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# SENATE BILL NO. 912

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

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## **AN ACT**

To repeal sections 42.051, 115.085, 143.174, 143.175, 173.239, 301.142, 301.3030, 301.3061, and 302.188, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof forty-four new sections relating to military affairs, with a delayed effective date for a certain section and existing penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 42.051, 115.085, 143.174, 143.175, 2 173.239, 301.142, 301.3030, 301.3061, and 302.188, RSMo, are 3 repealed and forty-four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 42.022, 42.051, 42.312, 115.085, 4 5 143.174, 143.175, 173.239, 227.854, 301.142, 301.3030, 301.3061, 301.3180, 302.188, 452.1200, 452.1202, 452.1204, 6 7 452.1206, 452.1208, 452.1210, 452.1212, 452.1214, 452.1216, 452.1218, 452.1220, 452.1222, 452.1224, 452.1226, 452.1228, 8 452.1230, 452.1232, 452.1234, 452.1236, 452.1238, 452.1240, 9 452.1242, 452.1244, 452.1246, 452.1248, 452.1250, 452.1252, 10 452.1254, 452.1256, 452.1258, and 620.3305, to read as follows: 11

- 42.022. 1. In addition to any other duties imposed
- 2 under this chapter, the commission shall review the
- 3 provisions of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans
- 4 Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019, enacted by the

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- 5 116th United States Congress (Pub. L. 116-171), as amended,
- 6 and any regulations related thereto. After review, the
- 7 commission, in collaboration with the department of mental
- 8 health, shall provide recommendations and make efforts to
- 9 adopt procedures, programs, treatment options, additional
- 10 aid, and any other assistance deemed necessary by the
- 11 commission to assist in the efforts to prevent veteran
- 12 suicide, subject to appropriation.
- Before July 1, 2025, and before every July first
- 14 thereafter the commission shall file a report with the
- 15 department of public safety and the general assembly on the
- 16 recommendations, implementation, and effectiveness of the
- 17 efforts by the commission to prevent veteran suicide.
- 18 3. The department of public safety may promulgate all
- 19 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of
- 20 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
- 21 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
- 22 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
- 23 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
- 24 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
- 25 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
- 26 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
- 27 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
- 28 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
- 29 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
- 30 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
- 31 2024, shall be invalid and void.
  - 42.051. 1. Every state agency shall [ensure that]
- 2 include on any form, including digital forms posted on an
- 3 internet website, used to [collect data from individuals
- 4 include] interact with members of the public the following
- 5 questions in substantially similar form:

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- 6 (1) Have you ever served on active duty in the 7 Armed Forces of the United States and separated 8 from such service under conditions other than 9 dishonorable?
- 10 (2) If answering question (1) in the affirmative, 11 would you like to receive information and 12 assistance regarding [the agency's veteran] 13 veterans benefits and services?
  - (3) If answering question (2) in the affirmative, may the agency share your contact information with the Missouri Veterans Commission in order to provide you with information regarding available veterans benefits and services? General information may also be found on the Missouri Veterans Commission's website.
  - 2. Every state agency shall provide the contact information of those individuals who answer question (3) in subsection 1 of this section in the affirmative to the commission within seven business days of receipt and shall provide the contact information in a format readily accessible by the commission.
- 27 Every state agency shall prepare information regarding the agency's applicable services and benefits that 28 29 are available to veterans and provide such information to those individuals who answer [the] questions (1) and (2) 30 31 provided in subsection 1 of this section in the affirmative 32 and to the commission. Such information shall be available in a format readily accessible and identifiable to members 33 of the public and to the commission. 34
- 4. On January first of every year, the commission shall post a report on the commission's website that includes:

- 38 (1) The total number of individuals whose contact 39 information has been submitted to the commission from each 40 state agency pursuant to subsection 2 of this section; and
- 41 (2) The total number of individuals contacted by the 42 commission as a result of the submission of contact 43 information by a state agency.
- 44 [3.] 5. The provisions of subsection 1 of this section 45 shall only apply to any form first created on or after 46 August 28, [2021] 2024, or any form created before August 47 28, [2021] 2024, and subsequently modified on or after
- 48 August 28, [2021] **2024**.
- 42.312. 1. There is hereby created within the state
  adjutant general's office the "Operation Enduring Freedom,
  Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge
  Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty
  in the United States military service at any time beginning
- 7 entitled to receive an Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation 8 Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge medallion,

October 7, 2001, and ending August 30, 2021, shall be

- 9 medal, and certificate of appreciation under this section,
- 10 provided that:

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- 11 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or
  12 was a legal resident of this state at the time he or she
  13 entered or was discharged from military service or at the
  14 time of his or her death, or such veteran served in a unit
  15 of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such
  16 veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state; and
  - (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service, is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.

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- 21 The Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's 22 Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge medallion, medal, and 23 certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether such 24 veteran served within the United States or in a foreign The medallion, medal, and certificate shall be 25 26 awarded regardless of whether such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. 27 28 purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person defined 29 as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans
- 1. For purposes of this section, the 2 following terms mean:

Affairs or its successor agency.

- "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States, 3 (1) 4 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, 5 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military 6 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed 7 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military 8 9 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;
  - "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident (2) spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-ofstation basis.
- 17 2. No person shall be appointed to serve as an election judge who is not a registered voter in this state or a military service member on active duty in this state or 19 a nonresident military spouse. Each election judge shall be a person of good repute and character who can speak, read, 21 and write the English language. No person shall serve as an 22

- 23 election judge at any polling place in which his or her name
- 24 or the name of a relative within the second degree, by
- 25 consanguinity or affinity, appears on the ballot. However,
- 26 no relative of any unopposed candidate shall be disqualified
- 27 from serving as an election judge in any election
- 28 jurisdiction of the state. No election judge shall, during
- 29 his or her term of office, hold any other elective public
- 30 office, other than as a member of a political party
- 31 committee or township office, except any person who is
- 32 elected to a board or commission of a political subdivision
- 33 or special district may serve as an election judge except at
- 34 a polling place where such political subdivision or special
- 35 district has an issue or candidate on the ballot. In any
- 36 county having a population of less than two hundred fifty
- 37 thousand inhabitants, any candidate for the county committee
- 38 of a political party who is not a candidate for any other
- 39 office and who is unopposed for election as a member of the
- 40 committee shall not be disqualified from serving as an
- 41 election judge.
  - 143.174. For all tax years beginning on or after
- 2 January 1, 2016, for purposes of calculating the Missouri
- 3 taxable income as required under section 143.011, one
- 4 hundred percent of the income received by any person as
- 5 salary or compensation in any form as a member of the active
- 6 duty component of the Armed Forces of the United States, and
- 7 to the extent that such income is included in the federal
- 8 adjusted gross income, may be deducted from the taxpayer's
- 9 Missouri adjusted gross income to determine such taxpayer's
- 10 Missouri taxable income. If such person files a combined
- 11 return with a spouse, any military income received while
- 12 engaging in the performance of active duty may be deducted
- 13 from their Missouri combined adjusted gross income. For the

- 14 purposes of this section, "salary or compensation" shall
- 15 include any signing bonus.
  - 143.175. 1. For all tax years beginning on or after
- 2 January 1, 2020, for purposes of calculating the Missouri
- 3 taxable income as required under section 143.011, a
- 4 percentage of the income received by any person as salary or
- 5 compensation:
- 6 (1) In performance of inactive duty for training (IDT)
- 7 of the National Guard or annual training status (AT) of the
- 8 National Guard; [or]
- 9 (2) In reserve components of the Armed Forces of the
- 10 United States; or
- 11 (3) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 12 2025, in the form of a bonus from the National Guard or a
- 13 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces for
- 14 joining, reenlisting, or for any other reason;
- 15 and to the extent that such income is included in the
- 16 federal adjusted gross income, may be deducted from the
- 17 taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income to determine such
- 18 taxpayer's Missouri taxable income. If such person files a
- 19 combined return with a spouse, a percentage of any military
- 20 income received while engaging in the performance of
- 21 National Guard or reserve military duty may be deducted from
- 22 their Missouri combined adjusted gross income. Such
- 23 military income shall be deducted as follows:
- 24 (a) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 25 2020, twenty percent of such military income;
- 26 (b) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 27 2021, forty percent of such military income;
- (c) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 29 2022, sixty percent of such income;

