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AN ACT

To repeal sections 137.115, 143.441, and 144.805, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to aircraft.

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

Section A. Sections 137.115, 143.441, and 144.805, RSMo, are repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 137.115, 143.441, 144.805, 305.800,

3 305.802, 305.804, 305.806, 305.808, and 305.810, to read as follows:

137.115. 1. All other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the assessor or the assessor's deputies in all counties of this state including the City of St. Louis shall annually make a list of all real and tangible personal property taxable in the assessor's city, county, town or district. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section and section 137.078, the assessor shall annually assess all personal property at thirty-three and one-third percent of its true value in money as of January first of each calendar year. The assessor shall annually assess all real property, including any new construction and improvements to real property, and possessory interests in real property at the percent of its true value in money set in subsection 5 of this section. The true value in money of any possessory interest in real property in subclass (3), where such real property is on or lies within the ultimate airport boundary as shown by a federal airport layout plan, as defined by 14 CFR 151.5, of a commercial airport having a FAR Part 139 certification and owned by a political subdivision, shall be the otherwise applicable true value in money of any such possessory interest in real property. less the total dollar amount of costs in money of any such possessory interest in real property. less the total dollar amount of costs

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14 paid by a party, other than the political subdivision, towards any new construction or

15 improvements on such real property completed after January 1, 2008, and which are included in

16 the above-mentioned possessory interest, regardless of the year in which such costs were incurred

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.

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17 or whether such costs were considered in any prior year. The assessor shall annually assess all 18 real property in the following manner: new assessed values shall be determined as of January 19 first of each odd-numbered year and shall be entered in the assessor's books; those same assessed 20 values shall apply in the following even-numbered year, except for new construction and 21 property improvements which shall be valued as though they had been completed as of January 22 first of the preceding odd-numbered year. The assessor may call at the office, place of doing 23 business, or residence of each person required by this chapter to list property, and require the 24 person to make a correct statement of all taxable tangible personal property owned by the person 25 or under his or her care, charge or management, taxable in the county. On or before January first 26 of each even-numbered year, the assessor shall prepare and submit a two-year assessment 27 maintenance plan to the county governing body and the state tax commission for their respective 28 approval or modification. The county governing body shall approve and forward such plan or 29 its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by February first. If the county governing 30 body fails to forward the plan or its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by 31 February first, the assessor's plan shall be considered approved by the county governing body. 32 If the state tax commission fails to approve a plan and if the state tax commission and the 33 assessor and the governing body of the county involved are unable to resolve the differences, in 34 order to receive state cost-share funds outlined in section 137.750, the county or the assessor 35 shall petition the administrative hearing commission, by May first, to decide all matters in 36 dispute regarding the assessment maintenance plan. Upon agreement of the parties, the matter 37 may be stayed while the parties proceed with mediation or arbitration upon terms agreed to by 38 the parties. The final decision of the administrative hearing commission shall be subject to 39 judicial review in the circuit court of the county involved. In the event a valuation of subclass 40 (1) real property within any county with a charter form of government, or within a city not within 41 a county, is made by a computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program, the burden 42 of proof, supported by clear, convincing and cogent evidence to sustain such valuation, shall be 43 on the assessor at any hearing or appeal. In any such county, unless the assessor proves 44 otherwise, there shall be a presumption that the assessment was made by a computer, computer-45 assisted method or a computer program. Such evidence shall include, but shall not be limited 46 to, the following:

- (1) The findings of the assessor based on an appraisal of the property by generally accepted appraisal techniques; and
- 49 (2) The purchase prices from sales of at least three comparable properties and the address or location thereof. As used in this subdivision, the word "comparable" means that:
 - (a) Such sale was closed at a date relevant to the property valuation; and

52 (b) Such properties are not more than one mile from the site of the disputed property, 53 except where no similar properties exist within one mile of the disputed property, the nearest 54 comparable property shall be used. Such property shall be within five hundred square feet in size 55 of the disputed property, and resemble the disputed property in age, floor plan, number of rooms, 56 and other relevant characteristics.

