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HOUSE BILL NO. 229

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANGERT.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 307.350, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to motor vehicle safety inspections, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Section 307.350, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 307.350, to read as follows:

307.350. 1. The owner of every motor vehicle as defined in section 301.010 which is required to be registered in this state, except:

(1) Motor vehicles having less than one hundred fifty thousand miles, for the ten-year period following their model year of manufacture, **except as provided in subsection 4 of this section and** excluding prior salvage vehicles immediately following a rebuilding process and vehicles subject to the provisions of section 307.380;

(2) Those motor vehicles which are engaged in interstate commerce and are proportionately registered in this state with the Missouri highway reciprocity commission, although the owner may request that such vehicle be inspected by an official inspection station, and a peace officer may stop and inspect such vehicles to determine whether the mechanical condition is in compliance with the safety regulations established by the United States Department of Transportation; and

(3) Historic motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 301.131;

(4) Vehicles registered in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds for a period of less than twelve months;

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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 shall submit such vehicles to a biennial inspection of their mechanism and equipment in
18 accordance with the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 and obtain a certificate of
19 inspection and approval and a sticker, seal, or other device from a duly authorized official
20 inspection station. The inspection, except the inspection of school buses which shall be made
21 at the time provided in section 307.375, shall be made at the time prescribed in the rules and
22 regulations issued by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol; but the
23 inspection of a vehicle shall not be made more than sixty days prior to the date of application
24 for registration or within sixty days of when a vehicle's registration is transferred; however, if
25 a vehicle was purchased from a motor vehicle dealer and a valid inspection had been made
26 within sixty days of the purchase date, the new owner shall be able to utilize an inspection
27 performed within ninety days prior to the application for registration or transfer. Any vehicle
28 manufactured as an even-numbered model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved
29 pursuant to the safety inspection program established pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390
30 in each even-numbered calendar year and any such vehicle manufactured as an odd-numbered
31 model year vehicle shall be inspected and approved pursuant to sections 307.350 to 307.390
32 in each odd-numbered year. The certificate of inspection and approval shall be a sticker, seal,
33 or other device or combination thereof, as the superintendent of the Missouri state highway
34 patrol prescribes by regulation and shall be displayed upon the motor vehicle or trailer as
35 prescribed by the regulations established by him. The replacement of certificates of
36 inspection and approval which are lost or destroyed shall be made by the superintendent of
37 the Missouri state highway patrol under regulations prescribed by him.

38 2. For the purpose of obtaining an inspection only, it shall be lawful to operate a
39 vehicle over the most direct route between the owner's usual place of residence and an
40 inspection station of such owner's choice, notwithstanding the fact that the vehicle does not
41 have a current state registration license. It shall also be lawful to operate such a vehicle from
42 an inspection station to another place where repairs may be made and to return the vehicle to
43 the inspection station notwithstanding the absence of a current state registration license.

44 3. No person whose motor vehicle was duly inspected and approved as provided in
45 this section shall be required to have the same motor vehicle again inspected and approved for
46 the sole reason that such person wishes to obtain a set of any special personalized license
47 plates available pursuant to section 301.144 or a set of any license plates available pursuant to
48 section 301.142, prior to the expiration date of such motor vehicle's current registration.

49 4. **Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a motor vehicle**
50 **inspection in accordance with the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390 shall be**
51 **performed prior to the sale of any used motor vehicle in this state by a dealer or any**
52 **other person, regardless of the vehicle's age or mileage. Such inspection shall not be**
53 **made more than sixty days prior to the date of purchase. The seller shall present the**

54 **certificate of inspection and approval to the buyer at the point of sale and the buyer**
55 **shall be required to submit the certificate of inspection when applying for registration of**
56 **the vehicle.**

57 **5.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.390, violation of this section shall
58 be deemed an infraction.

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