- 30 (d) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 31 2023, eighty percent of such income;
- 32 (e) For all tax years beginning on January 1, 2024,
- 33 and thereafter, one hundred percent of such income.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or
- any other provision of law to the contrary, the deduction
- 36 authorized by this section shall not apply to compensation
- 37 received while engaging in civilian federal service,
- 38 including civil service positions requiring the wearing of
- 39 military uniform and military affiliation.
  - 173.239. 1. Any member of the Missouri National Guard
- 2 who possesses the qualifications set forth in this section
- 3 may, while he or she is a member of the Missouri National
- 4 Guard, be awarded [an] educational assistance in the form of:
- 5 (1) A tuition and fee waiver for undergraduate courses
- 6 at a postsecondary institution of higher education located
- 7 in this state that directly receives funds appropriated by
- 8 the general assembly. This tuition and fee waiver shall not
- 9 be implemented prior to the 2025-26 academic year. The
- 10 tuition and fee waiver shall be only for tuition and fees
- 11 that remain after the application of all payments from a
- 12 tuition assistance program of the National Guard, Army, or
- 13 Air Force; additional federal military tuition assistance;
- 14 GI Bill educational entitlements; awarded external
- 15 scholarships; and federal financial grants, including the
- 16 Pell grant, that are available to the member in the current
- 17 semester. For purposes of this section, "fee" or "fees"
- 18 mean any mandatory fees charged by an institution to all
- 19 full-time students as a condition of enrollment; or
- 20 (2) A grant to an [approved public institution or an
- 21 approved private] eligible institution[, as those terms are
- defined in either section 173.205 or section 173.778,] of

- 23 his or her choice [while he or she is a member of the
- 24 Missouri National Guard. Funding for educational assistance
- 25 pursuant to this section may be requested annually in the
- 26 budget of the Missouri National Guard. Educational
- 27 assistance provided pursuant to this section shall not
- 28 exceed funds appropriated for that purpose]. For purposes
- of this subdivision, the term "eligible institution" shall
- 30 mean:
- 31 (a) An approved public institution or an approved
- 32 private institution, as those terms are defined in section
- 33 **173.1102**; or
- 34 (b) Any institution of postsecondary education that is
- 35 required by law to be, and currently is, certified to
- 36 operate by the coordinating board for higher education; that
- 37 is institutionally accredited by an accrediting commission
- 38 recognized by the United States Department of Education;
- 39 that has operated continuously in this state for five or
- 40 more years; that has no more than fifty percent of its
- 41 students in correspondence programs; and that offers a one-
- 42 year or two-year certificate, associate or baccalaureate
- 43 degree programs, or graduate or professional degree programs.
- 44 2. (1) Educational assistance provided under this
- 45 section shall not exceed the [least] lesser of the following:
- 46 [(1)] (a) The actual tuition, as defined in section
- 47 173.260, charged at an approved institution where the
- 48 [individual] member is enrolled or accepted for enrollment;
- **49** or
- 50 [(2)] (b) The [amount] product of the number of credit
- 51 hours taken multiplied by the average tuition cost per
- 52 **credit hour** charged **to** a Missouri resident at the University
- of Missouri for attendance[;], with such average cost
- 54 determined by the Missouri National Guard.

- 55 [(3)] (2) The grants provided under this section may 56 be prorated subject to appropriations in an amount no less 57 than fifty percent of the limits set forth in this [section] 58 subsection.
  - 3. (1) For either type of educational assistance described in this section, a member of the Missouri National Guard [seeking educational assistance pursuant to this section] may apply to the appropriate office of the Missouri National Guard before each semester. The member shall:
  - (a) Provide a certificate of satisfactory service of his or her Missouri National Guard duties from his or her commanding officer [and shall];
  - (b) Possess all other necessary entrance requirements of the school of his or her choice [and shall maintain];
  - (c) Provide proof of maintaining a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least two point five on a [four point] four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale approved by the program administrator, while attending the approved public or private institution;
    - (d) Have not yet earned a bachelor's degree; and
  - (e) Have completed and submitted a FAFSA for the academic term for which educational assistance is requested.
  - (2) For the tuition and fee waiver, the waiver shall be awarded if the member applies and is otherwise eligible pursuant to this section, but the waiver shall be awarded only after the Missouri National Guard has distributed any moneys available for the member through the state tuition assistance program.
  - 4. If the grade point average of a member who is receiving educational assistance pursuant to this section falls below two point five on a [four point] four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale, such member shall

- 87 retain the educational assistance and shall be placed on
- 88 probation under the educational assistance program. Failure
- 89 to achieve a current grade point average of at least two
- 90 point five on a [four point] four-point scale or the
- 91 equivalent on another scale for future semesters or
- 92 equivalent academic terms shall result in termination of the
- 93 [scholarship] educational assistance effective as of the
- 94 next academic term. The member shall be removed from
- 95 probation status upon achieving a cumulative grade point
- 96 average of two point five on a [four point] four-point scale
- 97 or the equivalent on another scale.
- 98 5. For the tuition and fee waiver, an applicant shall
- 99 cease to be eligible if the total number of credit hours
- 100 completed by the applicant exceeds one hundred twenty.
- 101 Credit hours earned with the educational assistance
- 102 described in this section and credit hours earned without
- 103 the educational assistance described in this section shall
- 104 be counted to determine the total number of credit hours
- 105 completed by an applicant for purposes of this subsection.
- 106 6. The tuition and fee waiver shall not be available
- in any fiscal year in which the percent of total program
- 108 costs covered by the state appropriation for the educational
- 109 assistance provided pursuant to this section has decreased
- 110 compared to the previous fiscal year.
- 7. If a recipient of either type of educational
- 112 assistance pursuant to this section ceases to maintain their
- 113 active military affiliation while enrolled in an academic
- 114 semester or term for any reason except death, disability, or
- 115 medical disqualification the educational assistance shall be
- 116 terminated and the recipient shall repay any amounts awarded
- or waived for the academic semester or term.

- 118 [6. Applicants for educational assistance pursuant to
- this section shall meet the qualifications established by
- section 173.215, except the provisions of subdivisions (2)
- and (4) of subsection 1 of section 173.215, and shall be
- qualified, full-time or part-time students.
- 7.] 8. The educational assistance program established
- 124 pursuant to this section shall be administered by the office
- of the adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard. The
- 126 Missouri National Guard shall establish guidelines for
- 127 equitable administrative distribution of educational
- 128 assistance.
  - 227.854. The portion of U.S. Highway 63 from the south
  - 2 end of CRD 637 loop continuing north through the City of
  - 3 Freeburg to Dogwood Street in Osage County shall be
  - 4 designated the "POW/MIA SSG Paul Hasenbeck Memorial
  - 5 Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and
  - 6 maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with
  - 7 the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.
    - 301.142. 1. As used in sections 301.141 to 301.143,
  - 2 the following terms mean:
  - 3 (1) "Department", the department of revenue;
  - 4 (2) "Director", the director of the department of
  - 5 revenue;
  - 6 (3) "Other authorized health care practitioner"
  - 7 includes advanced practice registered nurses licensed
  - 8 pursuant to chapter 335, physician assistants licensed
  - 9 pursuant to chapter 334, chiropractors licensed pursuant to
- 10 chapter 331, podiatrists licensed pursuant to chapter 330,
- 11 assistant physicians, physical therapists licensed pursuant
- 12 to chapter 334, and optometrists licensed pursuant to
- 13 chapter 336;

