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# **SENATE BILL NO. 4**

### **101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.192, 301.280, 301.558, 302.755, 303.025, 303.041, 407.526, 407.536, and 407.556, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to motor vehicles, with penalty provisions, an effective date for a certain section, and an emergency clause for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 301.192, 301.280, 301.558, 302.755,
303.025, 303.041, 407.526, 407.536, and 407.556, RSMo, are
repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to
be known as sections 301.192, 301.280, 301.558, 302.755,
303.025, 303.041, 303.420, 303.422, 303.425, 303.430, 303.440,
407.526, 407.536, and 407.556, to read as follows:

301.192. 1. In addition to any other requirements of 2 section 301.190, when application is made for a certificate of ownership for a motor vehicle or trailer seven years old 3 or older and the value of vehicle does not exceed three 4 5 thousand dollars, for which no record of any prior 6 application for a certificate of ownership exists in the records of the director of revenue or for which the records 7 8 of the director of revenue reflect incomplete or conflicting documentation of ownership, the director of revenue may 9

## **EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

10 issue a certificate of ownership, not less than thirty days 11 after receiving the completed application, provided it is 12 accompanied by:

(1) An affidavit explaining how the motor vehicle or
trailer was acquired and the reasons a valid certificate of
ownership cannot be furnished;

16 (2) Presentation of all evidence of ownership in the 17 applicant's possession;

18 (3) Title verification from a state in which the
19 vehicle was previously titled or registered if known,
20 provided the vehicle was so previously titled or registered;

21 (4) A notarized lien release from any lienholder of 22 record;

A vehicle examination certificate issued by the 23 (5) Missouri state highway patrol, or other law enforcement 24 25 agency as authorized by the director of revenue. The 26 vehicle examination shall include a verification of the vehicle's identification number and a determination that the 27 28 vehicle has not been reported stolen in Missouri or any other state. The fee for the vehicle examination 29 certificate shall be twenty-five dollars and shall be 30 collected by the director of revenue at the time of the 31 32 request for the application;

33 (6) A statement certifying the odometer reading of the
34 motor vehicle if less than [ten] twenty years of age; and

(7) A surety bond or a suitable financial security instrument in a form prescribed by the director of revenue and executed by the applicant and a person authorized to conduct surety business in this state. The bond shall be an amount equal to two times the value of the vehicle as determined by the Kelly Blue Book, NADA Used Car Guide or two appraisals from a licensed motor vehicle dealer. The

bond shall be for a minimum of one hundred dollars and 42 conditioned to indemnify any prior owner or lienholder and 43 44 any subsequent purchaser of the vehicle or person acquiring any security interest in it, and their respective successors 45 in interest, against any expense, loss or damage including 46 reasonable attorneys fees, by reason of the issuance of the 47 certificate of ownership of the vehicle or on account of any 48 49 defect in or undisclosed security interest upon the right, title and interest of the applicant in and to the vehicle. 50 51 Any such interested person has a right of action to recover on the bond for any breach of its conditions, but the 52 aggregate liability of the surety to all persons shall not 53 exceed the amount of the bond. The bond shall be returned 54 at the end of three years, unless the department has been 55 notified of the pendency of an action to recover on the bond. 56

57 2. Upon satisfaction with the genuineness of the
58 application and supporting documents, the director of
59 revenue shall issue a new certificate of ownership. The
60 certificate of ownership shall appropriately be designated
61 with the words "BONDED VEHICLE".

301.280. 1. Every motor vehicle dealer and boat 2 dealer shall make a monthly report to the department of 3 revenue, on blanks to be prescribed by the department of 4 revenue, giving the following information: date of the sale 5 of each motor vehicle, boat, trailer and all-terrain vehicle 6 sold; the name and address of the buyer; the name of the manufacturer; year of manufacture; model of vehicle; vehicle 7 identification number; style of vehicle; odometer setting; 8 9 and it shall also state whether the motor vehicle, boat, trailer or all-terrain vehicle is new or secondhand. Each 10 monthly sales report filed by a motor vehicle dealer who 11 collects sales tax under subsection 10 of section 144.070 12

shall also include the amount of state and local sales tax 13 collected for each motor vehicle sold if sales tax was due. 14 15 The odometer reading is not required when reporting the sale of any motor vehicle that is [ten] twenty years old or 16 older, any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight 17 rating of more than sixteen thousand pounds, new vehicles 18 19 that are transferred on a manufacturer's statement of origin 20 between one franchised motor vehicle dealer and another, or 21 boats, all-terrain vehicles or trailers. The sale of all temporary permits shall be recorded in the appropriate space 22 on the dealer's monthly sales report, unless the sale of the 23 temporary permit is already recorded by electronic means as 24 25 determined by the department. The monthly sales report shall include a statement of motor vehicles or trailers sold 26 during the month under subsection 5 of section 301.210. 27 The 28 monthly sales report shall be completed in full and signed 29 by an officer, partner, or owner of the dealership, and actually received by the department of revenue on or before 30 31 the fifteenth day of the month succeeding the month for which the sales are being reported. If no sales occur in 32 any given month, a report shall be submitted for that month 33 indicating no sales. Any vehicle dealer who fails to file a 34 monthly report or who fails to file a timely report shall be 35 36 subject to disciplinary action as prescribed in section 37 301.562 or a penalty assessed by the director not to exceed 38 three hundred dollars per violation. Every motor vehicle 39 and boat dealer shall retain copies of the monthly sales 40 report as part of the records to be maintained at the dealership location and shall hold them available for 41 42 inspection by appropriate law enforcement officials and officials of the department of revenue. Every vehicle 43 dealer selling twenty or more vehicles a month shall file 44

45 the monthly sales report with the department in an 46 electronic format. Any dealer filing a monthly sales report 47 in an electronic format shall be exempt from filing the 48 notice of transfer required by section 301.196. For any 49 dealer not filing electronically, the notice of transfer 50 required by section 301.196 shall be submitted with the 51 monthly sales report as prescribed by the director.

