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AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.2998 and 301.3150, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to special license plates.

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

Section A. Sections 301.2998 and 301.3150, RSMo, are repealed and seven new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.477, 301.2998, 301.3150, 301.3158,
3 301.3160, 301.4006, and 301.4010, to read as follows:

**301.477. 1. Any person who has been awarded the combat action badge may apply
2 for special personalized motor vehicle license plates for any vehicle the person owns, either
3 solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle
4 licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight.**

**5 2. Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form
6 provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a recipient of the combat
7 action badge as the director may require.**

**8 3. The director shall then issue license plates bearing the words "COMBAT
9 ACTION" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" in a form prescribed by the
10 director, except that such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material, shall
11 have a white background with a blue and red configuration at the discretion of the
12 director, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed
13 by section 301.130. Such plates shall also bear an image of the combat action badge.**

**14 4. There shall be an additional fee charged for each set of special combat action
15 badge license plates issued equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates in section
16 301.144.**

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.

17 **5. There shall be no limit on the number of license plates any person qualified**
18 **under this section may obtain so long as each set of license plates issued under this section**
19 **is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person.**

20 **6. License plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be**
21 **transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle**
22 **shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year**
23 **licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.**

301.2998. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, which establishes
2 the issuance of a specialty **license** plate, [if no applications for such plate have been received
3 within five years from the effective date of the section authorizing the plate, then] the department
4 of revenue no longer will be required to accept applications and issue [such plate] **new specialty**
5 **license plates for a specific category or organization if:**

6 **(1) No applications for such plate have been received within four years from the**
7 **effective date of the section authorizing the plate; or**

8 **(2) The total number of specialty plates issued for the specific category falls below**
9 **two hundred for two consecutive years.**

10 **2. The department is authorized to discontinue the issuance and renewal of a**
11 **specialty license plate if the organization has stopped providing services and emblem-use**
12 **authorization statements are no longer being issued by the organization. Such**
13 **organizations shall notify the department immediately to discontinue the issuance of a**
14 **specialty plate.**

15 **3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any specialty license plates which**
16 **bear the emblem or insignia of a branch of the United States military or a military**
17 **organization or involve military actions or personnel.**

301.3150. 1. An organization, other than an organization seeking a special military
2 license plate, that seeks authorization to establish a new specialty license plate shall initially
3 petition the department of revenue by submitting the following:

4 **(1) An application in a form prescribed by the director for the particular specialty license**
5 **plate being sought, describing the proposed specialty license plate in general terms and have a**
6 **sponsor of at least one current member of the general assembly. The application may contain**
7 **written testimony for support of this specialty plate;**

8 **(2) Each application submitted pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a list**
9 **of at least two hundred potential applicants who plan to purchase the specialty plate if the**
10 **specialty plate is approved pursuant to this section;**

11 (3) An application fee, not to exceed five thousand dollars, to defray the department's
12 cost for issuing, developing and programming the implementation of the specialty plate, if
13 authorized; and

14 (4) All moneys received by the department of revenue, for the reviewing and
15 development of specialty plates shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the
16 "Department of Revenue Specialty Plate Fund" which is hereby created. The state treasurer shall
17 be custodian of the fund and shall make disbursements from the fund requested by the Missouri
18 director of revenue for personal services, expenses, and equipment required to prepare, review,
19 develop, and disseminate a new specialty plate and process the two hundred applications to be
20 submitted once the plate is approved and to refund deposits for the application of such specialty
21 plate, if the application is not approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight and
22 for no other purpose.

23 2. At the end of each state fiscal year, the director of revenue shall:

24 (1) Determine the amount of all moneys deposited into the department of revenue
25 specialty plate fund;

26 (2) Determine the amount of disbursements from the department of revenue specialty
27 plate fund which were made to produce the specialty plate and process the two hundred
28 applications; and

29 (3) Subtract the amount of disbursements from the income figure referred to in
30 subdivision (1) of this subsection and deliver this figure to the state treasurer.

31 3. The state treasurer shall transfer an amount of money equal to the figure provided by
32 the director of revenue from the department of revenue specialty plate fund to the state highway
33 department fund. An unexpended balance in the department of revenue specialty plate fund at
34 the end of the biennium not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars shall be exempt from the
35 provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, relating to transfer of unexpended balances to the general
36 revenue fund.