- 14 (4) "Physically disabled", a natural person who is 15 blind, as defined in section 8.700, or a natural person with 16 medical disabilities which prohibits, limits, or severely 17 impairs one's ability to ambulate or walk, as determined by
- 18 a licensed physician or other authorized health care
- 19 practitioner as follows:
- 20 (a) The person cannot ambulate or walk fifty or less 21 feet without stopping to rest due to a severe and disabling 22 arthritic, neurological, orthopedic condition, or other
- 23 severe and disabling condition; or
- 24 (b) The person cannot ambulate or walk without the use
- of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another
- 26 person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive
- 27 device; or
- 28 (c) Is restricted by a respiratory or other disease to
- 29 such an extent that the person's forced respiratory
- 30 expiratory volume for one second, when measured by
- 31 spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen
- 32 tension is less than sixty mm/hq on room air at rest; or
- 33 (d) Uses portable oxygen; or
- 34 (e) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the
- 35 person's functional limitations are classified in severity
- 36 as class III or class IV according to standards set by the
- 37 American Heart Association; or
- 38 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3) of
- 39 subsection 16 of this section, a person's age, in and of
- 40 itself, shall not be a factor in determining whether such
- 41 person is physically disabled or is otherwise entitled to
- 42 disabled license plates and/or disabled windshield hanging
- 43 placards within the meaning of sections 301.141 to 301.143;
- 44 (5) "Physician", a person licensed to practice
- 45 medicine pursuant to chapter 334;

- 46 (6) "Physician's statement", a statement personally 47 signed by a duly authorized person which certifies that a 48 person is disabled as defined in this section;
- 49 (7) "Temporarily disabled person", a disabled person
  50 as defined in this section whose disability or incapacity is
  51 expected to last no more than one hundred eighty days;
- 52 (8) "Temporary windshield placard", a placard to be 53 issued to persons who are temporarily disabled persons as 54 defined in this section, certification of which shall be 55 indicated on the physician's statement;
- 56 (9) "Windshield placard", a placard to be issued to 57 persons who are physically disabled as defined in this 58 section, certification of which shall be indicated on the 59 physician's statement.
- 2. Other authorized health care practitioners may
  furnish to a disabled or temporarily disabled person a
  physician's statement for only those physical health care
  conditions for which such health care practitioner is
  legally authorized to diagnose and treat.
  - 3. A physician's statement shall:
  - (1) Be on a form prescribed by the director of revenue;
- 67 (2) Set forth the specific diagnosis and medical 68 condition which renders the person physically disabled or 69 temporarily disabled as defined in this section;
- 70 (3) Include the physician's or other authorized health71 care practitioner's license number; and
- 72 (4) Be personally signed by the issuing physician or 73 other authorized health care practitioner.
- 4. If it is the professional opinion of the physician or other authorized health care practitioner issuing the statement that the physical disability of the applicant, user, or member of the applicant's household is permanent,

- 78 it shall be noted on the statement. Otherwise, the
- 79 physician or other authorized health care practitioner shall
- 80 note on the statement the anticipated length of the
- 81 disability, which shall determine the expiration date for
- 82 the temporary windshield placard, and which period [may]
- 83 shall not exceed one hundred eighty days. If the physician
- 84 or health care practitioner fails to record an expiration
- 85 date on the physician's statement, the director shall issue
- 86 a temporary windshield placard for a period of thirty days.
- 5. A physician or other authorized health care
- 88 practitioner who issues or signs a physician's statement so
- 89 that disabled plates or a disabled windshield placard may be
- 90 obtained shall maintain in such disabled person's medical
- 91 chart documentation that such a certificate has been issued,
- 92 the date the statement was signed, the diagnosis or
- 93 condition which existed that qualified the person as
- 94 disabled pursuant to this section and shall contain
- 95 sufficient documentation so as to objectively confirm that
- 96 such condition exists.
- 97 6. The medical or other records of the physician or
- 98 other authorized health care practitioner who issued a
- 99 physician's statement shall be open to inspection and review
- 100 by such practitioner's licensing board, in order to verify
- 101 compliance with this section. Information contained within
- 102 such records shall be confidential unless required for
- 103 prosecution, disciplinary purposes, or otherwise required to
- 104 be disclosed by law.
- 7. Owners of motor vehicles who are residents of the
- 106 state of Missouri, and who are physically disabled, owners
- 107 of motor vehicles operated at least fifty percent of the
- 108 time by a physically disabled person, or owners of motor
- 109 vehicles used to primarily transport physically disabled

110 members of the owner's household may obtain disabled person license plates. Such owners, upon application[,] to the 111 director accompanied by the documents and fees provided for 112 in this section, a current physician's statement which has 113 been issued within ninety days proceeding the date the 114 115 application is made, and proof of compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of 116 117 motor vehicles, shall be issued motor vehicle license plates for vehicles, other than commercial vehicles with a gross 118 119 weight in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds, upon which 120 shall be inscribed the international wheelchair accessibility symbol and the word "DISABLED" in addition to 121 a combination of letters and numbers. Such license plates 122 123 shall be made with fully reflective material with a common 124 color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, 125 and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by 126 section 301.130. If at any time an individual who obtained disabled license plates issued under this subsection no 127 128 longer occupies a residence with a physically disabled person, or no longer owns a vehicle that is operated at 129 least fifty percent of the time by a physically disabled 130 person, such individual shall surrender the disabled license 131 plates to the department within thirty days of becoming 132 133 ineligible for their use. 134 The director shall further issue, upon request, to 135 such applicant one, and for good cause shown, as the 136 director may define by rule and regulations, not more than

134 8. The director shall further issue, upon request, to
135 such applicant one, and for good cause shown, as the
136 director may define by rule and regulations, not more than
137 two, removable disabled windshield hanging placards for use
138 when the disabled person is occupying a vehicle or when a
139 vehicle not bearing the permanent handicap plate is being
140 used to pick up, deliver, or collect the physically disabled

person issued the disabled motor vehicle license plate or disabled windshield hanging placard.

- 9. No additional fee shall be paid to the director for 143 the issuance of the special license plates provided in this 144 section, except for special personalized license plates and 145 146 other license plates described in this subsection. Priority for any specific set of special license plates shall be 147 148 given to the applicant who received the number in the 149 immediately preceding license period subject to the 150 applicant's compliance with the provisions of this section 151 and any applicable rules or regulations issued by the 152 director. If determined feasible by the advisory committee established in section 301.129, any special license plate 153 154 issued pursuant to this section may be adapted to also 155 include the international wheelchair accessibility symbol 156 and the word "DISABLED" as prescribed in this section and 157 such plate may be issued to any applicant who meets the requirements of this section and the other appropriate 158 159 provision of this chapter, subject to the requirements and fees of the appropriate provision of this chapter. 160
- 161 10. Any physically disabled person, or the parent or quardian of any such person, or any not-for-profit group, 162 organization, or other entity which transports more than one 163 164 physically disabled person, may apply to the director of 165 revenue for a removable windshield placard. The placard may be used in motor vehicles which do not bear the permanent 166 handicap symbol on the license plate. Such placards must be 167 hung from the front, middle rearview mirror of a parked 168 motor vehicle and may not be hung from the mirror during 169 170 operation. These placards may only be used during the 171 period of time when the vehicle is being used by a disabled person, or when the vehicle is being used to pick up, 172