52 2. Every dealer and every person operating a public garage shall keep a correct record of the vehicle 53 54 identification number, odometer setting, manufacturer's name of all motor vehicles or trailers accepted by him for the 55 purpose of sale, rental, storage, repair or repainting, 56 57 together with the name and address of the person delivering such motor vehicle or trailer to the dealer or public garage 58 keeper, and the person delivering such motor vehicle or 59 trailer shall record such information in a file kept by the 60 61 dealer or garage keeper. The record shall be kept for five 62 years and be open for inspection by law enforcement officials, members or authorized or designated employees of 63 the Missouri highway patrol, and persons, agencies and 64 officials designated by the director of revenue. 65

3. Every dealer and every person operating a public 66 garage in which a motor vehicle remains unclaimed for a 67 period of fifteen days shall, within five days after the 68 69 expiration of that period, report the motor vehicle as 70 unclaimed to the director of revenue. Such report shall be 71 on a form prescribed by the director of revenue. A motor 72 vehicle left by its owner whose name and address are known 73 to the dealer or his employee or person operating a public 74 garage or his employee is not considered unclaimed. Any 75 dealer or person operating a public garage who fails to report a motor vehicle as unclaimed as herein required 76

77 forfeits all claims and liens for its garaging, parking or 78 storing.

79 4. The director of revenue shall maintain
80 appropriately indexed cumulative records of unclaimed
81 vehicles reported to the director. Such records shall be
82 kept open to public inspection during reasonable business
83 hours.

The alteration or obliteration of the vehicle 84 5. identification number on any such motor vehicle shall be 85 86 prima facie evidence of larceny, and the dealer or person operating such public garage shall upon the discovery of 87 such obliteration or alteration immediately notify the 88 highway patrol, sheriff, marshal, constable or chief of 89 90 police of the municipality where the dealer or garage keeper 91 has his place of business, and shall hold such motor vehicle 92 or trailer for a period of forty-eight hours for the purpose 93 of an investigation by the officer so notified.

94 6. Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or
95 omission of a material fact in a monthly sales report to the
96 department of revenue, as described in subsection 1 of this
97 section, shall be deemed guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

301.558. 1. A motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, or powersport dealer may fill in the blanks on standardized forms in connection with the sale or lease of a new or used motor vehicle, vessel, or vessel trailer if the motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, or powersport dealer does not charge for the services of filling in the blanks or otherwise charge for preparing documents.

8 2. A motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, or powersport
9 dealer may charge an administrative fee in connection with
10 the sale or lease of a new or used motor vehicle, vessel, or
11 vessel trailer for the storage of documents or any other

12 administrative or clerical services not prohibited by this 13 section. A portion of the administrative fee may result in 14 profit to the motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, or 15 powersport dealer.

3. No motor vehicle dealer, boat dealer, or powersport 16 dealer that sells or leases new or used motor vehicles, 17 vessels, or vessel trailers and imposes an administrative 18 fee of [less than two] five hundred dollars or less in 19 20 connection with the sale or lease of a new or used vehicle, 21 vessel, or vessel trailer for the storage of documents or any other administrative or clerical services shall be 22 deemed to be engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. 23 The maximum administrative fee permitted under this 24 25 subsection shall be increased annually by an amount equal to 26 the percentage change in the annual average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or its successor index, 27 28 as reported by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics or its 29 successor agency, or by zero, whichever is greater. The director of the department of revenue shall annually furnish 30 the maximum administrative fee determined under this section 31 to the secretary of state, who shall publish such value in 32 the Missouri register as soon as practicable after January 33 34 fourteenth of each year.

4. If an administrative fee is charged under this
section, the same administrative fee shall be charged to all
retail customers [and] unless the fee is limited by the
dealer's franchise agreement to certain classes of
customers. The fee shall be disclosed on the retail buyer's
order form as a separate itemized charge.

5. A preliminary worksheet on which a sale price is
computed and that is shown to the purchaser, a retail
buyer's order form from the purchaser, or a retail

44 installment contract shall include, in reasonable proximity to the place on the document where the administrative fee 45 46 authorized by this section is disclosed, the amount of the administrative fee and the following notice in type that is 47 boldfaced, capitalized, underlined, or otherwise 48 conspicuously set out from the surrounding written material: 49 "AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE IS NOT AN OFFICIAL FEE 50 51 AND IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW BUT MAY BE CHARGED BY 52 A DEALER. THIS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE MAY RESULT IN 53 A PROFIT TO DEALER. NO PORTION OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE IS FOR THE DRAFTING, 54 PREPARATION, OR COMPLETION OF DOCUMENTS OR THE 55 PROVIDING OF LEGAL ADVICE. THIS NOTICE IS 56 REQUIRED BY LAW.". 57

6. The general assembly believes that an 58 59 administrative fee charged in compliance with this section 60 is not the unauthorized practice of law or the unauthorized business of law so long as the activity or service for which 61 62 the fee is charged is in compliance with the provisions of this section and does not result in the waiver of any rights 63 or remedies. Recognizing, however, that the judiciary is 64 the sole arbitrator of what constitutes the practice of law, 65 in the event that a court determines that an administrative 66 fee charged in compliance with this section, and that does 67 not waive any rights or remedies of the buyer, is the 68 69 unauthorized practice of law or the unauthorized business of 70 law, then no person who paid that administrative fee may 71 recover said fee or treble damages, as permitted under section 484.020, and no person who charged that fee shall be 72 guilty of a misdemeanor, as provided under section 484.020. 73

302.755. 1. A person is disqualified from driving a
commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than one
year if convicted of a first violation of:

4 (1) Driving a motor vehicle under the influence of
5 alcohol or a controlled substance, or of an alcohol-related
6 enforcement contact as defined in subsection 3 of section
7 302.525;

8 (2) Driving a commercial motor vehicle which causes a
9 fatality through the negligent operation of the commercial
10 motor vehicle, including but not limited to the offenses of
11 vehicular manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle, and
12 negligent homicide;

13 (3) Driving a commercial motor vehicle while revoked14 pursuant to section 302.727;

15 (4) Leaving the scene of an accident involving a 16 commercial or noncommercial motor vehicle operated by the 17 person;

18 (5) Using a commercial or noncommercial motor vehicle
19 in the commission of any felony, as defined in section
20 302.700, except a felony as provided in subsection 4 of this
21 section.