37 4. [The documents and fees required pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the
38 department of revenue by July first prior to the next regular session of the general assembly to
39 be approved or denied by the joint committee on transportation oversight during that legislative
40 session.

41 5.] The department of revenue shall give notice of any proposed specialty plate in a
42 manner reasonably calculated to advise the public of such proposal.

43 Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the specialty plate on the department's
44 official public website, and making available copies of the specialty plate application to any
45 representative of the news media or public upon request and posting the application on a bulletin

46 board or other prominent public place which is easily accessible to the public and clearly
47 designated for that purpose at the principal office.

48 [6.] **5.** Adequate notice conforming with all the requirements of subsection 5 of this
49 section shall be given not less than four weeks, exclusive of weekends and holidays when the
50 facility is closed, after the submission of the application by the organization to the department
51 of revenue. Written or electronic testimony in support or opposition of the proposed specialty
52 plate shall be submitted to the department of revenue [by November thirtieth of the year] **within**
53 **sixty days** of filing of the original proposal. All written testimony shall contain the printed
54 name, signature, address, phone number, and e-mail address, if applicable, of the individual
55 giving the testimony.

56 [7.] **6.** **As soon as practicable, upon receipt of the documents and fees required**
57 **under this section,** the department of revenue shall submit for approval all applications for the
58 development of specialty plates to the joint committee on transportation oversight [during a
59 regular session of the general assembly for approval] **for review under section 21.795.**

60 [8.] **7.** If the specialty license plate requested by an organization is approved by the joint
61 committee on transportation oversight, the organization shall submit the proposed art design for
62 the specialty license plate to the department as soon as practicable, but no later than sixty days
63 after the approval of the specialty license plate. If the specialty license plate requested by the
64 organization is not approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven
65 percent of the application fee shall be refunded to the requesting organization.

66 [9.] **8.** An emblem-use authorization fee may be charged by the organization prior to the
67 issuance of an approved specialty plate. The organization's specialty plate proposal approved
68 by the joint committee on transportation oversight shall state what fee is required to obtain such
69 statement and if such fee is required annually or biennially, if the applicant has a two-year
70 registration. An organization applying for specialty plates shall authorize the use of its official
71 emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license plates within the plate area prescribed
72 by the director of revenue and as provided in this section. Any contribution to the organization
73 derived from the emblem-use contribution, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used
74 solely for the purposes of the organization. Any member of the organization or nonmember, if
75 applicable, may annually apply for the use of the emblem, if applicable.

76 [10.] **9.** The department shall begin production and distribution of each new specialty
77 license plate within one year after approval of the specialty license plate by the joint committee
78 on transportation oversight.

79 [11.] **10.** The department shall issue a specialty license plate to the owner who meets the
80 requirements for issuance of the specialty plate for any motor vehicle such owner owns, either

81 solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed
82 in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight.

83 [12.] **11.** Each new or renewed application for an approved specialty license plate shall
84 be made to the department of revenue, accompanied by an additional fee of fifteen dollars and
85 the appropriate emblem-use authorization statement.

86 [13.] **12.** The appropriate registration fees, fifteen dollar specialty plate fee, processing
87 fees and documents otherwise required for the issuance of registration of the motor vehicle as
88 set forth by law must be submitted at the time the specialty plates are actually issued and
89 renewed or as otherwise provided by law. However, no additional fee for the personalization of
90 this plate shall be charged.

91 [14.] **13.** Once a specialty plate design is approved, a request for such plate may be made
92 any time during a registration period. If a request is made for a specialty license plate to replace
93 a current valid license plate, all documentation, credits, and fees provided for in this chapter
94 when replacing a current license plate shall apply.

95 [15.] **14.** A vehicle owner who was previously issued a plate with an organization
96 emblem authorized by this section, but who does not provide an emblem-use authorization
97 statement at a subsequent time of registration if required, shall be issued a new plate which does
98 not bear the organization's emblem, as otherwise provided by law.

