

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 427

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1350L.10T

2009

AN ACT

To repeal sections 41.150, 42.007, 173.234, 301.451, and 452.412, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twelve new sections relating to members of the military and their families.

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

Section A. Sections 41.150, 42.007, 173.234, 301.451, and 452.412, RSMo, are repealed
2 and twelve new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 9.074, 41.150, 42.007,
3 173.234, 173.1155, 194.360, 227.297, 227.311, 301.451, 301.3157, 304.840, and 452.412, to
4 read as follows:

**9.074. May first of every year shall be known and designated as "Silver Star
2 Families of America Day". It shall be a day on which to honor the wounded soldiers of this
3 state and the efforts of the Silver Star Families of America to honor the wounded members
4 of the United States armed forces. The Silver Star Families of America has worked
5 tirelessly since its inception to distribute silver star banners, flags, and care packages to
6 wounded service members and their families to ensure that the people of this state and
7 nation remember the blood sacrifice made by those service members.**

41.150. The adjutant general may assign [two] **the number of** assistant adjutants general
2 [in the grade of brigadier general or below, one] **that are authorized by National Guard
3 Bureau rules and regulations** from the ground forces and [the other from] the air forces of this
4 state[however, general officers of the line federally recognized in the grade of major general may
5 be reassigned as a state assistant adjutant general without change in grade or branch]. **The**

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.

6 **assistant adjutants general shall, if they qualify therefore, hold military rank as may be**
7 **authorized and approved for the positions by the National Guard Bureau of the United**
8 **States.** The assistant adjutants general, at the time of their appointment, shall have not less than
9 ten years of military service as a commissioned officer with the military forces of this state,
10 another state or territory, the District of Columbia or the United States, or in any or all such
11 services combined, five years of the service being in field grade. The assistant adjutants general
12 shall serve at the pleasure of the adjutant general and perform such duties as are assigned by the
13 adjutant general. During any period when the adjutant general is unable to perform such duties,
14 the senior assistant adjutant general may, under the direction of the governor, perform the duties
15 of the adjutant general.

42.007. 1. There is hereby established within the department of public safety the
2 "Missouri Veterans' Commission", such commission to be a type III agency within the
3 department of public safety under the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974. All duties and
4 activities carried on by the division of veterans' affairs on August 28, 1989, shall be vested in
5 such commission as provided by the Omnibus Reorganization Act of 1974.

6 2. The commission shall be composed of **nine members. Two members shall be**
7 **members of the senate, one appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and one**
8 **appointed by the senate minority floor leader, two members shall be members of the house**
9 **of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one**
10 **appointed by the house minority floor leader, and in appointing such members, preference**
11 **shall be given to current or former members of the military and their spouses, parents, and**
12 **children. Members appointed from the house of representatives and the senate shall be**
13 **appointed for a two-year term or until a successor is appointed and may be reappointed**
14 **to the commission.** Five members, who shall be veterans appointed by the governor, with the
15 advice and consent of the senate, for a four-year term; except that initial appointments to the
16 commission shall consist of two veterans to serve four-year terms, two veterans to serve
17 three-year terms, and one veteran to serve a two-year term. In addition, the chair of the Missouri
18 military preparedness and enhancement commission or the chair's designee shall be an ex officio
19 member of the commission.

20 3. The governor shall make [all] appointments to the commission from lists of nominees
21 recommended by each of the statewide veterans' organizations incorporated in this state,
22 chartered by Congress, or authorized under Title 38, United States Code. Vacancies shall be
23 filled by appointment made in the same manner as the original appointments. A member of the
24 commission, **not a member of the senate or house of representatives,** shall be a resident of
25 the state of Missouri but shall not be an employee of the state. Members of the commission shall

26 not be compensated for their services, but shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated therefor
27 for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

28 4. The commission shall organize by electing one member as chairman and another as
29 vice chairman. Such officers shall serve for a term of two years. The commission shall meet no
30 fewer than four times per calendar year, at the call of the chairman, and at times and places
31 established by the chairman by written notice. The commission's executive director shall serve
32 as secretary to the commission.