22 2. If any of the violations described in subsection 1
23 of this section occur while transporting a hazardous
24 material the person is disqualified for a period of not less
25 than three years.

3. Any person is disqualified from operating a
commercial motor vehicle for life if convicted of two or
more violations of any of the offenses specified in
subsection 1 of this section, or any combination of those
offenses, arising from two or more separate incidents. The
director may issue rules and regulations, in accordance with
guidelines established by the Secretary, under which a

33 disqualification for life under this section may be reduced34 to a period of not less than ten years.

4. Any person is disqualified from driving a
commercial motor vehicle for life who uses a commercial or
noncommercial motor vehicle in the commission of any felony
involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a
controlled substance, or possession with intent to
manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance.

5. Any person is disqualified from operating a
commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than sixty
days if convicted of two serious traffic violations or one
hundred twenty days if convicted of three serious traffic
violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within
a three-year period.

Any person found to be operating a commercial motor
vehicle while having any measurable alcohol concentration
shall immediately be issued a continuous twenty-four-hour
out-of-service order by a law enforcement officer in this
state.

52 7. Any person who is convicted of operating a
53 commercial motor vehicle beginning at the time of issuance
54 of the out-of-service order until its expiration is guilty
55 of a class A misdemeanor.

8. Any person convicted for the first time of driving
while out of service shall be disqualified from driving a
commercial motor vehicle in the manner prescribed in 49 CFR
383, or as amended by the Secretary.

9. Any person convicted of driving while out of
service on a second occasion during any ten-year period,
involving separate incidents, shall be disqualified in the
manner prescribed in 49 CFR 383, or as amended by the
Secretary.

65 10. Any person convicted of driving while out of
66 service on a third or subsequent occasion during any ten67 year period, involving separate incidents, shall be
68 disqualified for a period of three years.

69 11. Any person convicted of a first violation of an
70 out-of-service order while transporting hazardous materials
71 or while operating a motor vehicle designed to transport
72 sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, is
73 disqualified for a period of one hundred eighty days.

12. Any person convicted of any subsequent violation of an out-of-service order in a separate incident within ten years after a previous violation, while transporting hazardous materials or while operating a motor vehicle designed to transport fifteen passengers, including the driver, is disqualified for a period of three years.

80 13. Any person convicted of any other offense as
81 specified by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of
82 Transportation shall be disqualified in accordance with such
83 regulations.

84 14. After suspending, revoking, cancelling, or 85 disqualifying a driver, the director shall update records to 86 reflect such action and notify a nonresident's licensing 87 authority and the commercial driver's license information 88 system within ten days in the manner prescribed in 49 CFR 89 384, or as amended by the Secretary.

90 15. Any person disqualified from operating a 91 commercial motor vehicle pursuant to subsection 1, 2, 3 or 4 92 of this section shall have such commercial driver's license 93 cancelled, and upon conclusion of the period of 94 disqualification shall take the written and driving tests 95 and meet all other requirements of sections 302.700 to 96 302.780. Such disqualification and cancellation shall not

97 be withdrawn by the director until such person reapplies for 98 a commercial driver's license in this or any other state 99 after meeting all requirements of sections 302.700 to 302.780.

The director shall disqualify a driver upon 101 16. 102 receipt of notification that the Secretary has determined a 103 driver to be an imminent hazard pursuant to 49 CFR 383.52. 104 Due process of a disgualification determined by the 105 Secretary pursuant to this section shall be held in 106 accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary. 107 The period of disqualification determined by the Secretary 108 pursuant to this section shall be served concurrently to any 109 other period of disqualification which may be imposed by the 110 director pursuant to this section. Both disqualifications 111 shall appear on the driving record of the driver.

112 17. The director shall disqualify a commercial license 113 holder or operator of a commercial motor vehicle from 114 operation of any commercial motor vehicle upon receipt of a 115 conviction for an offense of failure to appear or pay, and 116 such disqualification shall remain in effect until the 117 director receives notice that the person has complied with 118 the requirement to appear or pay.

119 18. The disqualification period must be in addition to 120 any other previous periods of disqualification in the manner 121 prescribed in 49 CFR 383, or as amended by the Secretary, 122 except when the major or serious violations are a result of 123 the same incident.

124 19. Any person is disqualified from driving a 125 commercial motor vehicle for life for being convicted of 126 using a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a 127 felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of 128 trafficking in persons, as defined in U.S.C. 7102(11). A

## 129 disqualification for life under this subsection shall not be 130 reduced.

303.025. 1. No owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state, or required to be registered in this state, 2 3 shall operate, register or maintain registration of a motor 4 vehicle, or permit another person to operate such vehicle, 5 unless the owner maintains the financial responsibility 6 which conforms to the requirements of the laws of this 7 state. No nonresident shall operate or permit another 8 person to operate in this state a motor vehicle registered to such nonresident unless the nonresident maintains the 9 financial responsibility which conforms to the requirements 10 of the laws of the nonresident's state of residence. 11 Furthermore, no person shall operate a motor vehicle owned 12 by another with the knowledge that the owner has not 13 maintained financial responsibility unless such person has 14 financial responsibility which covers the person's operation 15 of the other's vehicle; however, no owner or nonresident 16 shall be in violation of this subsection if he or she fails 17 to maintain financial responsibility on a motor vehicle 18 which is inoperable or being stored and not in operation. 19 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the 20 21 department of revenue may verify motor vehicle financial 22 responsibility as provided by law, but shall not otherwise 23 take legal or administrative action to enforce the requirements of this section unless, in the discretion of 24 the director, the motor vehicle is determined to have been 25 operated in violation of this section, a motor vehicle 26 27 registration is applied for in violation of this section, or 28 the motor vehicle on two separate occasions thirty days 29 apart is determined to have its registration maintained in

30 violation of this section. The director may prescribe rules31 and regulations for the implementation of this section.