99 [16.] **15.** Specialty license plates shall bear a design approved by the organization
100 submitting the original application for approval by the joint committee on transportation
101 oversight. The design shall be within the plate area prescribed by the director of revenue, and
102 the designated organization's name or slogan shall be in place of the words "SHOW-ME
103 STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color
104 scheme, shall be clearly visible at night, shall have a reflective white background in the area of
105 the plate configuration, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130 and
106 as provided in this section. In addition to a design, the specialty license plates shall be in
107 accordance with criteria and plate design set forth in this chapter.

108 [17.] **16.** The department is authorized to discontinue the issuance and renewal of a specialty
109 license plate if the organization has stopped providing services and emblem-use authorization
110 statements are no longer being issued by the organization. Such organizations shall notify the
111 department immediately to discontinue the issuance of a specialty plate.

112 [18.] **17.** The organization that requested the specialty license plate shall not redesign the
113 specialty personalized license plate unless such organization pays the director in advance all
114 redesigned plate fees. All plate holders of such plates must pay the replacement fees prescribed
115 in section 301.300 for the replacement of the existing specialty plate. All other applicable
116 license plate fees in accordance with this chapter shall be required.

301.3158. Any person who has been awarded the military service award known as the legion of merit medal may apply for special motor vehicle license plates for any vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a recipient of the legion of merit medal as the director may require. The director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof as determined by the advisory committee established in section 301.129, with the words "LEGION OF MERIT" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Such plates shall also bear an image of the legion of merit medal. There shall be an additional fee charged for each set of legion of merit license plates issued under this section equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates. There shall be no limit on the number of license plates any person qualified under this section may obtain so long as each set of license plates issued under this section is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person. License plates issued under the provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.

301.3160. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person, after an annual payment of an emblem-use fee to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, may receive special personalized license plates for any vehicle the person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multi-year personalized license plates as provided in this section. Any contribution to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the purposes of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Any vehicle owner may annually apply for the use of the emblem.

2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the vehicle owner to the director of revenue at the time of registration. Upon presentation of the annual statement and

16 payment of a twenty-five dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees, and
17 presentation of any documents which may be required by law, the director of revenue shall
18 issue to the vehicle owner a special license plate which shall bear the emblem of the
19 National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective
20 material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall
21 be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. In addition, upon such set of
22 license plates shall be inscribed, in lieu of the words "SHOW-ME STATE", the words
23 "JOIN THE MOVEMENT". Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no
24 additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates issued pursuant to
25 this section.

26 3. A vehicle owner who was previously issued a plate with the National Multiple
27 Sclerosis Society's emblem authorized by this section, but who does not provide an
28 emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued
29 a new plate which does not bear the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's emblem, as
30 otherwise provided by law. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and
31 regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary forms
32 required by this section.

33 4. Prior to the issuance of a National Multiple Sclerosis Society's specialty plate
34 authorized under this section the department of revenue must be in receipt of an
35 application, as prescribed by the director, which shall be accompanied by a list of at least
36 two hundred potential applicants who plan to purchase the specialty plate, the proposed
37 art design for the specialty license plate, and an application fee, not to exceed five thousand
38 dollars, to defray the department's cost for issuing, developing, and programming the
39 implementation of the specialty plate. Once the plate design is approved, the director of
40 revenue shall not authorize the manufacture of the material to produce such specialized
41 license plates with the individual seal, logo, or emblem until such time as the director has
42 received two hundred applications, the twenty-five dollar specialty plate fee per
43 application, and emblem-use statements, if applicable, and other required documents or
44 fees for such plates.

301.4006. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person, after an
2 annual payment of an emblem-use fee to the Nixa Education Foundation, may receive
3 personalized specialty license plates for any vehicle owned, either solely or jointly, other
4 than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of
5 eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. The Nixa Education Foundation hereby
6 authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multi-year personalized specialty
7 license plates as provided in this section. Any contribution to the Nixa Education

8 Foundation derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used
9 solely for the purposes of the Nixa Education Foundation. Any person may annually apply
10 for the use of the emblem.

