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AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.010 and 301.130, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the display of license plates on dump trucks.

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

Section A. Sections 301.010 and 301.130, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.010 and 301.130, to read as follows:

301.010. As used in this chapter and sections 304.010 to 304.040, 304.120 to 304.260, and sections 307.010 to 307.175, the following terms mean:

(1) "All-terrain vehicle", any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is fifty inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of one thousand five hundred pounds or less, traveling on three, four or more nonhighway tires;

(2) "Autocycle", a three-wheeled motor vehicle which the drivers and passengers ride in a partially or completely enclosed nonstraddle seating area, that is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals, and that has met applicable Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requirements or federal motorcycle safety standards;

(3) "Automobile transporter", any vehicle combination capable of carrying cargo on the power unit and designed and used for the transport of assembled motor vehicles, including truck camper units;

(4) "Axle load", the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose centers are included between two parallel transverse vertical planes forty inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle;

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.

17 (5) "Backhaul", the return trip of a vehicle transporting cargo or general freight,
18 especially when carrying goods back over all or part of the same route;

19 (6) "Boat transporter", any vehicle combination capable of carrying cargo on the power
20 unit and designed and used specifically to transport assembled boats and boat hulls. Boats may
21 be partially disassembled to facilitate transporting;

22 (7) "Body shop", a business that repairs physical damage on motor vehicles that are not
23 owned by the shop or its officers or employees by mending, straightening, replacing body parts,
24 or painting;

25 (8) "Bus", a motor vehicle primarily for the transportation of a driver and eight or more
26 passengers but not including shuttle buses;

27 (9) "Commercial motor vehicle", a motor vehicle designed or regularly used for carrying
28 freight and merchandise, or more than eight passengers but not including vanpools or shuttle
29 buses;

30 (10) "Cotton trailer", a trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting cotton at
31 speeds less than forty miles per hour from field to field or from field to market and return;

32 (11) "Dealer", any person, firm, corporation, association, agent or subagent engaged in
33 the sale or exchange of new, used or reconstructed motor vehicles or trailers;

34 (12) "Director" or "director of revenue", the director of the department of revenue;

35 (13) "Driveaway operation":

36 (a) The movement of a motor vehicle or trailer by any person or motor carrier other than
37 a dealer over any public highway, under its own power singly, or in a fixed combination of two
38 or more vehicles, for the purpose of delivery for sale or for delivery either before or after sale;

39 (b) The movement of any vehicle or vehicles, not owned by the transporter, constituting
40 the commodity being transported, by a person engaged in the business of furnishing drivers and
41 operators for the purpose of transporting vehicles in transit from one place to another by the
42 driveaway or towaway methods; or

43 (c) The movement of a motor vehicle by any person who is lawfully engaged in the
44 business of transporting or delivering vehicles that are not the person's own and vehicles of a
45 type otherwise required to be registered, by the driveaway or towaway methods, from a point of
46 manufacture, assembly or distribution or from the owner of the vehicles to a dealer or sales agent
47 of a manufacturer or to any consignee designated by the shipper or consignor;

48 (14) "Dromedary", a box, deck, or plate mounted behind the cab and forward of the fifth
49 wheel on the frame of the power unit of a truck tractor-semitrailer combination. A truck tractor
50 equipped with a dromedary may carry part of a load when operating independently or in a
51 combination with a semitrailer;

52 (15) **"Dump truck", a truck whose contents can be emptied without handling,**
53 **where the front end of the platform can be hydraulically raised so that the load is**
54 **discharged by gravity;**

55 (16) "Farm tractor", a tractor used exclusively for agricultural purposes;

56 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) "Fleet", any group of ten or more motor vehicles owned by the same owner;

57 ~~[(17)]~~ (18) "Fleet vehicle", a motor vehicle which is included as part of a fleet;

58 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) "Fullmount", a vehicle mounted completely on the frame of either the first
59 or last vehicle in a saddlemount combination;

60 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) "Gross weight", the weight of vehicle and/or vehicle combination without
61 load, plus the weight of any load thereon;