32 2. A motor vehicle owner shall maintain the owner's 33 financial responsibility in a manner provided for in section 34 303.160, or with a motor vehicle liability policy which 35 conforms to the requirements of the laws of this state. A 36 nonresident motor vehicle owner shall maintain the owner's 37 financial responsibility which conforms to the requirements 38 of the laws of the nonresident's state of residence.

39 3. Any person who violates this section is quilty of a misdemeanor. A first violation of this section shall be 40 punishable as a class D misdemeanor. A second or subsequent 41 violation of this section [shall] may be [punishable] 42 punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not 43 44 to exceed fifteen days [and/or] and shall be punished by a fine not less than two hundred dollars but not to exceed 45 46 five hundred dollars. Prior pleas of guilty and prior findings of guilty shall be pleaded and proven in the same 47 48 manner as required by section 558.021. However, no person shall be found guilty of violating this section if the 49 operator demonstrates to the court that he or she met the 50 51 financial responsibility requirements of this section at the time the peace officer, commercial vehicle enforcement 52 53 officer or commercial vehicle inspector wrote the citation. In addition to any other authorized punishment, the court 54 55 shall notify the director of revenue of any person convicted pursuant to this section and shall do one of the following: 56

57 (1) Enter an order suspending the driving privilege as
58 of the date of the court order. If the court orders the
59 suspension of the driving privilege, the court shall require
60 the defendant to surrender to it any driver's license then
61 held by such person. The length of the suspension shall be

62 as prescribed in subsection 2 of section 303.042. The court 63 shall forward to the director of revenue the order of 64 suspension of driving privilege and any license surrendered 65 within ten days;

66 (2) Forward the record of the conviction for an67 assessment of four points;

In lieu of an assessment of points, render an 68 (3) 69 order of supervision as provided in section 302.303. An 70 order of supervision shall not be used in lieu of points 71 more than one time in any thirty-six-month period. Every court having jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of this 72 section shall forward a record of conviction to the Missouri 73 74 state highway patrol, or at the written direction of the Missouri state highway patrol, to the department of revenue, 75 in a manner approved by the director of the department of 76 public safety. The director shall establish procedures for 77 78 the record keeping and administration of this section; or

79 (4) For a nonresident, suspend the nonresident's
80 driving privileges in this state in accordance with section
81 303.030 and notify the official in charge of the issuance of
82 licenses and registration certificates in the state in which
83 such nonresident resides in accordance with section 303.080.

4. Nothing in sections 303.010 to 303.050, 303.060,
303.140, 303.220, 303.290, 303.330 and 303.370 shall be
construed as prohibiting the department of commerce and
insurance from approving or authorizing those exclusions and
limitations which are contained in automobile liability
insurance policies and the uninsured motorist provisions of
automobile liability insurance policies.

91 5. If a court enters an order of suspension, the
92 offender may appeal such order directly pursuant to chapter
93 512 and the provisions of section 302.311 shall not apply.

6. Any fines owed to the state pursuant to this
section may be eligible for payment in installments. The
director shall promulgate rules for the application of
payment plans, which shall take into account individuals'
ability to pay.

303.041. 1. Except as otherwise provided in 2 subsection 7 of section 303.425, if the director determines 3 [that as a result of a verification sample or accident 4 report that the owner of a motor vehicle has not maintained 5 financial responsibility, or if the director determines as a 6 result of an order of supervision] that the owner or operator of a motor vehicle has not maintained the financial 7 8 responsibility as required in this chapter, the director 9 shall thirty-three days after mailing notice, suspend the driving privilege of the owner or operator and/or the 10 11 registration of the vehicle failing to meet such 12 requirement. The notice of suspension shall be mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the 13 14 department's records. The notice of suspension is deemed 15 received three days after mailing. The notice of suspension shall clearly specify the reason and statutory grounds for 16 17 the suspension and the effective date of the suspension, the right of the person to request a hearing, the procedure for 18 19 requesting a hearing, and the date by which that request for 20 a hearing must be made. If the request for a hearing is 21 received by the department prior to the effective date of 22 the suspension, the effective date of the suspension will be stayed until a final order is issued following the hearing. 23

2. Except as otherwise provided by law, neither the
25 fact that subsequent to the date of verification or
26 conviction, the owner acquired the required liability
27 insurance policy nor the fact that the owner terminated

28 ownership of the motor vehicle, shall have any bearing upon 29 the director's decision to suspend. Until it is terminated, 30 the suspension shall remain in force after the registration is renewed or a new registration is acquired for the motor 31 vehicle. The suspension also shall apply to any motor 32 vehicle to which the owner transfers the registration. 33 Effective January 1, 2000, the department shall not extend 34 35 any suspension for failure to pay a delinguent late surrender fee pursuant to this subsection. 36

303.420. 1. As used in sections 303.420 to 303.440, 2 unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms 3 shall mean:

4 (1) "Law enforcement agency", the department of
5 revenue, the Missouri state highway patrol, the prosecuting
6 attorney or sheriff's office of any county or city not
7 within a county, the chiefs of police of any city or
8 municipality, or any other authorized law enforcement agency
9 recognized by the state;

(2) "Program", the motor vehicle financial
responsibility enforcement and compliance incentive program
established under section 303.425;

(3) "System" or "verification system", the web-based
 resource established under section 303.430 for online
 verification of motor vehicle financial responsibility.