33 5. The commission shall aid and assist all veterans and their dependents and legal
34 representatives, who are legal Missouri residents or who live in the state of Missouri, in all
35 matters relating to the rights of veterans under the laws of the United States and under the rules
36 and regulations of federal agencies, boards, commissions and other authorities which are in any
37 manner concerned with the interest and welfare of veterans and their dependents. In addition to
38 any other duties imposed by sections 42.002 to 42.135 and [section] **sections 143.1001, and**
39 **173.234**, RSMo, the commission shall:

40 (1) Disseminate by all means available information concerning the rights of veterans and
41 their dependents;

42 (2) Provide aid and assistance to all veterans, their dependents and legal representatives,
43 in preparing, presenting and prosecuting claims for compensation, education, pensions, insurance
44 benefits, hospitalization, rehabilitation and all other matters in which a veteran may have a claim
45 against the United States or any state arising out of or connected with service in the military
46 forces of the United States;

47 (3) Prosecute all claims listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection to conclusion, when
48 so authorized and empowered by a veteran, his survivors or legal representatives;

49 (4) Cooperate with the United States Employment Service, the United States Department
50 of Veterans' Affairs and all federal and state offices legally concerned with and interested in the
51 welfare of veterans and their dependents;

52 (5) Arrange for and accept through such mutual arrangements as may be made the
53 volunteer services, equipment, facilities, properties, supplies, funds and personnel of all federal,
54 welfare, civic and service organizations, and other organized groups and individuals which are
55 in furtherance of the purposes of sections 42.002 to 42.135 and section 143.1001, RSMo;

56 (6) Volunteers shall be deemed unpaid employees and shall be accorded the protection
57 of the legal expense fund and liability provisions. Reimbursement for transportation and other
58 necessary expenses may be furnished to those volunteers whose presence on special assignment
59 is determined to be necessary by the commission. Such expenses shall be reimbursed from the
60 regular appropriations of the commission. Volunteers may utilize state vehicles in the

61 performance of commission-related duties, subject to those rules and regulations governing use
62 of state vehicles by paid staff;

63 (7) Establish, maintain and operate offices throughout this state as necessary to carry out
64 the purposes of sections 42.002 to 42.135 and section 143.1001, RSMo;

65 (8) Provide to the executive director of the commission all appropriate authority for the
66 execution of the duties of the commission under this chapter;

67 (9) Employ such staff as necessary for performance of the duties and purposes of this
68 chapter.

69 **6. The commission shall make all rules and regulations necessary for the**
70 **management and administration of its veteran service programs and cemeteries. All rules**
71 **and regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of sections 42.002 to 42.135, and**
72 **sections 143.1001 and 173.234, RSMo. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined**
73 **in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this subsection**
74 **shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all provisions of chapter 536,**
75 **RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are**
76 **nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
77 **chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule**
78 **are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any**
79 **rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2009, shall be invalid and void.**

173.234. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;

4 (2) "Books", any books required for any course for which tuition was paid by a grant
5 awarded under this section;

6 (3) **"Eligible student", the natural, adopted, or stepchild of a qualifying military**
7 **member, who is less than twenty-five years of age and who was a dependent of a qualifying**
8 **military member at the time of death or injury, or the spouse of a qualifying military**
9 **member which was the spouse of a veteran at the time of death or injury;**

10 (4) "Grant", the [war] veteran's survivors grant as established in this section;

11 [(4)] (5) "Institution of postsecondary education", any approved Missouri public
12 institution of postsecondary education, as defined in **subdivision (3) of section [173.205]**
13 **173.1102;**

14 (6) **"Qualifying military member", any member of the military of the United States,**
15 **whether active duty, reserve, or national guard, who served in the military after September**
16 **11, 2001, during time of war and for whom the following criteria apply:**

17 (a) A veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the military service or at
18 the time of death or injury;

19 (b) A veteran died or was injured as a result of combat action or a veteran's death
20 or injury was certified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs medical authority to be
21 attributable to an illness or accident that occurred while serving in combat, or became
22 eighty percent disabled as a result of injuries or accidents sustained in combat action after
23 September 11, 2001; and

24 (c) "Combat veteran", a Missouri resident who is discharged for active duty service
25 having served since September 11, 2001, and received a DD214 in a geographic area
26 entitled to receive combat pay tax exclusion exemption, hazardous duty pay, or imminent
27 danger pay, or hostile fire pay;

28 [(5)] (7) "Survivor", [a child or spouse of a war veteran] an eligible student of a
29 qualifying military member;