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- 2. Assessors in each county of this state and the City of St. Louis may send personal property assessment forms through the mail.
 - 3. The following items of personal property shall each constitute separate subclasses of tangible personal property and shall be assessed and valued for the purposes of taxation at the following percentages of their true value in money:
- 62 (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition, one-half of one 63 percent;
 - (2) Livestock, twelve percent;

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- (3) Farm machinery, twelve percent;
- (4) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration as and are registered as historic motor vehicles [pursuant to] under section 301.131 and aircraft which are at least twenty-five years old and which are used solely for noncommercial purposes and are operated less than [fifty] two hundred hours per year or aircraft that are home built from a kit, five percent;
 - (5) Poultry, twelve percent; and
- (6) Tools and equipment used for pollution control and tools and equipment used in retooling for the purpose of introducing new product lines or used for making improvements to existing products by any company which is located in a state enterprise zone and which is identified by any standard industrial classification number cited in subdivision (5) of section 135.200, twenty-five percent.
- 4. The person listing the property shall enter a true and correct statement of the property, in a printed blank prepared for that purpose. The statement, after being filled out, shall be signed and either affirmed or sworn to as provided in section 137.155. The list shall then be delivered to the assessor.
- 5. (1) All subclasses of real property, as such subclasses are established in Section 4(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, shall be assessed at the following percentages of true value:
 - (a) For real property in subclass (1), nineteen percent;
 - (b) For real property in subclass (2), twelve percent; and
 - (c) For real property in subclass (3), thirty-two percent.
- 86 (2) A taxpayer may apply to the county assessor, or, if not located within a county, then 87 the assessor of such city, for the reclassification of such taxpayer's real property if the use or

purpose of such real property is changed after such property is assessed under the provisions of this chapter. If the assessor determines that such property shall be reclassified, he or she shall determine the assessment under this subsection based on the percentage of the tax year that such property was classified in each subclassification.

- 6. Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, which are actually used as dwelling units shall be assessed at the same percentage of true value as residential real property for the purpose of taxation. The percentage of assessment of true value for such manufactured homes shall be the same as for residential real property. If the county collector cannot identify or find the manufactured home when attempting to attach the manufactured home for payment of taxes owed by the manufactured home owner, the county collector may request the county commission to have the manufactured home removed from the tax books, and such request shall be granted within thirty days after the request is made; however, the removal from the tax books does not remove the tax lien on the manufactured home if it is later identified or found. For purposes of this section, a manufactured home located in a manufactured home rental park, rental community or on real estate not owned by the manufactured home located on real estate owned by the manufactured home located on real estate owned by the manufactured home owner may be considered real property.
- 7. Each manufactured home assessed shall be considered a parcel for the purpose of reimbursement [pursuant to] under section 137.750, unless the manufactured home is deemed to be real estate [as defined in] under subsection 7 of section 442.015 and assessed as a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel.
- 8. Any amount of tax due and owing based on the assessment of a manufactured home shall be included on the personal property tax statement of the manufactured home owner unless the manufactured home is **dee med to be** real estate [as defined in] under subsection 7 of section 442.015, in which case the amount of tax due and owing on the assessment of the manufactured home as a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel shall be included on the real property tax statement of the real estate owner.
- 9. The assessor of each county and each city not within a county shall use the trade-in value published in the October issue of the National Automobile Dealers' Association Official Used Car Guide, or its successor publication, as the recommended guide of information for determining the true value of motor vehicles described in such publication. The assessor shall not use a value that is greater than the average trade-in value in determining the true value of the motor vehicle without performing a physical inspection of the motor vehicle. For vehicles two years old or newer from a vehicle's model year, the assessor may use a value other than average without performing a physical inspection of the motor vehicle. In the absence of a listing for a particular motor vehicle in such publication, the assessor shall use such information or

publications which in the assessor's judgment will fairly estimate the true value in money of the motor vehicle.