303.422. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility 2 Verification and Enforcement Fund", which shall consist of 3 money collected under sections 303.420 to 303.440. 4 The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. 5 In 6 accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state 7 treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a 8 dedicated fund and money in the fund shall be used solely by

9 the department of revenue for the administration of sections10 303.420 to 303.440.

11 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to
12 the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of
13 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general
14 revenue fund.

3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund
in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
credited to the fund.

303.425. 1. There is hereby created within the 2 department of revenue the motor vehicle financial 3 responsibility enforcement and compliance incentive 4 The department of revenue may enter into program. 5 contractual agreements with third-party vendors to 6 facilitate the necessary technology and equipment, 7 maintenance thereof, and associated program management The department of revenue or its third-party 8 services. 9 vendor shall utilize technology to compare vehicle 10 registration information with the financial responsibility 11 information accessible through the system. The department 12 of revenue shall utilize this information to identify motorists who are in violation of the motor vehicle 13 14 financial responsibility law. All fees paid to or collected by such third-party vendors may come from violator diversion 15 fees generated by the pretrial diversion option established 16 17 under this section. The department of revenue may offer offenders under this program the option of pretrial 18 diversion as an alternative to statutory fines or 19 20 reinstatement fees prescribed under the motor vehicle 21 financial responsibility law as a method of encouraging 22 compliance and discouraging recidivism.

23 2. The department of revenue may authorize law
24 enforcement agencies or third-party vendors to use
25 technology to collect data for the investigation, detection,
26 analysis, and enforcement of the motor vehicle financial
27 responsibility law.

3. The department of revenue may authorize traffic
enforcement officers or third-party vendors to administer
the processing and issuance of notices of violation, and the
collection of fees for a violation of the motor vehicle
financial responsibility law, under the program.

33 4. Access to the system shall be restricted to authorized law enforcement agency users in the program, the 34 department of revenue, and the third-party vendors with 35 36 which the department of revenue contracts for purposes of 37 the program, provided that any third-party vendor with which 38 a contract is executed to provide necessary technology, 39 equipment, or maintenance for the program shall be authorized as necessary to collaborate for required updates 40 and maintenance of system software. 41

5. For purposes of the program, any data collected and matched to a corresponding vehicle insurance record as verified through the system, and any Missouri vehicle registration database, may be used to identify violations of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law. Such images and corresponding data shall constitute evidence of the violations.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the department of revenue shall suspend, in accordance with section 303.041, the registration of any motor vehicle that is determined under the program to be in violation of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law.

54 7. The department of revenue shall send to an owner 55 whose vehicle is identified under the program as being in violation of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law 56 a notice that the vehicle's registration may be suspended 57 unless the owner, within thirty days, provides proof of 58 59 financial responsibility for the vehicle or proof, in a form specified by the department of revenue, that the owner has a 60 61 pending criminal charge for a violation of the motor vehicle 62 financial responsibility law. The notice shall include 63 information on steps an individual may take to obtain proof 64 of financial responsibility and a web address to a page on the department of revenue's website where information on 65 obtaining proof of financial responsibility shall be 66 67 provided. If proof of financial responsibility or a pending 68 criminal charge is not provided within the time allotted, 69 the department of revenue shall provide a notice of 70 suspension and suspend the vehicle's registration in 71 accordance with section 303.041, or shall send a notice of vehicle registration suspension, clearly specifying the 72 73 reason and statutory grounds for the suspension and the effective date of the suspension, the right of the vehicle 74 75 owner to request a hearing, the procedure for requesting a 76 hearing, and the date by which that request for a hearing 77 must be made, as well as informing the owner that the matter 78 will be referred for prosecution if a satisfactory response is not received in the time allotted, informing the owner 79 that the minimum penalty for the violation is three hundred 80 dollars and four license points, and offering the owner 81 participation in a pretrial diversion option to preclude 82 83 referral for prosecution and registration suspension under 84 sections 303.420 to 303.440. The notice of vehicle 85 registration suspension shall give a period of thirty-three

86 days from mailing for the vehicle owner to respond, and 87 shall be deemed received three days after mailing. If no 88 request for a hearing or agreement to participate in the diversion option is received by the department of revenue 89 prior to the date provided on the notice of vehicle 90 91 registration suspension, the director shall suspend the vehicle's registration, effective immediately, and refer the 92 93 case to the appropriate prosecuting attorney. If an 94 agreement by the vehicle owner to participate in the 95 diversion option is received by the department of revenue prior to the effective date provided on the notice of 96 vehicle registration suspension, then upon payment of a 97 diversion participation fee not to exceed two hundred 98 99 dollars, agreement to secure proof of financial 100 responsibility within the time provided on the notice of 101 suspension, and agreement that such financial responsibility 102 shall be maintained for a minimum of two years, no points shall be assessed to the vehicle owner's driver's license 103 under section 302.302 and the department of revenue shall 104 105 not take further action against the vehicle owner under sections 303.420 to 303.440, subject to compliance with the 106 107 terms of the pretrial diversion option. The department of 108 revenue shall suspend the vehicle registration of, and shall 109 refer the case to the appropriate prosecuting attorney for 110 prosecution of, participating vehicle owners who violate the terms of the pretrial diversion option. If a request for 111 hearing is received by the department of revenue prior to 112 the effective date provided on the notice of vehicle 113 registration suspension, then for all purposes other than 114 115 eligibility for participation in the diversion option, the 116 effective date of the suspension shall be stayed until a 117 final order is issued following the hearing. The department

118 of revenue shall suspend the registration of vehicles determined under the final order to have violated the motor 119 vehicle financial responsibility law, and shall refer the 120 121 case to the appropriate prosecuting attorney for prosecution. Notices under this subsection shall be mailed 122 123 to the vehicle owner at the last known address shown on the department of revenue's records. The department of revenue 124 125 or its third-party vendor shall issue receipts for the 126 collection of diversion participation fees. All such fees 127 received by the department of revenue or its third-party 128 vendor shall be deposited into the motor vehicle financial responsibility verification and enforcement fund established 129 in section 303.422. A vehicle owner whose registration has 130 been suspended under sections 303.420 to 303.440 may obtain 131 132 reinstatement of the registration upon providing proof of financial responsibility and payment to the department of 133 134 revenue of a nonrefundable reinstatement fee equal to the fee that would be applicable under subsection 2 of section 135 303.042 if the registration had been suspended under section 136 137 303.041.