62 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) "Hail-damaged vehicle", any vehicle, the body of which has become dented
63 as the result of the impact of hail;

64 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) "Highway", any public thoroughfare for vehicles, including state roads,
65 county roads and public streets, avenues, boulevards, parkways or alleys in any municipality;

66 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) "Improved highway", a highway which has been paved with gravel,
67 macadam, concrete, brick or asphalt, or surfaced in such a manner that it shall have a hard,
68 smooth surface;

69 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) "Intersecting highway", any highway which joins another, whether or not it
70 crosses the same;

71 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) "Junk vehicle", a vehicle which:

72 (a) Is incapable of operation or use upon the highways and has no resale value except as
73 a source of parts or scrap; or

74 (b) Has been designated as junk or a substantially equivalent designation by this state
75 or any other state;

76 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) "Kit vehicle", a motor vehicle assembled by a person other than a generally
77 recognized manufacturer of motor vehicles by the use of a glider kit or replica purchased from
78 an authorized manufacturer and accompanied by a manufacturer's statement of origin;

79 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) "Land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicle", any not-for-hire
80 commercial motor vehicle the operation of which is confined to:

81 (a) An area that extends not more than a radius of one hundred miles from its home base
82 of operations when transporting its owner's machinery, equipment, or auxiliary supplies to or
83 from projects involving soil and water conservation, or to and from equipment dealers'
84 maintenance facilities for maintenance purposes; or

85 (b) An area that extends not more than a radius of fifty miles from its home base of
86 operations when transporting its owner's machinery, equipment, or auxiliary supplies to or from
87 projects not involving soil and water conservation. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed

88 to prevent any motor vehicle from being registered as a commercial motor vehicle or local
89 commercial motor vehicle;

90 ~~[(27)]~~ **(28)** "Local commercial motor vehicle", a commercial motor vehicle whose
91 operations are confined to a municipality and that area extending not more than fifty miles
92 therefrom, or a commercial motor vehicle whose property-carrying operations are confined solely
93 to the transportation of property owned by any person who is the owner or operator of such
94 vehicle to or from a farm owned by such person or under the person's control by virtue of a
95 landlord and tenant lease; provided that any such property transported to any such farm is for use
96 in the operation of such farm;

97 ~~[(28)]~~ **(29)** "Local log truck", a commercial motor vehicle which is registered pursuant
98 to this chapter to operate as a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state, used exclusively
99 in this state, used to transport harvested forest products, operated solely at a forested site and in
100 an area extending not more than a one hundred mile radius from such site, carries a load with
101 dimensions not in excess of twenty-five cubic yards per two axles with dual wheels, and when
102 operated on the national system of interstate and defense highways described in 23 U.S.C.
103 Section 103, as amended, or outside the one hundred mile radius from such site with an extended
104 distance local log truck permit, such vehicle shall not exceed the weight limits of section
105 304.180, does not have more than four axles, and does not pull a trailer which has more than
106 three axles. Harvesting equipment which is used specifically for cutting, felling, trimming,
107 delimiting, debarking, chipping, skidding, loading, unloading, and stacking may be transported
108 on a local log truck. A local log truck may not exceed the limits required by law, however, if the
109 truck does exceed such limits as determined by the inspecting officer, then notwithstanding any
110 other provisions of law to the contrary, such truck shall be subject to the weight limits required
111 by such sections as licensed for eighty thousand pounds;

112 ~~[(29)]~~ **(30)** "Local log truck tractor", a commercial motor vehicle which is registered
113 under this chapter to operate as a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state, used
114 exclusively in this state, used to transport harvested forest products, operated at a forested site
115 and in an area extending not more than a one hundred mile radius from such site, operates with
116 a weight not exceeding twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds on one axle or with a weight
117 not exceeding forty-four thousand eight hundred pounds on any tandem axle, and when operated
118 on the national system of interstate and defense highways described in 23 U.S.C. Section 103,
119 as amended, or outside the one hundred mile radius from such site with an extended distance
120 local log truck permit, such vehicle does not exceed the weight limits contained in section
121 304.180, and does not have more than three axles and does not pull a trailer which has more than
122 three axles. Violations of axle weight limitations shall be subject to the load limit penalty as
123 described for in sections 304.180 to 304.220;

