

CCS HCS SS SB 881 -- TRANSPORTATION

This bill changes transportation laws. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Greatly reduces the requirements for an annual report to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight and specifies that the department may provide existing publications to the committee (Section 21.795, RSMo);

(2) Defines the term "related facility" in order to facilitate the implementation of port authority economic development involving AIM zones (Section 68.075);

(3) Adds Franklin County to the compact between Missouri and Illinois creating the Bi-State Development Agency and the Bi-State Metropolitan Development District (Section 70.370);

(4) Expands the term "contiguous and compact" as used in the annexation laws by providing that it includes a situation whereby the unincorporated area proposed to be annexed would be contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the city, town, or village but for an intervening roadway or railroad right-of-way, regardless of whether any other city, town, or village has annexed the roadway or otherwise has an easement in the roadway. For an annexation to which an objection has been made, the municipality must demonstrate that the "shared" border is at least 15% of the total perimeter of the land to be annexed. How the "shared" border is determined given the intervening roadway or railroad right-of-way is specified (Sections 71.012 and 71.015);

(5) Allows taxation of reliever airport property as agricultural or horticultural land and prohibits increases in taxation based on commercial property valuation (Sections 137.010, 137.016, and 137.017);

(6) Allows the State Highways and Transportation Commission to comply with federal law by funding certain disability act requirements for rest stops and other highway infrastructure (Sections 226.770 and 226.780);

(7) Allows the department to set the utility corridor at 12 feet in width when space is reasonably available. Existing law applies to any type of modifications within utility corridors, and the department is required to set standardized rules for issuing variances to utility corridor requirements (Section 227.240);

(8) Authorizes the formation of certain concession agreements using the public and private partnership model under Section

227.615, but requiring only agreements between a private party and the governing body of a political subdivision. Any sale of state or county assets is still subject to a vote of the people. Certain conditions for such public-private concession agreements are specified in the bill (Section 227.601);

(9) Exempts all types of autocycles, whether or not they have a specific type of roof, from the helmet requirements currently imposed on motorcycle riders under Section 304.005. It also defines autocycles in a separate manner from other vehicles such as motorcycles or motortricycles which have straddle seating and handlebars. Autocycles will be eligible for new registration classification under their own category for a fee of \$10 beginning August 28, 2018, but existing autocycle registrations will remain valid until their expiration date. Certain requirements involving record keeping, odometer readings, and other information will now apply to autocycles as they are now defined as a separate category of motor vehicle. Motorcycle and motortricycle registration will expire on June 30 of the requisite two-year period (Sections 301.010, 301.020, 301.055, 301.130, 301.350, and 304.005);

(10) Changes the definition of "local log truck" and "local log truck tractor" to allow the trucks to pull a trailer that has up to three axles. It also requires the return of specified temporary license plates to the Department of Revenue for destruction when new registration plates are issued. Temporary plates for commercial vehicles in excess of 24,000 lbs. are exempt. A sunset clause is removed under Section 301.140 (Sections 310.010 and 301.140);

(11) Allows veterans to receive extra sets of disabled veteran license plates if the same fees are paid (Sections 301.074 and 301.075);

(12) Extends the registration period for those who originally provided a physician statement as proof of a permanent disability to renew license plates or placards from four to eight years. The bill also requires any individual, group, organization or entity that becomes ineligible for disabled license plates or placards, as specified in the bill, to surrender the disabled license plates or placards within 30 days (Section 301.142);

(13) Specifies that no additional fee will be charged for Congressional Medal of Honor license plates (Section 301.145);

(14) Clarifies that the biometric data, digital images, source documents, and licensee signatures required to be collected or retained to comply with the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 shall be digitally retained for no longer than the minimum

duration required (Section 302.170);

(15) Expands waiver of a driving test requirement to include a practical knowledge test requirement for purposes of a motorcycle license where one completes a specified civilian or military training course. The Department of Revenue may waive both driving skills tests and knowledge tests for a commercial driver's license based on specified military service within one year of an application. The department may retain documents related to the waiver of commercial license requirements by active duty or retired members of the military (Section 302.173);

(16) Allows certain urban Kansas City school boards to contract for transportation of high school students with other public entities as specified in the bill (Section 304.060);

(17) Allows the department to issue annual permits for certain small cranes that are similar in size to equipment already receiving such permits (Section 304.180);

(18) Prohibits specified commercial motor vehicle safety inspections on the shoulder of highways with posted speed limits in excess of 40 miles per hour except on entrance and exit areas where there is adequate room to safely perform such inspections (Section 304.232);

(19) Includes specified types of equipment along with the vehicles that are allowed to make use of emergency lighting (Section 307.175); and

(20) Authorizes the use of valid vehicle inspections, made by a dealer within 60 days of the purchase date, by the new car owner for purposes of registration or transfer so long as the application for registration or transfer is made 90 days or less from the date of the valid vehicle inspection (Sections 307.175 and 307.350).