- deliver, or collect a disabled person, and shall be surrendered to the department, within thirty days, if a
- 175 group, organization, or entity that obtained the removable
- 176 windshield placard due to the transportation of more than
- one physically disabled person no longer transports more
- 178 than one disabled person. When there is no rearview mirror,
- 179 the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard on the
- 180 driver's side.
- 181 11. The removable windshield placard shall conform to
- 182 the specifications, in respect to size, color, and content,
- as set forth in federal regulations published by the
- 184 Department of Transportation. The removable windshield
- 185 placard shall be renewed every four years. The director may
- 186 stagger the expiration dates to equalize workload. Only one
- 187 removable placard may be issued to an applicant who has been
- 188 issued disabled person license plates. Upon request, one
- 189 additional windshield placard may be issued to an applicant
- 190 who has not been issued disabled person license plates.
- 191 12. A temporary windshield placard shall be issued to
- 192 any physically disabled person, or the parent or guardian of
- 193 any such person who otherwise qualifies except that the
- 194 physical disability, in the opinion of the physician, is not
- 195 expected to exceed a period of one hundred eighty days. The
- 196 temporary windshield placard shall conform to the
- 197 specifications, in respect to size, color, and content, as
- 198 set forth in federal regulations published by the Department
- 199 of Transportation. The fee for the temporary windshield
- 200 placard shall be two dollars. Upon request, and for good
- 201 cause shown, one additional temporary windshield placard may
- 202 be issued to an applicant. Temporary windshield placards
- 203 shall be issued upon presentation of the physician's
- 204 statement provided by this section and shall be displayed in

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the same manner as removable windshield placards. A person or entity shall be qualified to possess and display a temporary removable windshield placard for six months and the placard may be renewed once for an additional six months if a physician's statement pursuant to this section is supplied to the director of revenue at the time of renewal.

- 212 placards issued pursuant to this section shall be made to
  213 the director of revenue and shall be accompanied by a
  214 statement signed by a licensed physician or other authorized
  215 health care practitioner which certifies that the applicant,
  216 user, or member of the applicant's household is a physically
  217 disabled person as defined by this section.
  - by the person or entity to which the placard was originally issued. Any placard issued pursuant to this section shall only be used when the physically disabled occupant for whom the disabled plate or placard was issued is in the motor vehicle at the time of parking or when a physically disabled person is being delivered or collected. A disabled license plate and/or a removable windshield hanging placard are not transferable and may not be used by any other person whether disabled or not.
- 228 [15.] 14. At the time the disabled plates or 229 windshield hanging placards are issued, the director shall issue a registration certificate which shall include the 230 applicant's name, address, and other identifying information 231 as prescribed by the director, or if issued to an agency, 232 such agency's name and address. This certificate shall 233 234 further contain the disabled license plate number or, for 235 windshield hanging placards, the registration or identifying number stamped on the placard. The validated registration 236

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receipt given to the applicant shall serve as the registration certificate.

[16.] 15. The director shall, upon issuing any disabled registration certificate for license plates and/or windshield hanging placards, provide information which explains that such plates or windshield hanging placards are nontransferable, and the restrictions explaining who and when a person or vehicle which bears or has the disabled plates or windshield hanging placards may be used or be parked in a disabled reserved parking space, and the penalties prescribed for violations of the provisions of this act.

[17.] 16. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this 249 250 subsection, every [new] applicant for issuance of a disabled 251 license plate or placard shall be required to present a new 252 physician's statement dated no more than ninety days prior 253 to such application[. Renewal applicants will be required to submit a physician's statement dated no more than ninety 254 days prior to such application upon their first renewal 255 occurring on or after August 1, 2005. Upon completing 256 257 subsequent], and for renewal applications[,] a physician's statement dated no more than ninety days prior to such 258 259 application shall be required every eighth year. 260 physician's statement shall state the expiration date for 261 the temporary windshield placard. If the physician fails to 262 record an expiration date on the physician's statement, the director shall issue the temporary windshield placard for a 263 period of thirty days. The director may stagger the 264 requirement of a physician's statement on all renewals for 265 266 the initial implementation of an eight-year period.]

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the applicant has presented proof of disability

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- in the form of a statement from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs verifying that the person is permanently disabled, the applicant shall not be required to provide a physician's statement for the purpose of issuance or renewal of disabled person license plates or windshield placards.
  - (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (f) of subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section, any person seventy-five years of age or older who provided a physician's statement with the original application shall not be required to provide a physician's statement for the purpose of renewal of disabled person license plates or windshield placards.
- [18.] 17. The director of revenue upon receiving a 281 physician's statement pursuant to this subsection shall 282 283 check with the state board of registration for the healing 284 arts created in section 334.120, or the Missouri state board 285 of nursing established in section 335.021, with respect to physician's statements signed by advanced practice 286 287 registered nurses, or the Missouri state board of chiropractic examiners established in section 331.090, with 288 respect to physician's statements signed by licensed 289 chiropractors, or with the board of optometry established in 290 section 336.130, with respect to physician's statements 291 292 signed by licensed optometrists, or the state board of 293 podiatric medicine created in section 330.100, with respect to physician's statements signed by physicians of the foot 294 or podiatrists to determine whether the physician is duly 295 296 licensed and registered pursuant to law. [If such applicant obtaining a disabled license plate or placard presents proof 297 298 of disability in the form of a statement from the United 299 States Veterans' Administration verifying that the person is 300 permanently disabled, the applicant shall be exempt from the

windshield placards.

- 301 eight-year certification requirement of this subsection for 302 renewal of the plate or placard. Initial applications shall 303 be accompanied by the physician's statement required by this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (f) of 304 305 subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section, any person 306 seventy-five years of age or older who provided the physician's statement with the original application shall 307 308 not be required to provide a physician's statement for the 309 purpose of renewal of disabled persons license plates or
- and shall supply information requested pursuant to this subsection. The director shall, in cooperation with the boards which shall assist the director, establish a list of all Missouri physicians and other authorized health care practitioners and of any other information necessary to administer this section.
- [20.] 19. Where the owner's application is based on 318 319 the fact that the vehicle is used at least fifty percent of the time by a physically disabled person, the applicant 320 shall submit a statement stating this fact, in addition to 321 the physician's statement. The statement shall be signed by 322 both the owner of the vehicle and the physically disabled 323 324 person. The applicant shall be required to submit this 325 statement with each application for license plates. No 326 person shall willingly or knowingly submit a false statement 327 and any such false statement shall be considered perjury and may be punishable pursuant to section 301.420. 328
- [21.] 20. The director of revenue shall retain all physicians' statements and all other documents received in connection with a person's application for disabled license plates and/or disabled windshield placards.

- 132. [22.] 21. The director of revenue shall enter into reciprocity agreements with other states or the federal government for the purpose of recognizing disabled person license plates or windshield placards issued to physically disabled persons.
- 338 [23.] 22. When a person to whom disabled person license plates or a removable or temporary windshield 339 340 placard or both have been issued dies, the personal 341 representative of the decedent or such other person who may 342 come into or otherwise take possession of the disabled license plates or disabled windshield placard shall return 343 the same to the director of revenue under penalty of law. 344 Failure to return such plates or placards shall constitute a 345 346 class B misdemeanor.
- issued disabled person license plates or windshield placards to submit to an examination by a chiropractor, osteopath, or physician, or to such other investigation as will determine whether such person qualifies for the special plates or placards.
- [25.] 24. If such person refuses to submit or is found to no longer qualify for special plates or placards provided for in this section, the director of revenue shall collect the special plates or placards, and shall furnish license plates to replace the ones collected as provided by this chapter.
- [26.] 25. In the event a removable or temporary windshield placard is lost, stolen, or mutilated, the lawful holder thereof shall, within five days, file with the director of revenue an application and an affidavit stating such fact, in order to purchase a new placard. The fee for the replacement windshield placard shall be four dollars.