124 ~~[(30)]~~ **(31)** "Local transit bus", a bus whose operations are confined wholly within a
125 municipal corporation, or wholly within a municipal corporation and a commercial zone, as
126 defined in section 390.020, adjacent thereto, forming a part of a public transportation system
127 within such municipal corporation and such municipal corporation and adjacent commercial
128 zone;

129 ~~[(31)]~~ **(32)** "Log truck", a vehicle which is not a local log truck or local log truck tractor
130 and is used exclusively to transport harvested forest products to and from forested sites which
131 is registered pursuant to this chapter to operate as a motor vehicle on the public highways of this
132 state for the transportation of harvested forest products;

133 ~~[(32)]~~ **(33)** "Major component parts", the rear clip, cowl, frame, body, cab, front-end
134 assembly, and front clip, as those terms are defined by the director of revenue pursuant to rules
135 and regulations or by illustrations;

136 ~~[(33)]~~ **(34)** "Manufacturer", any person, firm, corporation or association engaged in the
137 business of manufacturing or assembling motor vehicles, trailers or vessels for sale;

138 ~~[(34)]~~ **(35)** "Motor change vehicle", a vehicle manufactured prior to August, 1957, which
139 receives a new, rebuilt or used engine, and which used the number stamped on the original
140 engine as the vehicle identification number;

141 ~~[(35)]~~ **(36)** "Motor vehicle", any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon
142 tracks, except farm tractors;

143 ~~[(36)]~~ **(37)** "Motor vehicle primarily for business use", any vehicle other than a
144 recreational motor vehicle, motorcycle, motortricycle, or any commercial motor vehicle licensed
145 for over twelve thousand pounds:

146 (a) Offered for hire or lease; or

147 (b) The owner of which also owns ten or more such motor vehicles;

148 ~~[(37)]~~ **(38)** "Motorcycle", a motor vehicle operated on two wheels;

149 ~~[(38)]~~ **(39)** "Motorized bicycle", any two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having an
150 automatic transmission and a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than fifty cubic
151 centimeters, which produces less than three gross brake horsepower, and is capable of propelling
152 the device at a maximum speed of not more than thirty miles per hour on level ground;

153 ~~[(39)]~~ **(40)** "Motortricycle", a motor vehicle upon which the operator straddles or sits
154 astride that is designed to be controlled by handle bars and is operated on three wheels, including
155 a motorcycle while operated with any conveyance, temporary or otherwise, requiring the use of
156 a third wheel. A motortricycle shall not be included in the definition of all-terrain vehicle;

157 ~~[(40)]~~ **(41)** "Municipality", any city, town or village, whether incorporated or not;

158 ~~[(41)]~~ **(42)** "Nonresident", a resident of a state or country other than the state of Missouri;

159 ~~[(42)]~~ **(43)** "Non-USA-std motor vehicle", a motor vehicle not originally manufactured
160 in compliance with United States emissions or safety standards;

161 ~~[(43)]~~ **(44)** "Operator", any person who operates or drives a motor vehicle;

162 ~~[(44)]~~ **(45)** "Owner", any person, firm, corporation or association, who holds the legal
163 title to a vehicle or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale
164 or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the
165 agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee,
166 or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee
167 or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner;

168 ~~[(45)]~~ **(46)** "Public garage", a place of business where motor vehicles are housed, stored,
169 repaired, reconstructed or repainted for persons other than the owners or operators of such place
170 of business;

171 ~~[(46)]~~ **(47)** "Rebuilder", a business that repairs or rebuilds motor vehicles owned by the
172 rebuilder, but does not include certificated common or contract carriers of persons or property;

173 ~~[(47)]~~ **(48)** "Reconstructed motor vehicle", a vehicle that is altered from its original
174 construction by the addition or substitution of two or more new or used major component parts,
175 excluding motor vehicles made from all new parts, and new multistage manufactured vehicles;