30 [(6)] (8) "Tuition", any tuition or incidental fee, or both, charged by an institution of
31 postsecondary education for attendance at the institution by a student as a resident of this state.
32 The tuition grant shall not exceed the amount of tuition charged a Missouri resident at the
33 University of Missouri-Columbia for attendance[;

34 (7) "War veteran", a person who served in armed combat in the military and to whom
35 the following criteria shall apply:

36 (a) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the military service and at
37 the time of death or injury; and

38 (b) The veteran dies as a result of combat action or the veteran's death was certified by
39 a Veterans' Administration medical authority to be attributable to an illness that was contracted
40 while serving in combat, or who became eighty percent disabled as a result of injuries or
41 accidents sustained in combat action].

42 2. Within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor, the coordinating board for
43 higher education shall award annually up to twenty-five grants to survivors of [war veterans]
44 **qualifying military members** to attend institutions of postsecondary education in this state,
45 which shall continue to be awarded annually to eligible recipients as long as the recipient
46 achieves and maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half on a
47 four-point scale, or its equivalent. If the waiting list of eligible survivors exceeds fifty, the
48 coordinating board may petition the general assembly to expand the quota. If the quota is not
49 expanded, then the eligibility of survivors on the waiting list shall be extended.

50 3. A survivor may receive a grant under this section only so long as the survivor is
51 enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. In no event

52 shall a survivor receive a grant beyond the completion of the first baccalaureate degree,
53 regardless of age.

54 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

55 (1) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this section;

56 and

57 (2) Provide the forms and determine the procedures necessary for a survivor to apply for
58 and receive a grant under this section.

59 5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that
60 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
61 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section
62 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers
63 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the
64 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
65 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be
66 invalid and void.

67 6. In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a survivor shall be certified
68 as eligible by the Missouri veterans' commission. [In the case of an illness-related death, such
69 certification shall be made upon qualified medical certification by a Veterans' Administration
70 medical authority that the illness was both a direct result of the veteran's combat service and a
71 substantial factor in the cause of the resulting death of the veteran.]

72 7. A survivor who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate
73 postsecondary student at an approved institution of postsecondary education, and who is selected
74 to receive a grant under this section, shall receive the following:

75 (1) An amount not to exceed the actual tuition charged at the approved institution of
76 postsecondary education where the survivor is enrolled or accepted for enrollment;

77 (2) An allowance of up to two thousand dollars per semester for room and board; and

78 (3) The actual cost of books, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars per semester.

79 8. A survivor who is a recipient of a grant may transfer from one approved public
80 institution of postsecondary education to another without losing his or her entitlement under this
81 section. The board shall make necessary adjustments in the amount of the grant. If a grant
82 recipient at any time withdraws from the institution of postsecondary education so that under the
83 rules and regulations of that institution he or she is entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees, room
84 and board, books, or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund to which
85 he or she is entitled attributable to the grant for that semester or similar grading period to the
86 board.

87 9. If a survivor is granted financial assistance under any other student aid program,
88 public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the board by the institution and
89 the eligible survivor.

90 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a promise or guarantee that a person will
91 be admitted to an institution of postsecondary education or to a particular institution of
92 postsecondary education, will be allowed to continue to attend an institution of postsecondary
93 education after having been admitted, or will be graduated from an institution of postsecondary
94 education.

95 11. The benefits conferred by this section shall be available to any academically
96 [qualified surviving spouse or children of war veterans] **eligible student of a qualifying**
97 **military member**. Surviving children who are eligible shall be permitted to apply for full
98 benefits conferred by this section until they reach twenty-five years of age.