- [27.] 26. Fraudulent application, renewal, issuance, 365 366 procurement or use of disabled person license plates or 367 windshield placards shall be a class A misdemeanor. It is a class B misdemeanor for a physician, chiropractor, 368 369 podiatrist or optometrist to certify that an individual or 370 family member is qualified for a license plate or windshield placard based on a disability, the diagnosis of which is 371 372 outside their scope of practice or if there is no basis for 373 the diagnosis.
  - 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to 301.3030. the contrary, no special license plates involving military 2 actions or personnel shall require a special fee for 3 issuance or personalization of one set of such plates issued 4 to each qualified applicant. Additional sets of special 5 6 license plates issued to the qualified applicant may be subject to fees for special license plate issuance or 7 8 personalization as otherwise required by law.
- 2. Any special license plates involving military actions or personnel that are authorized after August 28, 2006, shall not limit the number of license plates any person qualified for such special license plate may obtain so long as each set of license plates issued is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by the qualified applicant.

301.3061. 1. Any person eligible for membership in 2 the Disabled American Veterans and who possesses a valid 3 membership card issued by the Disabled American Veterans may apply for Missouri Disabled American Veterans license plates 4 for any motor vehicle the person owns, either solely or 5 jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a 6 7 commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight. The Missouri Disabled 8 American Veterans hereby authorizes the use of its official 9

- emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license plates as provided in this section.
- 12 2. Upon presentation of a current photo
- 13 identification, the person's valid membership card issued by
- 14 the Disabled American Veterans, and payment of a fifteen
- 15 dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees and
- 16 presentation of other documents which may be required by
- 17 law, the department of revenue shall issue a personalized
- 18 license plate to the vehicle owner, which shall bear the
- 19 emblem of the Disabled American Veterans organization, [an
- 20 emblem consisting exclusively of a red letter "D", followed
- 21 by a white letter "A" and a blue letter "V" in modified
- 22 block letters, with each letter having a black shaded
- edging, and shall engrave the words "WARTIME DISABLED" in
- 24 red letters centered] and shall have an authorized Disabled
- 25 American Veterans' slogan near the bottom of the plate.
- 26 Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective
- 27 material with a common color scheme and design, shall be
- 28 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically
- 29 attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. A fee for the
- 30 issuance of personalized license plates issued under section
- 31 301.144 shall not be required for plates issued under this
- 32 section.
- 33 3. Any person who applies for a Disabled American
- 34 Veterans license plate under this section to be used on a
- 35 vehicle commonly known and referred to as a pickup truck may
- 36 be issued a Disabled American Veterans license plate with
- 37 the designation "beyond local" indicated in the upper right
- 38 corner of the plate.
- 4. There shall be no limit on the number of license
- 40 plates any person qualified under this section may obtain so
- 41 long as each set of license plates issued under this section

- 42 is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such
- 43 person. License plates issued under this section shall not
- 44 be transferable to any other person except that any
- 45 registered co-owner of the motor vehicle may operate the
- 46 motor vehicle for the duration of the year licensed in the
- 47 event of the death of the qualified person.
- 48 5. The director shall promulgate rules to implement
- 49 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a
- 50 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
- 51 created under the authority delegated in this section shall
- 52 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
- 53 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
- 54 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
- 55 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
- 56 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
- 57 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
- 58 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
- 59 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
- 60 August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void.
  - 301.3180. 1. Any person who has been awarded the
- 2 military service award known as the "Army of Occupation
- 3 Medal" may apply for Army of Occupation Medal motor vehicle
- 4 license plates for any motor vehicle such person owns,
- 5 either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor
- 6 vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of
- 7 twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight.
- 8 2. Any such person shall make application for the Army
- 9 of Occupation Medal license plates on a form provided by the
- 10 director of revenue and shall furnish such proof as a
- 11 recipient of the Army of Occupation Medal as the director
- 12 may require. The director shall then issue license plates
- 13 bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof as

- 14 determined by the director with the words "ARMY OF
- 15 OCCUPATION MEDAL" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE".
- 16 Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective
- 17 material with a common color scheme and design, shall be
- 18 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically
- 19 attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Such plates
- 20 shall also bear an image of the Army of Occupation Medal.
- 21 3. There shall be a fifteen dollar fee in addition to
- 22 the regular registration fees charged for each set of Army
- of Occupation Medal license plates issued pursuant to this
- 24 section. A fee for the issuance of personalized license
- 25 plates pursuant to section 301.144 shall not be required for
- 26 plates issued pursuant to this section. There shall be no
- 27 limit on the number of license plates any person qualified
- 28 pursuant to this section may obtain so long as each set of
- 29 license plates issued pursuant to this section is issued for
- 30 vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person. License
- 31 plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section
- 32 shall not be transferable to any other person except that
- 33 any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be
- 34 entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for
- 35 the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death
- 36 of the qualified person.
  - 302.188. 1. A person may apply to the department of
- 2 revenue to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's
- 3 license or identification card issued under this chapter by
- 4 providing:
- 5 (1) A United States Department of Defense discharge
- 6 document, otherwise known as a DD Form 214, that shows a
- 7 discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable
- 8 conditions" that establishes the person's service in the
- 9 Armed Forces of the United States; or

- 10 (2) A United States Uniformed Services Identification
- 11 Card, otherwise known as a DD Form 2, that includes a
- 12 discharge status of "retired" or "reserve retired"
- 13 establishing the person's service in the Armed Forces of the
- 14 United States; or
- 15 (3) A United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- 16 photo identification card; or
- 17 (4) A United States military discharge document,
- including, but not limited to, a WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD
- 19 AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78 PD, NAVCG 553, DD 256MC, or
- 20 DD 215 form, that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or
- 21 "general under honorable conditions"; and
- 22 (5) Payment of the fee for the driver's license or
- 23 identification card authorized under this chapter.
- 24 2. If the person is seeking a duplicate driver's
- 25 license with the veteran designation and his or her driver's
- 26 license has not expired, the fee shall be as provided under
- 27 section 302.185.
- 28 3. The department of revenue shall place the veteran
- 29 designation on the front of driver's licenses and
- 30 identification cards authorized under this section [and may
- 31 promulgate the necessary rules for administration of this
- 32 section].
- 33 4. The department of revenue may promulgate rules as
- 34 necessary for the administration of this section. Any rule
- or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
- 36 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
- 37 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
- 38 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and
- 39 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
- 40 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with
- 41 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to

- 42 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
- 43 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
- 44 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
- 45 August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.
  - 452.1200. Sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 may be cited
- 2 as the "Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act".
  - 452.1202. In sections 452.1200 to 452.1258:
- 2 (1) "Adult" means an individual who has attained
- 3 eighteen years of age or an emancipated minor;
- 4 (2) "Caretaking authority" means the right to live
- 5 with and care for a child on a day-to-day basis. The term
- 6 includes physical custody, parenting time, right to access,
- 7 and visitation;
- 8 (3) "Child" means:
- 9 (a) An unemancipated individual who has not attained
- 10 eighteen years of age; or
- 11 (b) An adult son or daughter by birth or adoption, or
- under law of this state other than sections 452.1200 to
- 13 452.1258, who is the subject of a court order concerning
- 14 custodial responsibility;
- 15 (4) "Court" means a tribunal authorized under law of
- this state other than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 to make,
- 17 enforce, or modify a decision regarding custodial
- 18 responsibility;
- (5) "Custodial responsibility" includes all powers and
- 20 duties relating to caretaking authority and decision-making
- 21 authority for a child. The term includes physical custody,
- 22 legal custody, parenting time, right to access, visitation,
- 23 and authority to grant limited contact with a child;
- 24 (6) "Decision-making authority" means the power to
- 25 make important decisions regarding a child, including
- 26 decisions regarding the child's education, religious