176 ~~[(48)]~~ **(49)** "Recreational motor vehicle", any motor vehicle designed, constructed or
177 substantially modified so that it may be used and is used for the purposes of temporary housing
178 quarters, including therein sleeping and eating facilities which are either permanently attached
179 to the motor vehicle or attached to a unit which is securely attached to the motor vehicle.
180 Nothing herein shall prevent any motor vehicle from being registered as a commercial motor
181 vehicle if the motor vehicle could otherwise be so registered;

182 ~~[(49)]~~ **(50)** "Recreational off-highway vehicle", any motorized vehicle manufactured and
183 used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than
184 sixty-seven inches in width, with an unladen dry weight of two thousand pounds or less,
185 traveling on four or more nonhighway tires and which may have access to ATV trails;

186 ~~[(50)]~~ **(51)** "Recreational trailer", any trailer designed, constructed, or substantially
187 modified so that it may be used and is used for the purpose of temporary housing quarters,
188 including therein sleeping or eating facilities, which can be temporarily attached to a motor
189 vehicle or attached to a unit which is securely attached to a motor vehicle;

190 ~~[(51)]~~ **(52)** "Rollback or car carrier", any vehicle specifically designed to transport
191 wrecked, disabled or otherwise inoperable vehicles, when the transportation is directly connected
192 to a wrecker or towing service;

193 ~~[(52)]~~ **(53)** "Saddlemount combination", a combination of vehicles in which a truck or
194 truck tractor tows one or more trucks or truck tractors, each connected by a saddle to the frame

195 or fifth wheel of the vehicle in front of it. The "saddle" is a mechanism that connects the front
196 axle of the towed vehicle to the frame or fifth wheel of the vehicle in front and functions like a
197 fifth wheel kingpin connection. When two vehicles are towed in this manner the combination
198 is called a "double saddlemount combination". When three vehicles are towed in this manner,
199 the combination is called a "triple saddlemount combination";

200 ~~[(53)]~~ **(54)** "Salvage dealer and dismantler", a business that dismantles used motor
201 vehicles for the sale of the parts thereof, and buys and sells used motor vehicle parts and
202 accessories;

203 ~~[(54)]~~ **(55)** "Salvage vehicle", a motor vehicle, semitrailer, or house trailer which:

204 (a) Was damaged during a year that is no more than six years after the manufacturer's
205 model year designation for such vehicle to the extent that the total cost of repairs to rebuild or
206 reconstruct the vehicle to its condition immediately before it was damaged for legal operation
207 on the roads or highways exceeds eighty percent of the fair market value of the vehicle
208 immediately preceding the time it was damaged;

209 (b) By reason of condition or circumstance, has been declared salvage, either by its
210 owner, or by a person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity exercising the right of security
211 interest in it;

212 (c) Has been declared salvage by an insurance company as a result of settlement of a
213 claim;

214 (d) Ownership of which is evidenced by a salvage title; or

215 (e) Is abandoned property which is titled pursuant to section 304.155 or section 304.157
216 and designated with the words "salvage/abandoned property". The total cost of repairs to rebuild
217 or reconstruct the vehicle shall not include the cost of repairing, replacing, or reinstalling
218 inflatable safety restraints, tires, sound systems, or damage as a result of hail, or any sales tax on
219 parts or materials to rebuild or reconstruct the vehicle. For purposes of this definition, "fair
220 market value" means the retail value of a motor vehicle as:

221 a. Set forth in a current edition of any nationally recognized compilation of retail values,
222 including automated databases, or from publications commonly used by the automotive and
223 insurance industries to establish the values of motor vehicles;

224 b. Determined pursuant to a market survey of comparable vehicles with regard to
225 condition and equipment; and

226 c. Determined by an insurance company using any other procedure recognized by the
227 insurance industry, including market surveys, that is applied by the company in a uniform
228 manner;

229 ~~[(55)]~~ **(56)** "School bus", any motor vehicle used solely to transport students to or from
230 school or to transport students to or from any place for educational purposes;