99 12. Pursuant to section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri sunset act:

100 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall sunset
101 automatically six years after August 28, 2008, unless reauthorized by an act of the general
102 assembly; and

103 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall
104 sunset automatically twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section;
105 and

106 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
107 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

173.1155. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all dependents, as defined
2 **by 37 U.S.C. Section 401, of active duty military personnel, or activated or temporarily**
3 **mobilized reservists or guard members, assigned to a permanent duty station or workplace**
4 **geographically located in this state, who reside in this state, shall be deemed to be domiciled**
5 **in this state for purposes of eligibility for in-state tuition and shall be eligible to receive in-**
6 **state tuition at public institutions of higher education in this state. All such dependents**
7 **shall be afforded the same educational benefits as any other individual receiving in-state**
8 **tuition so long as he or she is continuously enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate**
9 **degree program of an institution of higher education in Missouri, or transferring between**
10 **Missouri institutions of higher education or from an undergraduate degree program to a**
11 **graduate degree program.**

194.360. 1. As used in this section the following terms shall mean:

2 (1) "Funeral establishment", as defined in section 333.011, RSMo, a funeral home,
3 a funeral director, an embalmer, or an employee of any of the individuals or entities;

4 (2) "Veterans' service organization", an association or other entity organized for
5 the benefit of veterans that has been recognized or chartered by the United States congress,
6 including the disabled American veterans, veterans of foreign wars, the American legion,
7 the legion of honor, the missing in America project, and the Vietnam veterans of America.
8 The term includes a member or employee of any of those associations or entities.

9 2. A funeral establishment is not liable for simple negligence in the disposition of
10 the cremated remains of a veteran to a veterans' service organization for the purposes of
11 internment by that organization if:

12 (1) The remains have been in the possession of the funeral establishment for a
13 period of at least one year, all or any part of which period may occur or may have occurred
14 before or after August 28, 2009;

15 (2) The funeral establishment has given notice, as provided in subdivision (1) or (2)
16 of subsection 3 of this section, to the person entitled to the remains under section 194.350
17 of the matters provided in subsection 4 of this section; and

18 (3) The remains have not been claimed by the person entitled to the remains under
19 section 194.350 within the period of time provided for in subsection 4 of this section
20 following notice to the person entitled to the remains under section 194.350.

21 3. In order for the immunity provided in subsection 2 of this section to apply, a
22 funeral establishment shall take the following action, alone or in conjunction with a
23 veterans' service organization, to provide notice to the person entitled to the remains under
24 section 194.350:

25 (1) Give written notice by mail to the person entitled to the remains under section
26 194.350 for whom the address of the person entitled to the remains under section 194.350
27 is known or can reasonably be ascertained by the funeral establishment giving the notice;
28 or

29 (2) If the address of the person entitled to the remains under section 194.350 is not
30 known or cannot reasonably be ascertained, give notice to the person entitled to the
31 remains under section 194.350 by publication in a newspaper of general circulation:

32 (a) In the county of the veterans' residence; or

33 (b) If the residence of the veteran is unknown, in the county in which the veteran
34 died; or

35 (c) If the county in which the veteran died is unknown, in the county in which the
36 funeral establishment giving notice is located.

37 4. The notice required by subsection 3 of this section must include a statement to
38 the effect that the remains of the veteran must be claimed by the person entitled to the
39 remains under section 194.350 within thirty days after the date of mailing of the written

40 notice provided for in subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section or within four months
41 of the date of the first publication of the notice provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection
42 3 of this section, as applicable, and that if the remains are not claimed, the remains may
43 be given to a veterans' service organization for internment.

44 **5. A veterans' service organization receiving cremated remains of a veteran from**
45 **a funeral establishment for the purposes of internment is not liable for simple negligence**
46 **in the custody or internment of the remains if the veterans' service organization interments and**
47 **does not scatter the remains and does not know and has no reason to know that the**
48 **remains do not satisfy the requirements of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 3 of this**
49 **section, as applicable.**

50 **6. A veterans' service organization accepting remains under this section shall take**
51 **all reasonable steps to inter the remains in a veterans' cemetery.**

227.297. 1. This section establishes an interstate interchange designation program,
2 **to be known as the "Heroes Way Interstate Interchange Designation Program", to honor**
3 **the fallen Missouri heroes who have been killed in action while performing active military**
4 **duty with the armed forces in Afghanistan or Iraq on or after September 11, 2001. The**
5 **signs shall be placed upon the interstate interchanges in accordance with this section, and**
6 **any applicable federal limitations or conditions on highway signage, including location and**
7 **spacing.**

8 **2. Any person who is related by marriage, adoption, or consanguinity within the**
9 **second degree to a member of the United States armed forces who was killed in action**
10 **while performing active military duty with the armed forces in Afghanistan or Iraq on or**
11 **after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state at the time he or she was**
12 **killed in action, may apply for an interstate interchange designation under the provisions**
13 **of this section.**

