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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 301.140, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to temporary motor vehicle permits.

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

Section A. Section 301.140, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.140, to read as follows:

301.140. 1. Upon the transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle or trailer, the certificate of registration and the right to use the number plates shall expire and the number plates shall be removed by the owner at the time of the transfer of possession, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than the person to whom such number plates were originally issued to have the same in his or her possession whether in use or not, unless such possession is solely for charitable purposes; except that the buyer of a motor vehicle or trailer who trades in a motor vehicle or trailer may attach the license plates from the traded-in motor vehicle or trailer to the newly purchased motor vehicle or trailer. The operation of a motor vehicle with such transferred plates shall be lawful for no more than thirty days, or no more than ninety days if the dealer is selling the motor vehicle under the provisions of section 301.213. As used in this subsection, the term "trade-in motor vehicle or trailer" shall include any single motor vehicle or trailer sold by the buyer of the newly purchased vehicle or trailer, as long as the license plates for the trade-in motor vehicle or trailer are still valid.

2. In the case of a transfer of ownership the original owner may register another motor vehicle under the same number, upon the payment of a fee of two dollars, if the motor vehicle is of horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, not in excess of that originally registered. When such motor vehicle is of greater horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor

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.

19 vehicle) seating capacity, for which a greater fee is prescribed, applicant shall pay a transfer fee  
20 of two dollars and a pro rata portion for the difference in fees. When such vehicle is of less  
21 horsepower, gross weight or (in case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating  
22 capacity, for which a lesser fee is prescribed, applicant shall not be entitled to a refund.

23 3. License plates may be transferred from a motor vehicle which will no longer be  
24 operated to a newly purchased motor vehicle by the owner of such vehicles. The owner shall pay  
25 a transfer fee of two dollars if the newly purchased vehicle is of horsepower, gross weight or (in  
26 the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle) seating capacity, not in excess of that  
27 of the vehicle which will no longer be operated. When the newly purchased motor vehicle is of  
28 greater horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial motor  
29 vehicle) seating capacity, for which a greater fee is prescribed, the applicant shall pay a transfer  
30 fee of two dollars and a pro rata portion of the difference in fees. When the newly purchased  
31 vehicle is of less horsepower, gross weight or (in the case of a passenger-carrying commercial  
32 motor vehicle) seating capacity, for which a lesser fee is prescribed, the applicant shall not be  
33 entitled to a refund.

34 4. The director of the department of revenue shall have authority to produce or allow  
35 others to produce a weather resistant, nontearing temporary permit authorizing the operation of  
36 a motor vehicle or trailer by a buyer for not more than thirty days, or no more than ninety days  
37 if issued by a dealer selling the motor vehicle under the provisions of section 301.213, from the  
38 date of purchase. The temporary permit authorized under this section may be purchased by the  
39 purchaser of a motor vehicle or trailer from the central office of the department of revenue or  
40 from an authorized agent of the department of revenue upon proof of purchase of a motor vehicle  
41 or trailer for which the buyer has no registration plate available for transfer and upon proof of  
42 financial responsibility, or from a motor vehicle dealer upon purchase of a motor vehicle or  
43 trailer for which the buyer has no registration plate available for transfer, or from a motor vehicle  
44 dealer upon purchase of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the buyer has registered and is  
45 awaiting receipt of registration plates. The director of the department of revenue or a producer  
46 authorized by the director of the department of revenue may make temporary permits available  
47 to registered dealers in this state, authorized agents of the department of revenue or the  
48 department of revenue. The price paid by a motor vehicle dealer, an authorized agent of the  
49 department of revenue or the department of revenue for a temporary permit shall not exceed five  
50 dollars for each permit. The director of the department of revenue shall direct motor vehicle  
51 dealers and authorized agents to obtain temporary permits from an authorized producer.  
52 Amounts received by the director of the department of revenue for temporary permits shall  
53 constitute state revenue; however, amounts received by an authorized producer other than the  
54 director of the department of revenue shall not constitute state revenue and any amounts received

55 by motor vehicle dealers or authorized agents for temporary permits purchased from a producer  
56 other than the director of the department of revenue shall not constitute state revenue. In no  
57 event shall revenues from the general revenue fund or any other state fund be utilized to  
58 compensate motor vehicle dealers or other producers for their role in producing temporary  
59 permits as authorized under this section. Amounts that do not constitute state revenue under this  
60 section shall also not constitute fees for registration or certificates of title to be collected by the  
61 director of the department of revenue under section 301.190. No motor vehicle dealer,  
62 authorized agent or the department of revenue shall charge more than five dollars for each permit  
63 issued. The permit shall be valid for a period of thirty days, or no more than ninety days if issued  
64 by a dealer selling the motor vehicle under the provisions of section 301.213, from the date of  
65 purchase of a motor vehicle or trailer, or from the date of sale of the motor vehicle or trailer by  
66 a motor vehicle dealer for which the purchaser obtains a permit as set out above. No permit shall  
67 be issued for a vehicle under this section unless the buyer shows proof of financial responsibility.  
68 Each temporary permit issued shall be securely fastened to the back or rear of the motor vehicle  
69 in a manner and place on the motor vehicle consistent with registration plates so that all parts and  
70 qualities of the temporary permit thereof shall be plainly and clearly visible, reasonably clean and  
71 are not impaired in any way.