- 10. Before the assessor may increase the assessed valuation of any parcel of subclass (1) real property by more than fifteen percent since the last assessment, excluding increases due to new construction or improvements, the assessor shall conduct a physical inspection of such property.
- 11. If a physical inspection is required, [pursuant to] under subsection 10 of this section, the assessor shall notify the property owner of that fact in writing and shall provide the owner clear written notice of the owner's rights relating to the physical inspection. If a physical inspection is required, the property owner may request that an interior inspection be performed during the physical inspection. The owner shall have no less than thirty days to notify the assessor of a request for an interior physical inspection.
- 12. A physical inspection, as required by subsection 10 of this section, shall include, but not be limited to, an on-site personal observation and review of all exterior portions of the land and any buildings and improvements to which the inspector has or may reasonably and lawfully gain external access, and shall include an observation and review of the interior of any buildings or improvements on the property upon the timely request of the owner [pursuant to] under subsection 11 of this section. Mere observation of the property via a drive-by inspection or the like shall not be considered sufficient to constitute a physical inspection as required by this section.
- 13. The provisions of subsections 11 and 12 of this section shall only apply in any county with a charter form of government with more than one million inhabitants.
- 14. A county or city collector may accept credit cards as proper form of payment of outstanding property tax or license due. No county or city collector may charge surcharge for payment by credit card which exceeds the fee or surcharge charged by the credit card bank, processor, or issuer for its service. A county or city collector may accept payment by electronic transfers of funds in payment of any tax or license and charge the person making such payment a fee equal to the fee charged the county by the bank, processor, or issuer of such electronic payment.
- 15. Any county or city not within a county in this state may, by an affirmative vote of the governing body of such county, opt out of the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of the general reassessment, prior to January first of any year. No county or city not within a county shall exercise this opt-out provision after

implementing the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, in a year of general reassessment. For the purposes of applying the provisions of this subsection, a political subdivision contained within two or more counties where at least one of such counties has opted out and at least one of such counties has not opted out shall calculate a single tax rate as in effect prior to the enactment of house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session. A governing body of a city not within a county or a county that has opted out under the provisions of this subsection may choose to implement the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session, and section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of general reassessment, by an affirmative vote of the governing body prior to December thirty-first of any year.

16. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six thousand three hundred but fewer than twenty-six thousand seven hundred inhabitants located in any county that has exercised its authority to opt out under subsection 15 of this section may levy separate and differing tax rates for real and personal property only if such city bills and collects its own property taxes or satisfies the entire cost of the billing and collection of such separate and differing tax rates. Such separate and differing rates shall not exceed such city's tax rate ceiling.

17. Any portion of real property that is available as reserve for strip, surface, or coal mining for minerals for purposes of excavation for future use or sale to others that has not been bonded and permitted under chapter 444 shall be assessed based upon how the real property is currently being used. Any information provided to a county assessor, state tax commission, state agency, or political subdivision responsible for the administration of tax policies shall, in the performance of its duties, make available all books, records, and information requested, except such books, records, and information as are by law declared confidential in nature, including individually identifiable information regarding a specific taxpayer or taxpayer's mine property. For purposes of this subsection, "mine property" shall mean all real property that is in use or readily available as a reserve for strip, surface, or coal mining for minerals for purposes of excavation for current or future use or sale to others that has been bonded and permitted under chapter 444.

143.441. 1. The term "corporation" means every corporation, association, joint stock

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company and joint stock association organized, authorized or existing under the laws of this state 3 and includes:

- (1) Every corporation, association, joint stock company, and joint stock association organized, authorized, or existing under the laws of this state, and every corporation, association, joint stock company, and joint stock association, licensed to do business in this state, or doing business in this state, and not organized, authorized, or existing under the laws of this state, or by any receiver in charge of the property of any such corporation, association, joint stock company or joint stock association;
- (2) Every railroad corporation or receiver in charge of the property thereof which operates over rails owned or leased by it and every corporation operating any buslines, trucklines, airlines, or other forms of transportation, including, but not limited to, qualified air freight forwarders, operating over fixed routes owned, leased, or used by it extending from this state to another state or states. For purposes of this subdivision, "qualified air freight forwarder" means a taxpayer who meets all of the following requirements:
- (a) The taxpayer is primarily engaged in the facilitation of the transportation of property by air;
 - (b) The taxpayer does not itself operate the aircraft; and
 - (c) The taxpayer is in the same affiliated group as an airline;
- 20 (3) Every corporation, or receiver in charge of the property thereof, which owns or 21 operates a bridge between this and any other state; and
 - (4) Every corporation, or receiver in charge of the property thereof, which operates a telephone line or lines extending from this state to another state or states or a telegraph line or lines extending from this state to another state or states.
 - 2. The tax on corporations provided in subsection 1 of section 143.431 and section 143.071 shall not apply to:
 - (1) A corporation which by reason of its purposes and activities is exempt from federal income tax. The preceding sentence shall not apply to unrelated business taxable income and other income on which chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code imposes the federal income tax or any other tax measured by income;
 - (2) An express company which pays an annual tax on its gross receipts in this state;
 - (3) An insurance company which is subject to an annual tax on its gross premium receipts in this state;
- 34 (4) A Missouri mutual or an extended Missouri mutual insurance company organized 35 under chapter 380; and
- (5) Any other corporation that is exempt from Missouri income taxation under the laws 37 of Missouri or the laws of the United States.