- 27 training, health care, extracurricular activities, and
- 28 travel. The term does not include the power to make
- 29 decisions that necessarily accompany a grant of caretaking
- 30 authority;
- 31 (7) "Deploying parent" means a service member, who is
- 32 deployed or has been notified of impending deployment and is:
- 33 (a) A parent of a child under law of this state other
- 34 than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258; or
- 35 (b) An individual who has custodial responsibility for
- 36 a child under law of this state other than sections 452.1200
- 37 to 452.1258;
- 38 (8) "Deployment" means the movement or mobilization of
- 39 a service member for more than ninety days but less than
- 40 eighteen months pursuant to uniformed service orders that:
- 41 (a) Are designated as unaccompanied;
- 42 (b) Do not authorize dependent travel; or
- 43 (c) Otherwise do not permit the movement of family
- 44 members to the location to which the service member is
- 45 **deployed**;
- 46 (9) "Family member" means a sibling, aunt, uncle,
- 47 cousin, stepparent, or grandparent of a child or an
- 48 individual recognized to be in a familial relationship with
- 49 a child under law of this state other than sections 452.1200
- 50 to **452.1258**;
- 51 (10) "Limited contact" means the authority of a
- 52 nonparent to visit a child for a limited time. The term
- 53 includes authority to take the child to a place other than
- 54 the residence of the child;
- 55 (11) "Nonparent" means an individual other than a
- 56 deploying parent or other parent;
- 57 (12) "Other parent" means an individual who, in common
- 58 with a deploying parent, is:

- 59 (a) A parent of a child under law of this state other 60 than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258; or
- 61 (b) An individual who has custodial responsibility for 62 a child under law of this state other than sections 452.1200
- 63 to **452.1258**;
- 64 (13) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 65 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other 66 medium and is retrievable in perceivable form;
- 67 (14) "Return from deployment" means the conclusion of 68 a service member's deployment as specified in uniformed 69 service orders;
- 70 (15) "Service member" means a member of a uniformed 71 service;
- 72 (16) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate
  73 or adopt a record:
- 74 (a) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- 75 (b) To attach to or logically associate with the 76 record an electronic symbol, sound, or process;
- 77 (17) "State" means a state of the United States, the
  78 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
  79 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to
  80 the jurisdiction of the United States;
- 81 (18) "Uniformed service" means:
- 82 (a) Active and reserve components of the Army, Navy,
- 83 Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States;
- 84 (b) The United States Merchant Marine;
- 85 (c) The commissioned corps of the United States Public 86 Health Service;
- 87 (d) The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and 88 Atmospheric Administration of the United States; or
- 89 (e) The National Guard of a state.

- 452.1204. In addition to other remedies under law of
- this state other than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258, if a
- 3 court finds that a party to a proceeding under sections
- 4 452.1200 to 452.1258 has acted in bad faith or intentionally
- failed to comply with sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 or a
- 6 court order issued under sections 452.1200 to 452.1258, the
- 7 court may assess reasonable attorney's fees and costs
- 8 against the party and order other appropriate relief.
- 452.1206. 1. A court may issue an order regarding
- 2 custodial responsibility under sections 452.1200 to 452.1258
- only if the court has jurisdiction under sections 452.700 to
- 4 452.930.
- 5 2. If a court has issued a temporary order regarding
- 6 custodial responsibility pursuant to sections 452.1224 to
- 7 452.1244, the residence of the deploying parent is not
- 8 changed by reason of the deployment for the purposes of
- 9 sections 452.700 to 452.930 during the deployment.
- 3. If a court has issued a permanent order regarding
- 11 custodial responsibility before notice of deployment and the
- 12 parents modify that order temporarily by agreement pursuant
- to sections 452.1214 to 452.1222, the residence of the
- 14 deploying parent is not changed by reason of the deployment
- for the purposes of sections 452.700 to 452.930.
- 4. If a court in another state has issued a temporary
- 17 order regarding custodial responsibility as a result of
- 18 impending or current deployment, the residence of the
- 19 deploying parent is not changed by reason of the deployment
- 20 for the purposes of sections 452.700 to 452.930.
- 21 5. This section does not prevent a court from
- 22 exercising temporary emergency jurisdiction under sections
- 23 **452.700** to **452.930**.

- 452.1208. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of this section and subject to subsection 3 of this section, a deploying parent shall notify in a record the other parent of a pending deployment not later than seven days after receiving notice of deployment unless reasonably prevented from doing so by the circumstances of If the circumstances of service prevent giving notification within the seven days, the deploying parent shall give the notification as soon as reasonably possible.
  - 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of this section and subject to subsection 3 of this section, each parent shall provide in a record the other parent with a plan for fulfilling that parent's share of custodial responsibility during deployment. Each parent shall provide the plan as soon as reasonably possible after notification of deployment is given under subsection 1 of this section.
  - 3. If a court order currently in effect prohibits disclosure of the address or contact information of the other parent, notification of deployment under subsection 1 of this section, or notification of a plan for custodial responsibility during deployment under subsection 2 of this section, may be made only to the issuing court. If the address of the other parent is available to the issuing court, the court shall forward the notification to the other parent. The court shall keep confidential the address or contact information of the other parent.
- 4. Notification in a record under subsection 1 or 2 of this section is not required if the parents are living in the same residence and both parents have actual notice of the deployment or plan.

- 31 5. In a proceeding regarding custodial responsibility,
- 32 a court may consider the reasonableness of a parent's
- 33 efforts to comply with this section.
  - 452.1210. 1. Except as otherwise provided in
- 2 subsection 2 of this section, an individual to whom
- 3 custodial responsibility has been granted during deployment
- 4 pursuant to sections 452.1214 to 452.1222 or sections
- 5 452.1224 to 452.1244 shall notify the deploying parent and
- 6 any other individual with custodial responsibility of a
- 7 child of any change of the individual's mailing address or
- 8 residence until the grant is terminated. The individual
- 9 shall provide the notice to any court that has issued a
- 10 custody or child support order concerning the child which is
- 11 in effect.
- 12 2. If a court order currently in effect prohibits
- 13 disclosure of the address or contact information of an
- 14 individual to whom custodial responsibility has been
- 15 granted, a notification under subsection 1 of this section
- 16 may be made only to the court that issued the order. The
- 17 court shall keep confidential the mailing address or
- 18 residence of the individual to whom custodial responsibility
- 19 has been granted.
  - 452.1212. In a proceeding for custodial responsibility
- 2 of a child of a service member, a court may not consider a
- 3 parent's past deployment or possible future deployment in
- 4 itself in determining the best interest of the child but may
- 5 consider any significant impact on the best interest of the
- 6 child of the parent's past or possible future deployment.
  - 452.1214. 1. The parents of a child may enter into a
- temporary agreement under sections 452.1214 to 452.1222
- 3 granting custodial responsibility during deployment.