14 **3. Any person described under subsection 2 of this section who desires to have an**
15 **interstate interchange designated after his or her family member shall petition the**
16 **department of transportation by submitting the following:**

17 **(1) An application in a form prescribed by the director, describing the interstate**
18 **interchange for which the designation is sought and the proposed name of the interstate**
19 **interchange. The application shall include the name of at least one current member of the**
20 **general assembly who will sponsor the interstate interchange designation. The application**
21 **may contain written testimony for support of the interstate interchange designation;**

22 **(2) Proof that the family member killed in action was a member of the United States**
23 **armed forces and proof that such family member was in fact killed in action while**
24 **performing active military duty with the United States armed forces in Afghanistan or Iraq**

25 on or after September 11, 2001. Acceptable proof shall be a statement from the Missouri
26 veterans commission or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs so certifying
27 such facts;

28 (3) By signing a form provided by the Missouri transportation department, the
29 applicant shall certify that the applicant is related by marriage, adoption, or consanguinity
30 within the second degree to the member of the United States armed forces who was killed
31 in action; and

32 (4) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover the costs of constructing and
33 maintaining the proposed interstate interchange signs. The fee shall not exceed the cost
34 of constructing and maintaining each sign.

35 4. All moneys received by the department of transportation for the construction
36 and maintenance of an interstate interchange signs shall be deposited in the state treasury
37 to the credit of the state road fund.

38 5. The documents and fees required under this section shall be submitted to the
39 department of transportation.

40 6. The department of transportation shall submit for approval or disapproval all
41 applications for interstate interchange designations to the joint committee on
42 transportation oversight. The joint committee on transportation oversight may review
43 such applications at any scheduled meeting convened pursuant to section 21.795, RSMo.
44 If satisfied with the application and all its contents, the committee shall approve the
45 application. The committee shall notify the department of transportation upon the
46 approval or denial of an application for an interstate interchange designation.

47 7. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed interstate
48 interchange designation under this section in a manner reasonably calculated to advise the
49 public of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the
50 designation on the department's official public web site and making available copies of the
51 sign designation application to any representative of the news media or public upon
52 request and posting the application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place
53 which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the
54 principal office.

55 8. If the memorial interstate interchange designation request is not approved by the
56 joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven percent of the application fee
57 shall be refunded to the applicant.

58 9. Two signs shall be erected for each interstate interchange designation processed
59 under this section.

60 **10. No interstate interchange may be named or designated after more than one**
61 **member of the United States armed forces killed in action. Such person shall only be**
62 **eligible for one interstate interchange designation under the provisions of this section.**

63 **11. Any highway signs erected for any interstate interchange designation under the**
64 **provisions of this section shall be erected and maintained for a twenty-year period. After**
65 **such period, the signs shall be subject to removal by the department of transportation and**
66 **the interstate interchange may be designated to honor persons other than the current**
67 **designee. An existing interstate interchange designation processed under the provisions**
68 **of this section may be retained for additional twenty-year increments if, at least one year**
69 **before the designation's expiration, an application to the department of transportation is**
70 **made to retain the designation along with the required documents and all applicable fees**
71 **required under this section.**

227.311. The portion of the Poplar Bluff bypass located in Butler County from
2 **highway 60 where it crosses over the Black River to highway 67 where it crosses Missouri**
3 **highway M, shall be designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway". The department**
4 **of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway,**
5 **with the costs for such designation to be paid for by private donations.**

 301.451. Any person who has been awarded the purple heart medal may apply for special
2 motor vehicle license plates for any vehicle he **or she** owns, either solely or jointly, other than
3 commercial vehicles weighing over twelve thousand pounds. Any such person shall make
4 application for the special license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and
5 furnish such proof as a recipient of the purple heart medal as the director may require. The
6 director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof, with
7 the words "PURPLE HEART" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" in a form prescribed
8 by the advisory committee established in section 301.129. Such license plates shall be made
9 with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible
10 at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. **There shall be**
11 **no fee in addition to regular registration fees for the initial set of plates issued to the**
12 **applicant, however,** there shall be an additional fee charged for each **subsequent** set of special
13 purple heart license plates issued equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates, but the
14 additional fee shall only have to be paid once by the qualified applicant at the time of initial
15 application **for the additional set of plates.** There shall be no limit on the number of license
16 plates any person qualified under this section may obtain so long as each set of license plates
17 issued under this section is issued for vehicles owned solely or jointly by such person. License
18 plates issued under the provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person

19 except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor
20 vehicle for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.