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144.805. 1. In addition to the exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of section 144.030, there shall also be specifically exempted from the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525, sections 144.600 to 144.746, and section 238.235, and the provisions of any local sales tax law, as defined in section 32.085, and from the computation of the tax levied, assessed or payable pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525, sections 144.600 to 144.746, and section 238.235, and the provisions of any local sales tax law, as defined in section 32.085, all sales of aviation jet fuel in a given calendar year to common carriers engaged in the interstate air transportation of passengers and cargo, and the storage, use and consumption of such aviation jet fuel by such common carriers, if such common carrier has first paid to the state of Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, state sales and use taxes pursuant to the 10 11 foregoing provisions and applicable to the purchase, storage, use or consumption of such aviation 12 jet fuel in a maximum and aggregate amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars of 13 state sales and use taxes in such calendar year.

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- 2. To qualify for the exemption prescribed in subsection 1 of this section, the common carrier shall furnish to the seller a certificate in writing to the effect that an exemption pursuant to this section is applicable to the aviation jet fuel so purchased, stored, used and consumed. The director of revenue shall permit any such common carrier to enter into a direct-pay agreement with the department of revenue, pursuant to which such common carrier may pay directly to the department of revenue any applicable sales and use taxes on such aviation jet fuel up to the maximum aggregate amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars in each calendar year. The director of revenue shall adopt appropriate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section, and to permit appropriate claims for refunds of any excess sales and use taxes collected in calendar year 1993 or any subsequent year with respect to any such common carrier and aviation jet fuel.
- 3. The provisions of this section shall apply to all purchases and deliveries of aviation jet fuel from and after May 10, 1993.
- 4. All sales and use tax revenues upon aviation jet fuel received pursuant to this chapter, less the amounts specifically designated pursuant to the constitution or pursuant to section 144.701 for other purposes, shall be deposited to the credit of the aviation trust fund established pursuant to section 155.090; provided however, the amount of such state sales and use tax revenues deposited to the credit of such aviation trust fund shall not exceed ten million dollars in each calendar year.
- 5. The provisions of this section and section 144.807 shall expire on December 31, 34 [2023] 2033.

305.800. As used in sections 305.800 to 305.810, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Abandoned aircraft", an aircraft left in a wrecked, inoperative, or partially dismantled condition at an airport; or an aircraft that has remained in an idle state at an airport for forty-five consecutive calendar days without a contractual agreement between the owner or operator of the aircraft and the airport for use of the airport premises;
 - (2) "Airport superintendent", the person or group of people authorized to make decisions on behalf of an airport;
 - (3) "Derelict aircraft", any aircraft that is not in a flyable condition, does not have a current certificate of airworthiness issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and is not in the process of actively being repaired.
 - 305.802. 1. If a derelict aircraft or abandoned aircraft is discovered on airport property, the airport superintendent shall:
 - (1) Make a record of the date the aircraft was discovered on the airport property; and
 - (2) Inquire as to the name and address of any person having an equitable or legal interest in the aircraft, including the owner and any lienholders, by:
 - (a) Contacting the Federal Aviation Administration, aircraft registration branch, and making a diligent search of the appropriate records; or
 - (b) Contacting an aircraft title search company.
 - 2. Within ten business days of receiving the information requested under subsection 1 of this section, the airport superintendent shall notify the owner and all other interested parties by certified mail, return receipt requested:
 - (1) Of the location of the derelict or abandoned aircraft on the airport property;
 - (2) That fees and charges for the use of the airport by the aircraft have accrued and the amount of those fees and charges;
 - (3) That the aircraft is subject to a lien under section 305.806 for any unpaid and accrued fees and charges for the use of the airport and for the transportation, storage, and removal of the aircraft:
 - (4) That the lien is subject to enforcement under this section;
 - (5) That the airport may use, trade, sell, or remove the aircraft as described in section 305.804 if, within thirty calendar days after the date of receipt of the notice, the owner or other interested party has not removed the aircraft from the airport and paid in full all accrued fees and charges for the use of the airport and for the transportation, storage, and removal of the aircraft; and
 - (6) That the airport superintendent may remove the aircraft in less than thirty calendar days if the aircraft poses a danger to the health or safety of users of the airport, as determined by the airport superintendent.