231 ~~[(56)]~~ **(57)** "Scrap processor", a business that, through the use of fixed or mobile
232 equipment, flattens, crushes, or otherwise accepts motor vehicles and vehicle parts for processing
233 or transportation to a shredder or scrap metal operator for recycling;

234 ~~[(57)]~~ **(58)** "Shuttle bus", a motor vehicle used or maintained by any person, firm, or
235 corporation as an incidental service to transport patrons or customers of the regular business of
236 such person, firm, or corporation to and from the place of business of the person, firm, or
237 corporation providing the service at no fee or charge. Shuttle buses shall not be registered as
238 buses or as commercial motor vehicles;

239 ~~[(58)]~~ **(59)** "Special mobile equipment", every self-propelled vehicle not designed or
240 used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved
241 over the highways, including farm equipment, implements of husbandry, road construction or
242 maintenance machinery, ditch-digging apparatus, stone crushers, air compressors, power shovels,
243 cranes, graders, rollers, well-drillers and wood-sawing equipment used for hire, asphalt
244 spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, ditchers, leveling graders, finished machines,
245 motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earth-moving carryalls, scrapers, drag lines, concrete pump
246 trucks, rock-drilling and earth-moving equipment. This enumeration shall be deemed partial and
247 shall not operate to exclude other such vehicles which are within the general terms of this
248 section;

249 ~~[(59)]~~ **(60)** "Specially constructed motor vehicle", a motor vehicle which shall not have
250 been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model or type by a manufacturer of
251 motor vehicles. The term specially constructed motor vehicle includes kit vehicles;

252 ~~[(60)]~~ **(61)** "Stinger-steered combination", a truck tractor-semitrailer wherein the fifth
253 wheel is located on a drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit;

254 ~~[(61)]~~ **(62)** "Tandem axle", a group of two or more axles, arranged one behind another,
255 the distance between the extremes of which is more than forty inches and not more than
256 ninety-six inches apart;

257 ~~[(62)]~~ **(63)** "Towaway trailer transporter combination", a combination of vehicles
258 consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers, with a total weight
259 that does not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds; and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry
260 no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such
261 trailers or semitrailers;

262 ~~[(63)]~~ **(64)** "Tractor", "truck tractor" or "truck-tractor", a self-propelled motor vehicle
263 designed for drawing other vehicles, but not for the carriage of any load when operating
264 independently. When attached to a semitrailer, it supports a part of the weight thereof;

265 ~~[(64)]~~ **(65)** "Trailer", any vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property
266 or passengers on its own structure and for being drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, except those

267 running exclusively on tracks, including a semitrailer or vehicle of the trailer type so designed
268 and used in conjunction with a self-propelled vehicle that a considerable part of its own weight
269 rests upon and is carried by the towing vehicle. The term trailer shall not include cotton trailers
270 as defined in this section and shall not include manufactured homes as defined in section
271 700.010;

272 ~~[(65)]~~ **(66)** "Trailer transporter towing unit", a power unit that is not used to carry
273 property when operating in a towaway trailer transporter combination;

274 ~~[(66)]~~ **(67)** "Truck", a motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained for the transportation
275 of property;

276 ~~[(67)]~~ **(68)** "Truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer", a combination vehicle in which the
277 two trailing units are connected with a B-train assembly which is a rigid frame extension
278 attached to the rear frame of a first semitrailer which allows for a fifth-wheel connection point
279 for the second semitrailer and has one less articulation point than the conventional A-dolly
280 connected truck-tractor semitrailer-trailer combination;

281 ~~[(68)]~~ **(69)** "Truck-trailer boat transporter combination", a boat transporter combination
282 consisting of a straight truck towing a trailer using typically a ball and socket connection with
283 the trailer axle located substantially at the trailer center of gravity rather than the rear of the
284 trailer but so as to maintain a downward force on the trailer tongue;

285 ~~[(69)]~~ **(70)** "Used parts dealer", a business that buys and sells used motor vehicle parts
286 or accessories, but not including a business that sells only new, remanufactured or rebuilt parts.
287 Business does not include isolated sales at a swap meet of less than three days;

