

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2471

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 542, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to consent for voluntary searches.

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

Section A. Chapter 542, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 542.287, to read as follows:

**542.287. 1. (1) Prior to conducting a consensual search of a person who is not  
2 under arrest or the person's effects or vehicle, a peace officer shall comply with the  
3 provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection.**

**4 (2) A peace officer may conduct a consensual search only after providing written  
5 notice to the person of the factors listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, and  
6 subsequently receiving consent from the person subject to the search or the person with  
7 the apparent or actual authority to provide permission to search the vehicle or effects.  
8 Such factors include:**

**9 (a) The person is being asked to voluntarily consent to a search; and**

**10 (b) The person has the right to refuse the request to search.**

**11 (3) After providing such written notice to the person of the factors required in  
12 subdivision (2) of this subsection, a peace officer may conduct the requested search only  
13 if the person subject to the search voluntarily provides written consent. Other evidence  
14 of knowing and voluntary consent may be acceptable if the person is unable to provide  
15 written consent.**

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.

16           **2. If a defendant moves to suppress any evidence obtained in the course of the**  
17 **search, the court shall consider the failure to comply with the requirements of this section**  
18 **as a factor in determining the voluntariness of the consent.**

19           **3. This section shall not apply to a search conducted by a peace officer who has**  
20 **probable cause, a valid search incident to or subsequent to a lawful arrest or a search for**  
21 **which there is a legal basis other than voluntary consent including, but not limited to:**

22           **(1) A search in a correctional facility or on correctional facility property;**

23           **(2) A search in any detention facility, juvenile detention facility, or any mental**  
24 **health facility; or**

25           **(4) A search in a jail; or**

26           **(5) A search of a person subject to probation or parole by a probation or parole**  
27 **officer when the person has consented to search as a term and condition of any probation**  
28 **or parole.**

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