138 8. Data collected or retained under the program shall not be used by any entity for purposes other than 139 140 enforcement of the motor vehicle financial responsibility 141 law. Data collected and stored by law enforcement under the program shall be considered evidence if noncompliance with 142 the motor vehicle financial responsibility law is 143 The evidence, and an affidavit stating that the 144 confirmed. evidence and system have identified a particular vehicle as 145 being in violation of the motor vehicle financial 146 147 responsibility law, shall constitute probable cause for 148 prosecution and shall be forwarded in accordance with

subsection 7 of this section to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

151 9. Owners of vehicles identified under the program as 152 being in violation of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law shall be provided with options for 153 154 disputing such claims which do not require appearance at any state or local court of law, or administrative facility. 155 156 Any person who presents timely proof that he or she was in 157 compliance with the motor vehicle financial responsibility 158 law at the time of the alleged violation shall be entitled 159 to dismissal of the charge with no assessment of fees or 160 fines. Proof provided by a vehicle owner to the department of revenue that the vehicle was in compliance at the time of 161 162 the suspected violation of the motor vehicle financial 163 responsibility law shall be recorded in the system established by the department of revenue under section 164 165 303.430.

10. The collection of data or use of any technology 167 pursuant to this section shall be done in a manner that 168 prohibits any bias towards a specific community, race, 169 gender, or socioeconomic status of vehicle owner.

170 11. Law enforcement agencies, third-party vendors, or 171 other entities authorized to operate under the program shall 172 not sell data collected or retained under the program for 173 any purpose or share it for any purpose not expressly 174 authorized in this section. All data shall be secured and 175 any third-party vendor may be liable for any data security 176 breach.

177 12. The department of revenue shall not take action
178 under sections 303.420 to 303.440 against vehicles
179 registered as fleet vehicles under section 301.032, or
180 against vehicles known to the department of revenue to be

insured under a policy of commercial auto coverage, as such
term is defined in subdivision (10) of subsection 2 of
section 303.430.

184 Following one year after the implementation of the 13. 185 program, and every year thereafter, the department of 186 revenue shall provide a report to the president pro tempore 187 of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, 188 the chairs of the house and senate committees with 189 jurisdictions over insurance or transportation matters, and 190 the chairs of the house budget and senate appropriations 191 The report shall include an evaluation of committees. program operations, information as to the costs of the 192 program incurred by the department of revenue, insurers, and 193 194 the public, information as to the effectiveness of the 195 program in reducing the number of uninsured motor vehicles, 196 and anonymized demographic information including the race 197 and zip code of vehicle owners identified under the program as being in violation of the motor vehicle financial 198 responsibility law, and may include any additional 199 200 information and recommendations for improvement of the 201 program deemed appropriate by the department of revenue. The department of revenue may, by rule, require the state, 202 203 counties, and municipalities to provide information in order 204 to complete the report.

303.430. 1. The department of revenue shall establish 2 and maintain a web-based system for the verification of motor vehicle financial responsibility, shall provide access 3 to insurance reporting data and vehicle registration and 4 financial responsibility data, and shall require motor 5 6 vehicle insurers to establish functionality for the 7 verification system, as provided in sections 303.420 to 8 303.440. The verification system, including any exceptions

9 as provided for in sections 303.420 to 303.440 or in the 10 implementation guide developed to support the program, shall 11 supersede any existing verification system, and shall be the 12 sole system used for the purpose of verifying financial 13 responsibility required under this chapter.

14 2. The system established pursuant to subsection 1 of
15 this section shall be subject to the following:

The verification system shall transmit requests to 16 (1) 17 insurers for verification of motor vehicle insurance 18 coverage via web services established by the insurers 19 through the internet in compliance with the specifications 20 and standards of the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration, or "IICMVA". Insurance company 21 22 systems shall respond to each request with a prescribed 23 response upon evaluation of the data provided in the 24 The system shall include appropriate protections request. 25 to secure its data against unauthorized access, and the department of revenue shall maintain a historical record of 26 27 the system data for a period of no more than twelve months from the date of all requests and responses. The system 28 29 shall be used for verification of the financial 30 responsibility required under this chapter. The system 31 shall be accessible to authorized personnel of the 32 department of revenue, the courts, law enforcement 33 personnel, and other entities authorized by the state as 34 permitted by state or federal privacy laws, and it shall be interfaced, wherever appropriate, with existing state 35 The system shall include information enabling the 36 systems. 37 department of revenue to submit inquiries to insurers 38 regarding motor vehicle insurance which are consistent with 39 insurance industry and IICMVA recommendations, 40 specifications, and standards by using the following data

41 elements for greater matching accuracy: insurer National 42 Association of Insurance Commissioners, or "NAIC", company 43 code; vehicle identification number; policy number; verification date; or as otherwise described in the 44 45 specifications and standards of the IICMVA. The department 46 of revenue shall promulgate rules to offer insurers who 47 insure one thousand or fewer vehicles within this state an alternative method for verifying motor vehicle insurance 48 49 coverage in lieu of web services, and to provide for the 50 verification of financial responsibility when financial 51 responsibility is proven to the department to be maintained 52 by means other than a policy of motor vehicle insurance. 53 Insurers shall not be required to verify insurance coverage 54 for vehicles registered in other jurisdictions;

The verification system shall respond to each 55 (2) 56 request within a time period established by the department 57 of revenue. An insurer's system shall respond within the 58 time period prescribed by the IICMVA's specifications and Insurer systems shall be permitted reasonable 59 standards. 60 system downtime for maintenance and other work with advance notice to the department of revenue. Insurers shall not be 61 subject to enforcement fees or other sanctions under such 62 circumstances, or when systems are not available because of 63 emergency, outside attack, or other unexpected outages not 64 65 planned by the insurer and reasonably outside its control;

66 (3) The system shall assist in identifying violations 67 of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law in the 68 most effective way possible. Responses to individual 69 insurance verification requests shall have no bearing on 70 whether insurance coverage is determined to be in force at 71 the time of a claim. Claims shall be individually 72 investigated to determine the existence of coverage.