11 2. Upon annual application and payment of a fifteen dollar emblem-use
12 contribution to the Nixa Education Foundation, the Nixa Education Foundation shall issue
13 to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement,
14 which shall be presented by the vehicle owner to the director of revenue at the time of
15 registration. Upon presentation of the annual emblem-use authorization statement and
16 payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees, and presentation
17 of any documents which may be required by law, the director of revenue shall issue to the
18 vehicle owner a personalized specialty license plate which shall bear the emblem of the
19 Nixa Education Foundation. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective
20 material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall
21 be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. In addition, upon each set of
22 license plates shall be inscribed, in lieu of the words "SHOW-ME STATE", the words
23 "NIXA EDUCATION FOUNDATION". Notwithstanding the provisions of section
24 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalized specialty plates issued
25 under this section.

26 3. A vehicle owner who was previously issued a plate with the Nixa Education
27 Foundation's emblem authorized by this section, but who does not provide an emblem-use
28 authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate
29 which does not bear the Nixa Education Foundation's emblem, as otherwise provided by
30 law. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the
31 enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section.

32 4. Prior to the issuance of a Nixa Education Foundation specialty plate authorized
33 under this section, the department of revenue must be in receipt of an application, as
34 prescribed by the director, which shall be accompanied by a list of at least two hundred
35 potential applicants who plan to purchase the specialty plate, the proposed art design for
36 the specialty license plate, and an application fee, not to exceed five thousand dollars, to
37 defray the department's cost for issuing, developing, and programming the implementation
38 of the specialty plate. Once the plate design is approved, the director of revenue shall not
39 authorize the manufacture of the material to produce such personalized specialty license
40 plates with the individual seal, logo, or emblem until such time as the director has received
41 two hundred applications, the fifteen dollar specialty plate fee per application, and
42 emblem-use statements, if applicable, and other required documents or fees for such plates.

2 **301.4010. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any member of the**
3 **National Wild Turkey Federation, after an annual payment of an emblem-use fee to the**
4 **National Wild Turkey Federation, may receive personalized specialty license plates for any**
5 **vehicle the member owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle**
6 **or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight.**
7 **The National Wild Turkey Federation hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to**
8 **be affixed on multi-year personalized specialty license plates as provided in this section.**
9 **Any contribution to the National Wild Turkey Federation derived from this section, except**
10 **reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the purposes of the National Wild**
11 **Turkey Federation. Any member of the National Wild Turkey Federation may annually**
12 **apply for the use of the emblem.**

13 **2. Upon annual application and payment of a fifteen dollar emblem-use**
14 **contribution to the National Wild Turkey Federation, the National Wild Turkey**
15 **Federation shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use**
16 **authorization statement, which shall be presented by the vehicle owner to the director of**
17 **revenue at the time of registration. Upon presentation of the annual emblem-use**
18 **authorization statement and payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the regular**
19 **registration fees, and presentation of any documents which may be required by law, the**
20 **director of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized specialty license plate**
21 **which shall bear the emblem of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Such license plates**
22 **shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall**
23 **be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section**
24 **301.130. In addition, upon each set of license plates shall be inscribed, in lieu of the words**
25 **"SHOW-ME STATE", the words "National Wild Turkey Federation". Notwithstanding**
26 **the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalized**
27 **specialty plates issued under this section.**

28 **3. A vehicle owner who was previously issued a plate with the National Wild**
29 **Turkey Federation's emblem authorized by this section, but who does not provide an**
30 **emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued**
31 **a new plate which does not bear the National Wild Turkey Federation's emblem, as**
32 **otherwise provided by law. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and**
33 **regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary forms**
34 **required by this section.**

35 **4. Prior to the issuance of a National Wild Turkey Federation specialty plate**
36 **authorized under this section, the department of revenue must be in receipt of an**
application, as prescribed by the director, which shall be accompanied by a list of at least

37 **two hundred potential applicants who plan to purchase the specialty plate, the proposed**
38 **art design for the specialty license plate, and an application fee, not to exceed five thousand**
39 **dollars, to defray the department's cost for issuing, developing, and programming the**
40 **implementation of the specialty plate. Once the plate design is approved, the director of**
41 **revenue shall not authorize the manufacture of the material to produce such personalized**
42 **specialty license plates with the individual seal, logo, or emblem until such time as the**
43 **director has received two hundred applications, the fifteen dollar specialty plate fee per**
44 **application, and emblem-use statements, if applicable, and other required documents or**
45 **fees for such plates.**

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