- 4 2. An agreement under subsection 1 of this section 5 must be:
- 6 (1) In writing; and
- 7 (2) Signed by both parents and any nonparent to whom 8 custodial responsibility is granted.
- 9 3. Subject to subsection 4 of this section, an 10 agreement under subsection 1 of this section, if feasible, 11 must:
- 12 (1) Identify the destination, duration, and conditions 13 of the deployment that is the basis for the agreement;
- (2) Specify the allocation of caretaking authority
  among the deploying parent, the other parent, and any
  nonparent;
- 17 (3) Specify any decision-making authority that accompanies a grant of caretaking authority;
- 19 (4) Specify any grant of limited contact to a 20 nonparent;
- 21 (5) If under the agreement custodial responsibility is 22 shared by the other parent and a nonparent, or by other 23 nonparents, provide a process to resolve any dispute that 24 may arise;
- 25 (6) Specify the frequency, duration, and means,
  26 including electronic means, by which the deploying parent
  27 will have contact with the child, any role to be played by
  28 the other parent in facilitating the contact, and the
  29 allocation of any costs of contact;
- 30 (7) Specify the contact between the deploying parent 31 and child during the time the deploying parent is on leave 32 or is otherwise available;
- 33 (8) Acknowledge that any party's child-support 34 obligation cannot be modified by the agreement, and that

- 35 changing the terms of the obligation during deployment
- 36 requires modification in the appropriate court;
- 37 (9) Provide that the agreement will terminate
- 38 according to the procedures under sections 452.1246 to
- 39 452.1252 after the deploying parent returns from deployment;
- 40 and
- 41 (10) If the agreement must be filed pursuant to
- 42 section 452.1222, specify which parent is required to file
- 43 the agreement.
- 4. The omission of any of the items specified in
- 45 subsection 3 of this section does not invalidate an
- 46 agreement under this section.
  - 452.1216. 1. An agreement under sections 452.1214 to
- 2 452.1222 is temporary and terminates pursuant to sections
- 3 452.1246 to 452.1252 after the deploying parent returns from
- 4 deployment, unless the agreement has been terminated before
- 5 that time by court order or modification under section
- 6 452.1218. The agreement does not create an independent,
- 7 continuing right to caretaking authority, decision-making
- 8 authority, or limited contact in an individual to whom
- 9 custodial responsibility is given.
- A nonparent who has caretaking authority, decision-
- 11 making authority, or limited contact by an agreement under
- 12 sections 452.1214 to 452.1222 has standing to enforce the
- 13 agreement until it has been terminated by court order, by
- 14 modification under section 452.1218, or under sections
- 15 **452.1246** to **452.1252**.
  - 452.1218. 1. By mutual consent, the parents of a
- 2 child may modify an agreement regarding custodial
- 3 responsibility made pursuant to sections 452.1214 to
- 4 452.1222.

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- 2. If an agreement is modified under subsection 1 of this section before deployment of a deploying parent, the modification must be in writing and signed by both parents and any nonparent who will exercise custodial responsibility under the modified agreement.
- 3. If an agreement is modified under subsection 1 of this section during deployment of a deploying parent, the modification must be agreed to in a record by both parents and any nonparent who will exercise custodial responsibility under the modified agreement.
  - 452.1220. A deploying parent, by power of attorney, may delegate all or part of custodial responsibility to an adult nonparent for the period of deployment if no other parent possesses custodial responsibility under law of this state other than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258, or if a court order currently in effect prohibits contact between the child and the other parent. The deploying parent may revoke the power of attorney by signing a revocation of the power.
  - 452.1222. An agreement or power of attorney under sections 452.1214 to 452.1222 must be filed within a reasonable time with any court that has entered an order on custodial responsibility or child support that is in effect concerning the child who is the subject of the agreement or power. The case number and heading of the pending case concerning custodial responsibility or child support must be provided to the court with the agreement or power.
- 452.1224. In sections 452.1224 to 452.1244, "close and substantial relationship" means a relationship in which a significant bond exists between a child and a nonparent.
- 452.1226. 1. After a deploying parent receives notice of deployment and until the deployment terminates, a court

- 3 may issue a temporary order granting custodial
- 4 responsibility unless prohibited by the Servicemembers Civil
- 5 Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appendix Sections 521 and 522. A
- 6 court may not issue a permanent order granting custodial
- 7 responsibility without the consent of the deploying parent.
- 8 2. At any time after a deploying parent receives
- 9 notice of deployment, either parent may file a motion
- 10 regarding custodial responsibility of a child during
- 11 deployment. The motion must be filed in a pending
- 12 proceeding for custodial responsibility in a court with
- jurisdiction under section 452.1206 or, if there is no
- 14 pending proceeding in a court with jurisdiction under
- section 452.1206, in a new action for granting custodial
- 16 responsibility during deployment.
  - 452.1228. If a motion to grant custodial
- 2 responsibility is filed under subsection 2 of section
- 3 452.1226 before a deploying parent deploys, the court shall
- 4 conduct an expedited hearing.
  - 452.1230. In a proceeding under sections 452.1224 to
- 2 452.1244, a party or witness who is not reasonably available
- 3 to appear personally may appear, provide testimony, and
- 4 present evidence by electronic means unless the court finds
- 5 good cause to require a personal appearance.
  - 452.1232. In a proceeding for a grant of custodial
- responsibility pursuant to sections 452.1224 to 452.1244,
- 3 the following rules apply:
- 4 (1) A prior judicial order designating custodial
- 5 responsibility in the event of deployment is binding on the
- 6 court unless the circumstances meet the requirements of law
- 7 of this state other than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 for
- 8 modifying a judicial order regarding custodial
- 9 responsibility;

- 10 (2) The court shall enforce a prior written agreement
  11 between the parents for designating custodial responsibility
  12 in the event of deployment, including an agreement executed
  13 under sections 452.1214 to 452.1222, unless the court finds
  14 that the agreement is contrary to the best interest of the
  15 child.
- 452.1234. 1. On motion of a deploying parent and in accordance with law of this state other than sections
  452.1200 to 452.1258, if it is in the best interest of the child, a court may grant caretaking authority to a nonparent who is an adult family member of the child or an adult with whom the child has a close and substantial relationship.
  - 2. Unless a grant of caretaking authority to a nonparent under subsection 1 of this section is agreed to by the other parent, the grant is limited to an amount of time not greater than:
  - (1) The amount of time granted to the deploying parent under a permanent custody order, but the court may add unusual travel time necessary to transport the child; or
  - (2) In the absence of a permanent custody order that is currently in effect, the amount of time that the deploying parent habitually cared for the child before being notified of deployment, but the court may add unusual travel time necessary to transport the child.
  - 3. A court may grant part of a deploying parent's decision-making authority, if the deploying parent is unable to exercise that authority, to a nonparent who is an adult family member of the child or an adult with whom the child has a close and substantial relationship. If a court grants the authority to a nonparent, the court shall specify the decision-making powers granted, including decisions

- regarding the child's education, religious training, health
- 27 care, extracurricular activities, and travel.
  - 452.1236. On motion of a deploying parent, and in
- 2 accordance with law of this state other than sections
- 3 452.1200 to 452.1258, unless the court finds that the
- 4 contact would be contrary to the best interest of the child,
- 5 a court shall grant limited contact to a nonparent who is a
- 6 family member of the child or an individual with whom the
- 7 child has a close and substantial relationship.
  - 452.1238. 1. A grant of authority under sections
- 2 452.1224 to 452.1244 is temporary and terminates under
- 3 sections 452.1246 to 452.1252 after the return from
- 4 deployment of the deploying parent, unless the grant has
- 5 been terminated before that time by court order. The grant
- 6 does not create an independent, continuing right to
- 7 caretaking authority, decision-making authority, or limited
- 8 contact in an individual to whom it is granted.
- 9 2. A nonparent granted caretaking authority, decision-
- 10 making authority, or limited contact under sections 452.1224
- 11 to 452.1244 has standing to enforce the grant until it is
- 12 terminated by court order or under sections 452.1246 to
- 13 **452.1252.** 
  - 452.1240. 1. An order granting custodial
- 2 responsibility under sections 452.1224 to 452.1244 must:
- 3 (1) Designate the order as temporary; and
- 4 (2) Identify to the extent feasible the destination,
- 5 duration, and conditions of the deployment.
- 6 2. If applicable, an order for custodial
- 7 responsibility under sections 452.1224 to 452.1244 must:
- 8 (1) Specify the allocation of caretaking authority,
- 9 decision-making authority, or limited contact among the
- 10 deploying parent, the other parent, and any nonparent;

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12 (2) If the order divides caretaking or decision-making 12 authority between individuals, or grants caretaking 13 authority to one individual and limited contact to another,

provide a process to resolve any dispute that may arise;