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Nothing in sections 303.420 to 303.440 shall prohibit the department of revenue from contracting with a third-party vendor or vendors who have successfully implemented similar systems in other states to assist in establishing and maintaining this verification system;

(4) The department of revenue shall consult with
representatives of the insurance industry and may consult
with third-party vendors to determine the objectives,
details, and deadlines related to the system by
establishment of an advisory council. The advisory council
shall consist of voting members comprised of:

84 (a) The director of the department of commerce and
85 insurance, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair;
86 (b) Two representatives of the department of revenue,

87 to be appointed by the director of the department of revenue;

(c) One representative of the department of commerce
and insurance, to be appointed by the director of the
department of commerce and insurance;

91 (d) Three representatives of insurance companies, to
92 be appointed by the director of the department of commerce
93 and insurance;

94 (e) One representative from the Missouri Insurance95 Coalition;

96 (f) One representative chosen by the National
97 Association of Mutual Insurance Companies;

98 (g) One representative chosen by the American Property
99 and Casualty Insurance Association;

(h) One representative chosen by the Missouri
 Independent Agents Association; and

102 (i) Such other representatives as may be appointed by
 103 the director of the department of commerce and insurance;

104 (5) The department of revenue shall publish for
 105 comment, and then issue, a detailed implementation guide for
 106 its online verification system;

107 (6) The department of revenue and its third-party
108 vendors, if any, shall each maintain a contact person for
109 insurers during the establishment, implementation, and
110 operation of the system;

If the department of revenue has reason to believe 111 (7) 112 a vehicle owner does not maintain financial responsibility 113 as required under this chapter, it may also request an 114 insurer to verify the existence of such financial 115 responsibility in a form approved by the department of In addition, insurers shall cooperate with the 116 revenue. 117 department of revenue in establishing and maintaining the 118 verification system established under this section, and 119 shall provide motor vehicle insurance policy status 120 information as provided in the rules promulgated by the 121 department of revenue;

(8) Every property and casualty insurance company
licensed to issue motor vehicle insurance or authorized to
do business in this state shall comply with sections 303.420
to 303.440, and corresponding rules promulgated by the
department of revenue, for the verification of such
insurance for every vehicle insured by that company in this
state;

(9) Insurers shall maintain a historical record of
insurance data for a minimum period of six months from the
date of policy inception or policy change for the purpose of
historical verification inquiries;

(10) For the purposes of this section, "commercial
 auto coverage" shall mean any coverage provided to an
 insured, regardless of number of vehicles or entities

136 covered, under a commercial coverage form and rated from a 137 commercial manual approved by the department of commerce and 138 insurance. Sections 303.420 to 303.440 shall not apply to vehicles insured under commercial auto coverage; however, 139 insurers of such vehicles may participate on a voluntary 140 141 basis, and vehicle owners may provide proof at or subsequent to the time of vehicle registration that a vehicle is 142 143 insured under commercial auto coverage, which the department 144 of revenue shall record in the system;

145 (11)Insurers shall provide commercial or fleet 146 automobile customers with evidence reflecting that the vehicle is insured under a commercial or fleet automobile 147 liability policy. Sufficient evidence shall include an 148 149 insurance identification card clearly marked with a suitable 150 identifier such as "commercial auto insurance identification 151 card", "fleet auto insurance identification card", or other 152 clear identification that the vehicle is insured under a fleet or commercial policy; 153

(12) Insurers shall be immune from civil and
administrative liability for good faith efforts to comply
with the terms of sections 303.420 to 303.440;

(13) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an insurer
from using the services of a third-party vendor for
facilitating the verification system required under sections
303.420 to 303.440.

3. The department of revenue shall promulgate rules as necessary for the implementation of sections 303.420 to 303.440. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section

168 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and 169 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly 170 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective 171 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently 172 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 173 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 174 2021, shall be invalid and void.

303.440. The verification system established under 2 section 303.430 shall be installed and fully operational by 3 January 1, 2023, following an appropriate testing or pilot period of not less than nine months. Until the successful 4 completion of the testing or pilot period in the judgment of 5 the director of the department of revenue, no enforcement 6 action shall be taken based on the system, including but not 7 8 limited to action taken under the program established under section 303.425. 9

407.526. 1. A person commits the crime of odometer fraud in the third degree if, with the intent to defraud, he operates a motor vehicle less than [ten] twenty years old on any street or highway knowing that the odometer of the motor vehicle is disconnected or not functioning.

6 2. Odometer fraud in the third degree is a class C7 misdemeanor.

407.536. 1. Any person transferring ownership of a motor vehicle previously titled in this or any other state 2 3 shall do so by assignment of title and shall place the mileage registered on the odometer at the time of transfer 4 above the signature of the transferor. The signature of the 5 transferor below the mileage shall constitute an odometer 6 7 mileage statement. The transferee shall sign such odometer mileage statement before an application for certificate of 8 ownership may be made. If the true mileage is known to the 9

10 transferor to be different from the number of miles shown on the odometer or the true mileage is unknown, a statement 11 12 from the transferor shall accompany the assignment of title which shall contain all facts known by the transferor 13 concerning the true mileage of the motor vehicle. 14 That statement shall become a part of the permanent record of the 15 16 motor vehicle with the Missouri department of revenue. The 17 department of revenue shall place on all new titles issued after September 28, 1977, a box titled "mileage at the time 18 19 of transfer".

