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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 301.3087, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Missouri state humane association special license plate.

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

Section A. Section 301.3087, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.3087, to read as follows:

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

2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to the Missouri State Humane Association, the Missouri State Humane Association shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the owner to the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. **Application for the use of the logo and payment of the twenty-five dollar contribution may also be made at the time of registration to the director, who shall deposit**

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.

16 **such contribution in the state treasury to the credit of the Missouri pet spay-neuter fund.**

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

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

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