

CCS SB 368 -- TRANSPORTATION

This bill changes provisions relating to transportation.

PORT AUTHORITIES

Currently, notes and bonds issued by port authorities are tax exempt. This bill also exempts sales and leases of real or personal property made by or to any port authority involving the use of such tax-exempt bonds from taxation. A port authority issuing bonds for incentivized development must require the developer to confer with tax authorities (Section 68.040, RSMo).

MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL AND LEASING

The bill requires any entity engaged in the business of renting or leasing motor vehicles, trailers, boats, or outboard motors to pay an annual fee of \$250 to the Director of the Department of Revenue.

Every applicant to be a lease or rental company 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, on a form approved by the department. The proceeds of the bond or irrevocable letter of credit must be paid upon receipt by the department of a final judgment from a Missouri court against the principal and in favor of an aggrieved party.

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.

The Director of the Department of Revenue may issue license plates to a fleet owner after he or she completes an application, as designed by the director, and payment of an annual fee of \$360 for the first 10 plates and \$36 for each additional plate for fleet vehicles. The payment and issuance of the plates shall be in lieu of registering each motor vehicle with the director. These motor vehicles will not be exempt from safety and emission inspections required by law, but these inspections will not be required to be presented to the director.

Registrations for fleets are on an annual or biennial basis. If an applicant elects a biennial registration, the annual fleet license plate fees are doubled and the agent fee is collected in an amount equal to the fee for two years.

Prior to the issuance of fleet license plates, the applicant must provide proof of insurance as required under current law. The authority of a recipient of a lease or rental company license issued by the director as prescribed in Section 144.070 to operate as a fleet owner as provided in this section shall expire on January 1st of the licensure period.

A lease or rental company operating fleet license plates issued under these provisions shall make available, upon request, to the Director of the Department of Revenue and all Missouri law enforcement agencies any corresponding vehicle and registration information that may be requested as specified by the rule (Sections 144.070 and 301.032).

ORGAN DONOR DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVER'S LICENSES

This bill allows a donor to make an anatomical gift by placing a donor symbol sticker authorized and issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services on the back of the donor's driver's license or identification card.

The department shall include on its website information about organ donation and a link where the person making an anatomical gift can register. Once a person has registered, the department will contact the Department of Revenue to determine whether the organ donor symbol is printed on a registrant's driver's license or identification card. If the donor symbol does not appear, the department will mail a donor symbol sticker to be placed on the back of the registrant's driver's license or identification card.

State agencies and departments may provide a link on the homepage of their website directing the public to the organ donation information and registration link (Sections 194.225 and 302.171).

VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE PLATES

This bill allows use of specified motor vehicle dealer license plates on cars used by customers while their vehicles are being serviced or repaired by the motor vehicle dealer (Section 301.560).

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

This bill modifies the storage and record requirements for test score documents issued by 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).