288 ~~[(70)]~~ **(71)** "Utility vehicle", any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively
289 for off-highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than sixty-seven inches in width,
290 with an unladen dry weight of two thousand pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to
291 be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes;

292 ~~[(71)]~~ **(72)** "Vanpool", any van or other motor vehicle used or maintained by any person,
293 group, firm, corporation, association, city, county or state agency, or any member thereof, for the
294 transportation of not less than eight nor more than forty-eight employees, per motor vehicle, to
295 and from their place of employment; however, a vanpool shall not be included in the definition
296 of the term bus or commercial motor vehicle as defined in this section, nor shall a vanpool driver
297 be deemed a chauffeur as that term is defined by section 303.020; nor shall use of a vanpool
298 vehicle for ride-sharing arrangements, recreational, personal, or maintenance uses constitute an
299 unlicensed use of the motor vehicle, unless used for monetary profit other than for use in a
300 ride-sharing arrangement;

301 ~~[(72)]~~ **(73)** "Vehicle", any mechanical device on wheels, designed primarily for use, or
302 used, on highways, except motorized bicycles, vehicles propelled or drawn by horses or human

303 power, or vehicles used exclusively on fixed rails or tracks, or cotton trailers or motorized
304 wheelchairs operated by handicapped persons;

305 ~~[(73)]~~ (74) "Wrecker" or "tow truck", any emergency commercial vehicle equipped,
306 designed and used to assist or render aid and transport or tow disabled or wrecked vehicles from
307 a highway, road, street or highway rights-of-way to a point of storage or repair, including towing
308 a replacement vehicle to replace a disabled or wrecked vehicle;

309 ~~[(74)]~~ (75) "Wrecker or towing service", the act of transporting, towing or recovering
310 with a wrecker, tow truck, rollback or car carrier any vehicle not owned by the operator of the
311 wrecker, tow truck, rollback or car carrier for which the operator directly or indirectly receives
312 compensation or other personal gain.

301.130. 1. The director of revenue, upon receipt of a proper application for registration,
2 required fees and any other information which may be required by law, shall issue to the
3 applicant a certificate of registration in such manner and form as the director of revenue may
4 prescribe and a set of license plates, or other evidence of registration, as provided by this section.
5 Each set of license plates shall bear the name or abbreviated name of this state, the words
6 "SHOW-ME STATE", the month and year in which the registration shall expire, and an
7 arrangement of numbers or letters, or both, as shall be assigned from year to year by the director
8 of revenue. The plates shall also contain fully reflective material with a common color scheme
9 and design for each type of license plate issued pursuant to this chapter. The plates shall be
10 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive. Special plates for qualified disabled
11 veterans will have the "DISABLED VETERAN" wording on the license plates in preference to
12 the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and special plates for members of the National Guard will have
13 the "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the words "SHOW-ME STATE".

14 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates shall be uniform throughout
15 each classification of registration. The director may provide for the arrangement of the numbers
16 in groups or otherwise, and for other distinguishing marks on the plates.

17 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a gross weight in
18 excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles, local
19 transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles,
20 motorscooters, and driveaway vehicles shall be registered with the director of revenue as
21 provided for in subsection 3 of section 301.030, or with the state highways and transportation
22 commission as otherwise provided in this chapter, but only one license plate shall be issued for
23 each such vehicle, except **for dump trucks as defined in section 301.010 and as otherwise**
24 **provided in this subsection.** The applicant for registration of any property-carrying commercial
25 vehicle registered at a gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds may request and be
26 issued two license plates for such vehicle, and if such plates are issued, the director of revenue

27 shall provide for distinguishing marks on the plates indicating one plate is for the front and the
28 other is for the rear of such vehicle. The director may assess and collect an additional charge
29 from the applicant in an amount not to exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates
30 in subsection 1 of section 301.144.

31 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall bear the letters and numbers as
32 prescribed by section 301.560, and the director may place upon the plates other letters or marks
33 to distinguish commercial motor vehicles and trailers and other types of motor vehicles.