3. (1) If the owner of the aircraft is unknown or cannot be found after the inquiry required under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, the airport superintendent shall place a notice upon the aircraft in a conspicuous place containing the information required under subdivisions (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of subsection 2 of this section.

- (2) The notice required under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be not less than eight inches by ten inches and shall be laminated or otherwise sufficiently weatherproof to withstand normal exposure to rain, snow, and other conditions.
- 305.804. 1. If the owner or other interested party has not removed the aircraft from the airport and paid in full all accrued fees and charges for the use of the airport and for the transportation, storage, and removal of the aircraft, or shown reasonable cause for the failure to do so within thirty calendar days of the airport superintendent posting notice under section 305.802, the airport superintendent may:
- (1) Retain the aircraft for use by the airport, the state, or the unit of local government owning or operating the airport;
 - (2) Trade the aircraft to another unit of local government or a state agency;
 - (3) Sell the aircraft; or
- (4) Dispose of the aircraft through an appropriate refuse removal company or a company that provides salvage services for aircraft.
- 2. If the airport superintendent elects to sell the aircraft in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section, the aircraft shall be sold at public auction after giving notice of the time and place of sale, at least ten calendar days prior to the date of sale, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county where the airport is located and after providing written notice of the intended sale to all parties known to have an interest in the aircraft.
- 3. If the airport superintendent elects to dispose of the aircraft in accordance with subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section, the airport superintendent shall be entitled to negotiate with the company for a price to be received from the company in payment for the aircraft, or, if circumstances so warrant, a price to be paid to the company by the airport superintendent for the costs of disposing of the aircraft. All information and records pertaining to the establishment of the price and the justification for the amount of the price shall be prepared and maintained by the airport superintendent.
- 4. If the sale price or the negotiated price is less than the airport superintendent's current fees and charges against the aircraft, the owner of the aircraft shall remain liable to the airport superintendent for the fees and charges that are not offset by the sale price or negotiated price.

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5. All costs incurred by the airport superintendent in the removal, storage, and sale of any aircraft shall be recoverable against the owner of the aircraft.

305.806. 1. The airport superintendent shall have a lien on a derelict or abandoned aircraft for all unpaid fees and charges for the use of the airport by the aircraft and for all unpaid costs incurred by the airport superintendent for the transportation, storage, and removal of the aircraft. As a prerequisite to perfecting a lien under this section, the airport superintendent shall serve a notice on the last registered owner and all persons having an equitable or legal interest in the aircraft.

- 2. (1) For the purpose of perfecting a lien under this section, the airport superintendent shall file a claim of lien that states:
 - (a) The name and address of the airport;
- 10 **(b)** The name of the last registered owner of the aircraft and all persons having a legal or equitable interest in the aircraft;
 - (c) The fees and charges incurred by the aircraft for the use of the airport and the costs for the transportation, storage, and removal of the aircraft; and
 - (d) A description of the aircraft sufficient for identification.
- 15 (2) The claim of lien shall be signed and sworn to or affirmed by the airport superintendent's director or the director's designee.
 - (3) The claim of lien shall be served on the last registered owner of the aircraft and all persons having an equitable or legal interest in the aircraft. The claim of lien shall be served before filing.
 - (4) The claim of lien shall be filed with the proper office according to section 400-9.501. The filing of the claim of lien shall be constructive notice to all persons of the contents and effect of such claim. The lien shall attach at the time of filing and shall take priority as of that time.
 - 305.808. 1. If the aircraft is sold, the airport superintendent shall satisfy the airport superintendent's lien, plus the reasonable expenses of notice, advertisement, and sale from the proceeds of the sale.
- 2. The balance of the proceeds of the sale, if any, shall be held by the airport superintendent and delivered on demand to the owner of the aircraft.
 - 3. If no person claims the balance within twelve months of the date of sale, the airport shall retain the funds and use the funds for airport operations.
- 305.810. 1. Any person acquiring a legal interest in an aircraft under sections 305.800 to 305.810 shall be the lawful owner of the aircraft and all other legal or equitable interests in that aircraft shall be divested; provided that, the holder of any legal or

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- 5 sections 305.800 to 305.810.
- 6 2. The airport superintendent may issue documents of disposition to the purchaser
- 7 or recipient of an aircraft disposed of under sections 305.800 to 305.810.

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