**301.3157. 1. Any person who has been awarded the military service award known
2 as the "Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal" may apply for Armed Forces Expeditionary
3 Medal motor vehicle license plates for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely
4 or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed
5 in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight.**

**6 2. Any such person shall make application for Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
7 license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a
8 recipient of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal as the director may require. The
9 director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof
10 as determined by the director with the words "ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY
11 MEDAL" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made
12 with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly
13 visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Such
14 plates shall also be inscribed with the words "expeditionary service" and bear a
15 reproduction of the armed forces expeditionary service ribbon.**

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

**304.840. 1. A veteran displaying special license plates issued under section 301.145,
2 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or a veteran who is a bronze star recipient who
3 displays a placard issued under subsection 2 of this section, may park his or her motor
4 vehicle, weighing not more than six thousand pounds gross weight, without charge, in a
5 metered parking space.**

**6 2. A veteran who has been awarded the military service award known as the
7 "Bronze Star" may apply to the director of revenue for a removable windshield placard.
8 Upon application, such veteran shall present proof to the director of his or her receipt of
9 such award. Such placard shall be hung from the front, middle rearview mirror of a**

10 parked motor vehicle and may not be hung from the mirror during operation. When there
11 is no rearview mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard on the driver's side.

12 **3. A local authority's compliance with this section is solely contingent upon the**
13 **approval of its governing body.**

14 **4. This section does not exempt a vehicle displaying special license plates under**
15 **section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided**
16 **in subsection 2 of this section, from compliance with any other state law or ordinance,**
17 **including, but not limited to, vehicle height restrictions, zones that prohibit stopping,**
18 **parking, or standing of all vehicles, parking time limitations, street sweeping, restrictions**
19 **of the parking space to a particular type of vehicle, or the parking of a vehicle that is**
20 **involved in the operation of a street vending business.**

21 **5. This section does not authorize a vehicle displaying special license plates under**
22 **section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided**
23 **in subsection 2 of this section, to park in a state parking facility that is designated only for**
24 **state employees.**

25 **6. This section does not authorize a vehicle displaying special license plates under**
26 **section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided**
27 **in subsection 2 of this section, to park during time periods other than the normal business**
28 **hours of, or the maximum time allotted by, a state or local authority parking facility.**

29 **7. This section does not require the state or a local authority to designate specific**
30 **parking spaces for vehicles displaying special license plates under section 301.145, 301.443,**
31 **301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided in subsection 2 of this**
32 **section.**

452.412. **1. A party's absence, relocation, or failure to comply with custody and**
2 **visitation orders shall not, by itself, be sufficient to justify a modification of a custody or**
3 **visitation order if the reason for the absence, relocation, or failure to comply is the party's**
4 **activation to military service and deployment out-of-state.**

5 **2. For a party in active military service and deployed out-of-state, any court order:**

6 **(1) Issued or modified regarding child custody or visitation during the time of such**
7 **out-of-state military deployment of the party, including as part of an entry of decree of**
8 **dissolution of marriage or legal separation, shall be temporary in nature and shall not**
9 **exceed the length of time of such deployment;**

10 **(2) Issued regarding ex parte adult or child orders of protection under sections**
11 **455.010 to 455.085, RSMo, or sections 455.500 to 455.538, RSMo, during the time of such**
12 **out-of-state military deployment of the party, may be extended beyond the initial fifteen**
13 **days required under sections 455.040 and 455.516, RSMo. Such orders issued under this**

14 **subdivision shall be temporary in nature and shall not exceed the length of time of such**
15 **deployment.**

16

17 **Upon such party's return from out-of-state military deployment, the party shall be given**
18 **an opportunity to be heard on the child custody and visitation order or ex parte order of**
19 **protection prior to a permanent order being entered by the court as to such issues. If the**
20 **party in active military service knowingly and voluntarily signs a written waiver to the**
21 **right to have such a hearing upon the party's return from out-of-state military deployment,**
22 **the court may issue a permanent order on the issues under this section.**

✓