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SENATE BILL NO. 960
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations, April 11, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 960 Do Pass.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the creation of special license plates.

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

Section A. Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be
2 known as sections 301.3087, 301.3097, and 301.3115, to read as follows:

**301.3087. 1. Any person may receive special license plates as prescribed by this
2 section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an
3 apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen
4 thousand pounds gross weight, after an annual payment of an emblem-use authorization
5 fee to the Missouri State Humane Association. The Missouri State Humane Association
6 hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized
7 license plates as provided in this section. All emblem-use authorization fees, except
8 reasonable administrative costs, shall be placed into a special fund as described in
9 subsection 4 of this section and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of spaying and
10 neutering dogs and cats in the state of Missouri.**

**11 2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use
12 contribution to the Missouri State Humane Association, the Missouri State Humane
13 Association shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use
14 authorization statement, which shall be presented by the owner to the department of
15 revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. Upon presentation of the annual
16 statement, payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the registration fee and documents**

17 which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner
18 a personalized license plate which shall bear the emblem of the Missouri State Humane
19 Association and shall have the words "I'M PET FRIENDLY" on the license plates in place
20 of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective
21 material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall
22 be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Notwithstanding the
23 provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of
24 license plates pursuant to this section.

25 3. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with the Missouri State
26 Humane Association emblem authorized by this section but who does not provide an
27 emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued
28 a new plate which does not bear the Missouri State Humane Association emblem, as
29 otherwise provided by law. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and
30 regulations for the administration of this section, and shall design all necessary forms
31 required by this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the
32 authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to
33 the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.

34 4. The "Missouri Pet Spay/Neuter Fund" is hereby created as a special fund in the
35 state treasury and shall be administered by the department of agriculture. This fund shall
36 consist of moneys collected pursuant to this section. All moneys deposited in the Missouri
37 pet spay/neuter fund, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be paid as grants to
38 humane societies, local municipal animal shelters regulated by sections 273.400 to 273.405,
39 RSMo, and organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c)(3)
40 of the Internal Revenue Code to be used solely for the spaying and neutering of dogs and
41 cats in the state of Missouri. For purposes of approving grants under this section, the
42 governor shall appoint a volunteer board that shall consist of three Missouri residents, of
43 which two shall be administrators of local municipal animal shelters regulated by sections
44 273.400 to 273.405, RSMo, and one shall be an administrator of a humane society. Each
45 of the three members shall be from separate congressional districts. Members of this board
46 shall be appointed for three year terms and shall meet at least twice a year to review grant
47 applications. All moneys deposited in the Missouri pet spay/neuter fund, except reasonable
48 administrative costs, shall be spent by the end of each fiscal year. Notwithstanding the
49 provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, if any moneys remain in the fund at
50 the end of the biennium, said moneys shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue
51 fund.

301.3097. 1. Any vehicle owner may apply for "God Bless America" license plates

2 for any motor vehicle the person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned
3 motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand
4 pounds gross weight. Upon making a ten-dollar contribution to the World War II
5 memorial fund the vehicle owner may apply for the "God Bless America" plate. If the
6 contribution is made directly to the Missouri veterans' commission they shall issue the
7 individual making the contribution a receipt, verifying the contribution, that may be used
8 to apply for the "God Bless America" license plate. If the contribution is made directly to
9 the director of revenue pursuant to section 301.3031, the director shall note the
10 contribution and the owner may then apply for the "God Bless America" plate. The
11 applicant for such plate must pay a fifteen-dollar fee in addition to the regular registration
12 fees and present any other documentation required by law for each set of "God Bless
13 America" plates issued pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
14 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates issued
15 pursuant to this section. The "God Bless America" plate shall bear the emblem of the
16 American flag in a form prescribed by the director of revenue and shall have the words
17 "GOD BLESS AMERICA" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license
18 plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design,
19 shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by
20 section 301.130.

21 2. The director of revenue may promulgate rules and regulations for the
22 administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
23 section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
24 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter
25 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536,
26 RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
27 pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and
28 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
29 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and
30 void.

301.3115. 1. Any person who has been awarded the military service award known
2 as the "Air Medal" may apply for Air Medal motor vehicle license plates for any motor
3 vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle
4 or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight.

5 2. Any such person shall make application for the Air Medal license plates on a
6 form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a recipient of the Air
7 Medal as the director may require. The director shall then issue license plates bearing

8 letters or numbers or a combination thereof as determined by the director with the words
9 "AIR MEDAL" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be
10 made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be
11 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section
12 301.130. Such plates shall also bear an image of the Air Medal.

13 3. There shall be a fifteen-dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees
14 charged for each set of Air Medal license plates issued pursuant to this section. A fee for
15 the issuance of personalized license plates pursuant to section 301.144 shall not be required
16 for plates issued pursuant to this section. There shall be no limit on the number of license
17 plates any person qualified pursuant to this section may obtain so long as each set of license
18 plates issued pursuant to this section is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such
19 person. License plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be
20 transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle
21 shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year
22 licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.