Any person transferring the ownership of a motor 20 2. vehicle previously untitled in this or any other state to 21 22 another person shall give an odometer mileage statement to the transferee. The statement shall include above the 23 signature of the transferor and transferee the cumulative 24 25 mileage registered on the odometer at the time of transfer. 26 If the true mileage is known to the transferor to be different from the number of miles shown on the odometer or 27 28 the true mileage is unknown, a statement from the transferor 29 shall accompany the assignment of title which shall contain all facts known by the transferor concerning the true 30 mileage of the motor vehicle. That statement shall become a 31 32 permanent part of the records of the Missouri department of 33 revenue.

3. If, upon receiving an application for registration 34 35 or for a certificate of ownership of a motor vehicle, the director of revenue has credible evidence that the odometer 36 reading provided by a transferor is materially inaccurate, 37 he may place an asterisk on the face of the title document 38 39 issued by the Missouri department of revenue, provided that the process required thereby does not interfere with his 40 obligations under subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of section 41

42 301.190. The asterisk shall refer to a statement on the face and at the bottom of the title document which shall 43 44 read as follows: "This may not be the true and accurate mileage of this motor vehicle. Consult the documents on 45 file with the Missouri department of revenue for an 46 47 explanation of the inaccuracy.". Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from challenging the determination 48 49 by the director of revenue in the circuit courts of the 50 state of Missouri. The burden of proof shall be on the 51 director of the department of revenue in all such proceedings. 52

4. The mileage disclosed by the odometer mileage
statement for a new or used motor vehicle as described in
subsections 1 and 2 of this section shall be placed by the
transferor on any title or document evidencing ownership.
Additional statements shall be placed on the title document
as follows:

(1) If the transferor states that to the best of his knowledge the mileage disclosed is the actual mileage of the motor vehicle, an asterisk shall follow the mileage on the face of the title or document of ownership issued by the Missouri department of revenue. The asterisk shall reference to a statement on the face and bottom of the title document which shall read as follows: "Actual Mileage";

66 Where the transferor has submitted an explanation (2)67 why this mileage is incorrect, an asterisk shall follow the mileage on the face of the title or document of ownership 68 issued by the Missouri department of revenue. The asterisk 69 shall reference to a statement on the face and at the bottom 70 71 of the title document which shall read as follows: "This is not the true and accurate mileage of this motor vehicle. 72 Consult the documents on file with the Missouri department 73

of revenue for an explanation of the inaccuracy.". Further
wording shall be included as follows:

(a) If the transferor states that the odometer
reflects the amount of mileage in excess of the designed
mechanical odometer limit, the above statement on the face
of the title document shall be followed by the words:
"Mileage exceeds the mechanical limits";

(b) If the transferor states that the odometer reading differs from the mileage and that the difference is greater than that caused by odometer calibration error and the odometer reading does not reflect the actual mileage and should not be relied upon, the above statement on the face of the title document shall be preceded by the words: "Warning Odometer Discrepancy".

5. The department of revenue shall notify all motor
vehicle ownership transferees of the civil and criminal
penalties involving odometer fraud.

91 6. Any person defacing or obscuring or otherwise
92 falsifying any odometer reading on any document required by
93 this section shall be guilty of a class E felony.

94 The granting or creation of a security interest or 7. 95 lien shall not be considered a change of ownership for the purpose of this section, and the grantor of such lien or 96 97 security interest shall not be required to make an odometer 98 mileage statement. The release of a lien by a mortgage 99 holder shall not be considered a change of ownership of the motor vehicle for the purposes of this section. 100 The mortgage holder or lienholder shall not be required to make 101 an odometer disclosure statement or state the current 102 103 odometer setting at the time of the release of the lien 104 where there is no change of ownership.

105 8. For the purposes of the mileage disclosure 106 requirements of this section, if a certificate of ownership is held by a lienholder, if the transferor makes application 107 for a duplicate certificate of ownership, or as otherwise 108 109 provided in the federal Motor Vehicle Information and Cost 110 Savings Act and related federal regulations, the transferor 111 may execute a written power of attorney authorizing a 112 transfer of ownership. The person granted such power of attorney shall restate exactly on the assignment of title 113 114 the actual mileage disclosed at the time of transfer. The power of attorney shall accompany the certificate of 115 ownership and the original power of attorney and a copy of 116 the certificate of ownership shall be returned to the 117 issuing state in the manner prescribed by the director of 118 119 revenue, unless otherwise provided by federal law, rule or regulation. The department of revenue may prescribe a 120 121 secure document for use in executing a written power of 122 attorney, and may allow electronic signatures on such document. The department shall collect a fee for each form 123 issued, not to exceed the cost of procuring the form. 124

407.556. 1. A violation of the provisions of sections
407.511 to 407.556 by any person licensed or registered as a
manufacturer or dealer pursuant to the provisions of chapter
301, shall be considered a violation of the provisions of
that chapter, subjecting that person to revocation or
suspension of any license issued pursuant to the provisions
of that chapter.

8 2. The provisions of sections 407.511 to 407.556 do9 not apply to the following motor vehicles:

10 (1) Any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight11 rating of more than sixteen thousand pounds;

12 (2) Any motor vehicle that is [ten] twenty years old13 or older;

14 (3) Any motor vehicle sold directly by the
15 manufacturer to any agency of the United States in
16 conformity with contractual specifications; or

17 (4) Any new vehicle prior to its first transfer for18 purposes other than resale.

Section B. The repeal and reenactment of section 2 303.025 of this act shall become effective on January 1, 3 2023.

Section C. Because of the importance of combating 2 human trafficking, and because of the importance of securing federal highway funding to maintain a safe and adequate 3 system of highways in this state, the repeal and reenactment 4 5 of sections 301.192, 301.280, 302.755, 407.526, 407.536, and 6 407.556 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate 7 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within 8 9 the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of sections 301.192, 301.280, 302.755, 407.526, 10 407.536, and 407.556 of this act shall be in full force and 11 12 effect upon its passage and approval.

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