- 15 (3) Provide for liberal communication between the 16 deploying parent and the child during deployment, including 17 through electronic means, unless contrary to the best 18 interest of the child, and allocate any costs of 19 communications;
- 20 (4) Provide for liberal contact between the deploying 21 parent and the child during the time the deploying parent is 22 on leave or otherwise available, unless contrary to the best 23 interest of the child;
  - (5) Provide for reasonable contact between the deploying parent and the child after return from deployment until the temporary order is terminated, even if the time of contact exceeds the time the deploying parent spent with the child before entry of the temporary order; and
- 29 (6) Provide that the order will terminate pursuant to 30 sections 452.1246 to 452.1252 after the deploying parent 31 returns from deployment.
- 452.1242. If a court has issued an order granting
  caretaking authority under sections 452.1224 to 452.1244, or
  an agreement granting caretaking authority has been executed
  under sections 452.1214 to 452.1222, the court may enter a
  temporary order for child support consistent with law of
  this state other than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 if the
  court has jurisdiction under sections 454.1500 to 454.1730.
- 452.1244. 1. Except for an order under section
  452.1232, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of
  this section, and consistent with the Servicemembers Civil
  Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appendix Sections 521 and 522, on

- 5 motion of a deploying or other parent or any nonparent to
- 6 whom caretaking authority, decision-making authority, or
- 7 limited contact has been granted, the court may modify or
- 8 terminate the grant if the modification or termination is
- 9 consistent with sections 452.1224 to 452.1244 and it is in
- 10 the best interest of the child. A modification is temporary
- and terminates pursuant to sections 452.1246 to 452.1252
- 12 after the deploying parent returns from deployment, unless
- 13 the grant has been terminated before that time by court
- 14 order.
- 2. On motion of a deploying parent, the court shall
- 16 terminate a grant of limited contact.
  - 452.1246. 1. At any time after return from
- deployment, a temporary agreement granting custodial
- 3 responsibility under sections 452.1214 to 452.1222 may be
- 4 terminated by an agreement to terminate signed by the
- 5 deploying parent and the other parent.
- 6 2. A temporary agreement under sections 452.1214 to
- 7 452.1222 granting custodial responsibility terminates:
- 8 (1) If an agreement to terminate under subsection 1 of
- 9 this section specifies a date for termination, on that date;
- 10 or
- 11 (2) If the agreement to terminate does not specify a
- 12 date, on the date the agreement to terminate is signed by
- 13 the deploying parent and the other parent.
- 3. In the absence of an agreement under subsection 1
- 15 of this section to terminate, a temporary agreement granting
- 16 custodial responsibility terminates under sections 452.1214
- 17 to 452.1222 sixty days after the deploying parent gives
- 18 notice to the other parent that the deploying parent
- 19 returned from deployment.

- 20 4. If a temporary agreement granting custodial
- 21 responsibility was filed with a court pursuant to section
- 452.1222, an agreement to terminate the temporary agreement
- 23 also must be filed with that court within a reasonable time
- 24 after the signing of the agreement. The case number and
- 25 heading of the case concerning custodial responsibility or
- 26 child support must be provided to the court with the
- 27 agreement to terminate.
  - 452.1248. At any time after a deploying parent returns
- 2 from deployment, the deploying parent and the other parent
- 3 may file with the court an agreement to terminate a
- 4 temporary order for custodial responsibility issued under
- 5 sections 452.1224 to 452.1244. After an agreement has been
- 6 filed, the court shall issue an order terminating the
- 7 temporary order effective on the date specified in the
- 8 agreement. If a date is not specified, the order is
- 9 effective immediately.
  - 452.1250. After a deploying parent returns from
- 2 deployment until a temporary agreement or order for
- 3 custodial responsibility established under sections 452.1214
- 4 to 452.1222 or sections 452.1224 to 452.1244 is terminated,
- 5 the court shall issue a temporary order granting the
- 6 deploying parent reasonable contact with the child unless it
- 7 is contrary to the best interest of the child, even if the
- 8 time of contact exceeds the time the deploying parent spent
- 9 with the child before deployment.
- 452.1252. 1. If an agreement between the parties to
- 2 terminate a temporary order for custodial responsibility
- 3 under sections 452.1224 to 452.1244 has not been filed, the
- 4 order terminates sixty days after the deploying parent gives
- 5 notice to the other parent and any nonparent granted

- 6 custodial responsibility that the deploying parent has
  7 returned from deployment.
- A proceeding seeking to prevent termination of a
- 9 temporary order for custodial responsibility is governed by
- 10 law of this state other than sections 452.1200 to 452.1258.
  - 452.1254. In applying and construing sections 452.1200
- to 452.1258, consideration must be given to the need to
- 3 promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject
- 4 matter among states that enact it.
  - 452.1256. Sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 modify, limit,
- or supersede the Electronic Signatures in Global and
- 3 National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq., but
- 4 do not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101(c) of that
- 5 act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001(c), or authorize electronic
- 6 delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103(b)
- of that act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7003(b).
  - 452.1258. Sections 452.1200 to 452.1258 do not affect
- 2 the validity of a temporary court order concerning custodial
- 3 responsibility during deployment which was entered before
- 4 August 28, 2024.
  - 620.3305. 1. Subject to appropriations, the
- 2 department of economic development shall establish the
- 3 "Missouri Veterans and Job Opportunity Grant Program".
- 4 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- 5 (1) "Eligible employer", any employer registered to do
- 6 business in Missouri that has paid wages to an individual in
- 7 a targeted group as defined in 26 U.S.C. Section 51, as
- 8 amended:
- 9 (2) "Grant", financial support provided by the state
- 10 to eligible employers, calculated as a percentage of the
- 11 federal work opportunity tax credit claimed for eligible
- 12 hires as allowed under 26 U.S.C. Section 51, as amended;

- 13 (3) "Targeted groups", has the same meaning as defined
- under 26 U.S.C. Section 51, relating to the federal Work
- 15 Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC); and
- 16 3. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury
- 17 the "Missouri Veterans and Job Opportunity Grant Program
- 18 Fund". The fund shall consist of any appropriations to such
- 19 fund and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests
- 20 received from private or other sources. The state treasurer
- 21 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections
- 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve
- 23 disbursements of public moneys in accordance with
- 24 distribution requirements and procedures developed by the
- 25 department of economic development. The fund shall be a
- dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund
- 27 shall be used solely for the administration of this section.
- 28 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
- 29 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end
- 30 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
- 31 general revenue fund.
- 32 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
- 33 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
- 34 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
- 35 credited to the fund.
- 36 4. The department of economic development shall
- 37 administer the grant, disbursing funds to eligible employers
- 38 based on applications received.
- 39 (1) (a) The department shall determine the grant
- 40 percentage annually, which shall be a portion of the federal
- 41 WOTC claimed by the employer for each eliqible hire. This
- 42 percentage shall be contingent upon the available funds in
- 43 the Missouri veterans and job opportunity grant program fund.

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- 44 (b) At least fifty percent of the funds available
  45 during a fiscal year to provide grants pursuant to this
  46 section shall be reserved for eligible employers paying
  47 wages to a qualified veteran, as such term is used in 26
  48 U.S.C. Section 51(d). Any amount of such reserved funds
  49 that is not claimed may be disbursed for wages paid to a
  50 member of any other targeted group.
- 51 (2) Eligible employers must submit an application in a 52 form prescribed by the department, including detailed 53 information on the federal WOTC claimed and the impact of 54 such hires.
  - (3) Employers shall provide proof of eligibility for the federal WOTC and documentation of the continued employment of individuals from targeted groups.
- 58 The department of economic development shall 59 promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the 60 administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is 61 created under the authority delegated in this section shall 62 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to 63 64 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are 65 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 66 67 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are 68 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 69 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 70 August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void. 71
- Section B. Section 115.085 of section A of this act 2 shall become effective on January 1, 2025.