72         5. The permit shall be issued on a form prescribed by the director of the department of  
73 revenue and issued only for the applicant's temporary operation of the motor vehicle or trailer  
74 purchased to enable the applicant to temporarily operate the motor vehicle while proper title and  
75 registration plates are being obtained, or while awaiting receipt of registration plates, and shall  
76 be displayed on no other motor vehicle. Temporary permits issued pursuant to this section shall  
77 not be transferable or renewable, ~~and~~ shall not be valid upon issuance of proper registration  
78 plates for the motor vehicle or trailer, **and shall be returned to the department or to the**  
79 **department's agent upon the issuance of such proper registration plates. Any temporary**  
80 **permit returned to the department or to the department's agent shall be immediately**  
81 **destroyed. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to temporary permits issued**  
82 **for commercial motor vehicles licensed in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds gross**  
83 **weight.** The director of the department of revenue shall determine the size, material, design,  
84 numbering configuration, construction, and color of the permit. The director of the department  
85 of revenue, at his or her discretion, shall have the authority to reissue, and thereby extend the use  
86 of, a temporary permit previously and legally issued for a motor vehicle or trailer while proper  
87 title and registration are being obtained.

88         6. Every motor vehicle dealer that issues temporary permits shall keep, for inspection  
89 by proper officers, an accurate record of each permit issued by recording the permit number, the  
90 motor vehicle dealer's number, buyer's name and address, the motor vehicle's year, make, and

91 manufacturer's vehicle identification number, and the permit's date of issuance and expiration  
92 date. Upon the issuance of a temporary permit by either the central office of the department of  
93 revenue, a motor vehicle dealer or an authorized agent of the department of revenue, the director  
94 of the department of revenue shall make the information associated with the issued temporary  
95 permit immediately available to the law enforcement community of the state of Missouri.

96 7. Upon the transfer of ownership of any currently registered motor vehicle wherein the  
97 owner cannot transfer the license plates due to a change of motor vehicle category, the owner  
98 may surrender the license plates issued to the motor vehicle and receive credit for any unused  
99 portion of the original registration fee against the registration fee of another motor vehicle. Such  
100 credit shall be granted based upon the date the license plates are surrendered. No refunds shall  
101 be made on the unused portion of any license plates surrendered for such credit.

102 8. The provisions of subsections 4, 5, and 6 of this section shall expire July 1, 2019.

103 9. An additional temporary license plate produced in a manner and of materials  
104 determined by the director to be the most cost-effective means of production with a configuration  
105 that matches an existing or newly issued plate may be purchased by a motor vehicle owner to be  
106 placed in the interior of the vehicle's rear window such that the driver's view out of the rear  
107 window is not obstructed and the plate configuration is clearly visible from the outside of the  
108 vehicle to serve as the visible plate when a bicycle rack or other item obstructs the view of the  
109 actual plate. Such temporary plate is only authorized for use when the matching actual plate is  
110 affixed to the vehicle in the manner prescribed in subsection 5 of section 301.130. The fee  
111 charged for the temporary plate shall be equal to the fee charged for a temporary permit issued  
112 under subsection 4 of this section. Replacement temporary plates authorized in this subsection  
113 may be issued as needed upon the payment of a fee equal to the fee charged for a temporary  
114 permit under subsection 4 of this section. The newly produced third plate may only be used on  
115 the vehicle with the matching plate, and the additional plate shall be clearly recognizable as a  
116 third plate and only used for the purpose specified in this subsection.

117 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.217, the director may issue a  
118 temporary permit to an individual who possesses a salvage motor vehicle which requires an  
119 inspection under subsection 9 of section 301.190. The operation of a salvage motor vehicle for  
120 which the permit has been issued shall be limited to the most direct route from the residence,  
121 maintenance, or storage facility of the individual in possession of such motor vehicle to the  
122 nearest authorized inspection facility and return to the originating location. Notwithstanding any  
123 other requirements for the issuance of a temporary permit under this section, an individual  
124 obtaining a temporary permit for the purpose of operating a motor vehicle to and from an  
125 examination facility as prescribed in this subsection shall also purchase the required motor  
126 vehicle examination form which is required to be completed for an examination under subsection

127 9 of section 301.190 and provide satisfactory evidence that such vehicle has passed a motor  
128 vehicle safety inspection for such vehicle as required in section 307.350.

129 11. The director of the department of revenue may promulgate all necessary rules and  
130 regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
131 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall  
132 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536  
133 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of  
134 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the  
135 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the  
136 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be  
137 invalid and void.

138 12. The repeal and reenactment of this section shall become effective on the date the  
139 department of revenue or a producer authorized by the director of the department of revenue  
140 begins producing temporary permits described in subsection 4 of such section, or on July 1,  
141 2013, whichever occurs first. If the director of revenue or a producer authorized by the director  
142 of the department of revenue begins producing temporary permits prior to July 1, 2013, the  
143 director of the department of revenue shall notify the revisor of statutes of such fact.

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