34 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this state unless it
35 shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the director of
36 revenue or the state highways and transportation commission and authorized by section 301.140.
37 Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle or trailer in a manner so that all
38 parts thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof
39 are not impaired. Each such plate may be encased in a transparent cover so long as the plate is
40 plainly visible and its reflective qualities are not impaired. License plates shall be fastened to
41 all motor vehicles except trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of
42 twelve thousand pounds on the front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than
43 forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up.
44 **Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, license plates shall be**
45 **fastened to the front and rear of all dump trucks, as defined in section 301.010, not less**
46 **than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers**
47 **thereon right side up.** The license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles, autocycles,
48 and motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles either horizontally or vertically,
49 with the letters and numbers plainly visible. The license plate on buses, other than school buses,
50 and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand
51 pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than
52 forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up or if two
53 plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the same
54 manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate or plates authorized by section
55 301.140, when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the required fees have been
56 paid.

57 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or biennially a tab or set of tabs as
58 provided by law as evidence of the annual payment of registration fees and the current
59 registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of plates. Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may
60 prescribe any additional information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that the tab or tabs
61 positively correlate with the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue for such
62 vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.

63 (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is issued shall affix and display such
64 tab or tabs in the designated area of the license plate, no more than one per plate.

65 (3) A tab or set of tabs issued by the director of revenue when attached to a vehicle in
66 the prescribed manner shall be prima facie evidence that the registration fee for such vehicle has
67 been paid.

68 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the director of revenue shall issue plates
69 for a period of at least six years.

70 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant to section
71 301.041, the plate issued by the highways and transportation commission shall be a permanent
72 nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs shall be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve
73 the owner of any vehicle permanently registered pursuant to this section from the obligation to
74 pay the annual registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license plate shall
75 be returned to the highways and transportation commission upon the sale or disposal of the
76 vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is issued, or the plate may
77 be transferred to a replacement commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental
78 application with the Missouri highways and transportation commission for the registration of
79 such replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the
80 highways and transportation commission shall issue a certificate of registration or other suitable
81 evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such evidence of payment shall be carried at all times
82 in the vehicle for which it is issued.

83 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under this section,
84 or upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent nonexpiring plate issued
85 for such vehicle shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission and shall not
86 be valid for operation of such vehicle, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle
87 when the owner files a supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation
88 commission for the registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which is permanently
89 registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise disposed of, or the lease terminated,
90 the registrant shall be given credit for any unused portion of the annual registration fee when the
91 vehicle is replaced by the purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration year.

92 7. The director of revenue and the highways and transportation commission may
93 prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration of this section. No rule or portion
94 of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been
95 promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

96 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners of motor
97 vehicles other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess
98 of twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight may apply for special personalized license plates.

99 Vehicles licensed for twenty-four thousand pounds that display special personalized license
100 plates shall be subject to the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 301.030. On and after
101 August 28, 2016, owners of motor vehicles, other than apportioned motor vehicles or
102 commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight, may
103 apply for any preexisting or hereafter statutorily created special personalized license plates.

104 9. No later than January 1, 2019, the director of revenue shall commence the reissuance
105 of new license plates of such design as approved by the advisory committee under section
106 301.125 consistent with the terms, conditions, and provisions of section 301.125 and this
107 chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in addition to all other fees required by
108 law, applicants for registration of vehicles with license plates that expire during the period of
109 reissuance, applicants for registration of trailers or semitrailers with license plates that expire
110 during the period of reissuance and applicants for registration of vehicles that are to be issued
111 new license plates during the period of reissuance shall pay the cost of the plates required by this
112 subsection. The additional cost prescribed in this subsection shall not be charged to persons
113 receiving special license plates issued under section 301.073 or 301.443. Historic motor vehicle
114 license plates registered pursuant to section 301.131 and specialized license plates are exempt
115 from the provisions of this subsection. Except for new, replacement, and transfer applications,
116 permanent nonexpiring license plates issued to commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered
117 under section 301.041 are exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

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