

CCS#2 HCS SCS SB 147 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

(Vetoed by the Governor)

This bill makes changes to laws regarding motor vehicles.

CORRECTION OFFICER CONFIDENTIALITY

The bill includes anyone employed by the Department of Corrections, corrections officers, and jailers in the list of persons whose home address and vehicle information is to be kept confidential by the Department of Revenue (Section 32.056, RSMo).

SECURE DIGITAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

The department is authorized to design a secure digital driver's license program that allows applicants applying for a driver's license under Chapter 302 to obtain a secure digital driver's license in addition to the physical card-based driver's license, which will be acceptable for all purposes for which a license is used (Section 32.303).

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE OFFICES

Motor vehicle license office fees are increased from \$3.50 to \$6.00 for annual motor vehicle and trailer registrations, from \$7.00 to \$12.00 for biennial registrations, from \$2.50 to \$6.00 for applications or transfers of title, from \$2.50 to \$6.00 for operator licenses and permits issued for periods of three years or less, from \$5.00 to \$12.00 for operator licenses and permits issued for more than three years, and from \$2.50 to \$6.00 for each notice of lien. A fee of \$2.00 per processing for notary services or electronic transmission is established. The process for awarding motor vehicle license office contracts must consider the distance between the individual's home and the license office, as specified in the bill (Section 136.055).

MOTOR VEHICLES

This bill requires any person, company, or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing motor vehicles, trailers, boats, or outboard motors, which are to be used exclusively for rental or lease purposes, and not for resale, to apply to the Director of the Department of Revenue for authority to operate as a leasing or rental company and pay an annual fee of \$250 for such authority.

Additionally, applicants must furnish with the application a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit issued by any state or federal financial institution in the penal sum of

\$100,000. Conditions and requirements for the bonds or irrevocable letters of credit are set out in the bill.

Any person, company, or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing 3,500 or more motor vehicles which are to be used exclusively for rental or leasing purposes and not for resale, and that has applied to the Director of the Department of Revenue for authority to operate as a leasing company may also operate as a registered fleet owner (Section 144.070).

Requirements for and other provisions regulating registered fleet owners are set out in detail in the bill (Section 301.032).

LEFT TURN ON RED ON ONE-WAY STREET

This bill allows that when following certain criteria drivers may turn left after stopping at a red light for one-way streets (Sections 300.155 and 304.281).

AUTOCYCLES

This bill changes the definition of "autocycle" to include more types of three-wheeled motor vehicles and adds a definition for "recreational trailer" (Section 301.010).

VEHICLE INSPECTION FEES

This bill modifies the inspection requirement for non-commercial motor vehicles that is currently required in order to renew a motor vehicle license. After being sold, new motor vehicles will not have to have an inspection until they are more than 10 years old and have more than 150,000 miles (Sections 301.020 and 307.350).

Currently, an untitled, homemade trailer that is 16 feet or more in length must have a certificate of inspection. This bill requires all homemade trailers to have a certificate of inspection and increases the inspection fee from \$10 to \$25 (Section 301.191).

LICENSE PLATE RENEWALS

This bill specifies that fees for the renewal of noncommercial motor vehicle registrations shall be payable no later than the last day of the month that follows the final month of the expired registration period. No renewal penalty shall be assessed, and no violation for expired registration shall be issued, until the second month that follows the expired registration period (Section 301.030).

RECREATIONAL TRAILER LICENSES

This bill changes the due date for a payable annual registration fee for recreational trailers from December to May and defers any fee due in December 2019 to May 2020. Recreational trailers are defined in the bill (Section 301.067).

HELMET RULES

This bill allows qualified motorcycle and motortricycle operators, 18 years or older, to operate without a helmet if they have both medical insurance and proof of financial responsibility under Chapter 303, RSMo. Proof of coverage may be shown using a copy of the operator's insurance card (Sections 302.020 and 302.026).

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

This bill modifies the storage and record requirements for test score documents issued by third-party commercial testers and documents submitted by military service members by adding them to existing exemptions. Currently, a commercial driver's instruction permit is valid for six months and may be renewed once for an additional six months. The bill changes the permit to a one-year nonrenewable instruction permit and increases the fee from \$5 to \$10. The fee for a duplicate permit is \$5. This bill requires an applicant for a commercial driver's license to take an entry-level driver training program that is currently established by regulation. The bill also allows the Director of the Department of Revenue to waive specified written test requirements for current or former military service members (Sections 302.170, 302.720, and 302.768).

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Currently, if a Missouri resident fails to dispose of charges or fails to appear in court, if required, for a moving traffic violation, a court is required to notify the Director of The Department of Revenue of the failure and is required to order the director to suspend the defendant's driving privileges if the charges are not disposed of and paid within 30 days. This section makes it discretionary for the court to notify the department and order license suspension. The City of St. Louis and St. Louis County are excluded from this section (Section 302.341).

TOWING TASK FORCE

This bill creates the "Towing Task Force" consisting of 10 members, including two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem, as specified in the bill. The task force will

make recommendations on overcharges, customer complaints, and the process for nonconsensual towing used by law enforcement. A report to the General Assembly must be submitted January 31, 2020, and the task force will expire on May 31, 2020 (Section 304.153).

Sections 301.020, 301.191, and 307.350 of this bill have an effective date of January 1, 2020.