issued no more than one hundred twenty

21 days prior to the date of application. The fees for vehicles added to the fleet
22 which must be licensed at the time of registration shall be payable at the time of
23 registration, except that when such vehicle is licensed between July first and
24 September thirtieth the fee shall be three-fourths the annual fee, when licensed
25 between October first and December thirty-first the fee shall be one-half the
26 annual fee and when licensed on or after January first the fee shall be one-fourth
27 the annual fee. When biennial registration is sought for vehicles added to a fleet,
28 an additional year's annual fee will be added to the partial year's prorated fee.

29 3. At any time during the calendar year in which an owner of a fleet
30 purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle which is to be added to the fleet or
31 transfers plates to a fleet vehicle, the owner shall present to the director of
32 revenue the identification number as a fleet number and may register the vehicle
33 for the partial year as provided in subsection 2 of this section. The fleet owner
34 shall also be charged a transfer fee of two dollars for each vehicle so transferred
35 pursuant to this subsection.

36 4. Except as specifically provided in this subsection, all fleet vehicles
37 registered pursuant to this section shall be issued a special license plate which
38 shall have the words "Fleet Vehicle" in place of the words "Show-Me State" in the
39 manner prescribed by the advisory committee established in section
40 301.129. Alternatively, for a one-time additional five dollar per-vehicle fee
41 beyond the regular registration fee, a fleet owner of at least fifty fleet vehicles
42 may apply for fleet license plates bearing a company name or logo, the size and
43 design thereof subject to approval by the director. All fleet license plates shall
44 be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design,
45 shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as
46 prescribed by section 301.130. Fleet vehicles shall be issued multiyear license
47 plates as provided in this section which shall not require issuance of a renewal
48 tab. Upon payment of appropriate registration fees, the director of revenue shall
49 issue a registration certificate or other suitable evidence of payment of the annual
50 or biennial fee, and such evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the
51 vehicle for which it is issued.

52 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 to the
53 contrary, a fleet vehicle registered in Missouri is exempt from the requirements
54 of sections 307.350 to 307.390 if at the time of the annual fleet registration, such
55 fleet vehicle is situated outside the state of Missouri.

56 6. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any

57 person, company, or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing
58 three thousand five hundred or more motor vehicles which are to be used
59 exclusively for rental or leasing purposes and not for resale that has applied to
60 the director of revenue for authority to operate as a lease or rental company as
61 prescribed in section 144.070 may operate as a registered fleet owner as
62 prescribed in the provisions of this subsection to subsection 10 of this section.

63 (2) The director of revenue may issue license plates after presentment of
64 an application, as designed by the director, and payment of an annual fee of three
65 hundred sixty dollars for the first ten plates and thirty-six dollars for each
66 additional plate. The payment and issuance of such plates shall be in lieu of
67 registering each motor vehicle with the director as otherwise provided by law.

68 (3) **The registration fees for vehicles in the registered fleet**
69 **owner's fleet shall be fully payable at the time such plates are ordered,**
70 **except that when such plate is ordered after the first month of**
71 **registration, the fees payable shall be prorated by the month the plates**
72 **were ordered. When biennial registration is sought, an additional**
73 **year's annual fee shall be added to the partial year's prorated fee.**

74 (4) Such motor vehicles within the fleet shall not be exempted from the
75 safety inspection and emissions inspection provisions as prescribed in chapters
76 307 and 643, but notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.355, such
77 inspections shall not be required to be presented to the director of revenue.

78 7. A recipient of a lease or rental company license issued by the director
79 of revenue as prescribed in section 144.070 operating as a registered fleet owner
80 under this section shall register such fleet with the director of revenue on an
81 annual or biennial basis in lieu of the individual motor vehicle registration
82 periods as prescribed in sections 301.030, 301.035, and 301.147. If an applicant
83 elects a biennial fleet registration, the annual fleet license plate fees prescribed
84 in subdivision (1) of subsection 6 of this section shall be doubled. An agent fee
85 as prescribed in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 136.055 shall apply to
86 the issuance of fleet registrations issued under subsections 6 to 10 of this section,
87 and if a biennial fleet registration is elected, the agent fee shall be collected in
88 an amount equal to the fee for two years.

89 8. Prior to the issuance of fleet license plates under subsections 6 to 10
90 of this section, the applicant shall provide proof of insurance as required under
91 section 303.024 or 303.026.

92 9. The authority of a recipient of a lease or rental company license issued

93 by the director of revenue as prescribed in section 144.070 to operate as a fleet
94 owner as provided in this section shall expire on January first of the licensure
95 period.

96 10. A lease or rental company operating fleet license plates issued under
97 subsections 6 to 10 of this section shall make available, upon request, to the
98 director of revenue and all Missouri law enforcement agencies any corresponding
99 vehicle and registration information that may be requested as prescribed by rule.

100 11. The director shall make all necessary rules and regulations for the
101 administration of this section and shall design all necessary forms required by
102 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
103 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
104 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all the provisions of
105 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
106 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under
107 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a
108 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
109 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2019, shall be
110 invalid and void.

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