

IMPORTANT MOTOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE CHANGES FROM 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The following legislative changes affect the Missouri Department of Revenue's motor vehicle and driver licensing processes and are effective August 28, 2026 (unless otherwise noted).

Motor Vehicle Bureau

Disabled Placard Duration (HB 1827)

This provision extends the disabled placard duration from 4 years to 8 years and adds occupational therapists to the list of medical service providers who can authorize disabled placard and disabled license plate issuance.

Motor Vehicle Registration Medical Notation (HB 1840)

This provision creates a medical notation for speech impairment to be reflected on a person's motor vehicle registration, assessable to law enforcement through MULES. **This provision goes into effect when the Departments MVDL System Integration is complete.**

Emissions Requirements for Farm Vehicles over Ten Years Old (SB 1033)

This provision exempts vehicles older than 10 years old registered as farm trucks from vehicle emission requirements.

Driver License Bureau

Failure to Stop for a School Bus Enforcement (SB 1421)

This provision establishes increased penalties for failing to stop for a school bus that is receiving or discharging students, including 5 points to be added to the person's driving record, fines ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, and possible driver's license suspension for up to 180 days. Penalties are based on the number of violations committed within a five-year period.

Driving while Intoxicated (HB 1740)

This provision updates the ignition interlock device requirements by mandating that first-time DUI offenders with a blood alcohol content of .15 or higher, or those whose DUI offense caused property damage or personal injury, must install and maintain an ignition interlock device.

Administration

License Office Contract Award – 3 Points (HB 2593)

This provision grants 3 bonus points on any contract bid through any agency, department institution, or any other entity of this state or political subdivision for an honorably discharged veteran owned entity doing business in Missouri.

Elimination of Certified Mail Requirement (HB 2180)

This provision modernizes state agency communications by allowing DOR and other state entities to use regular first-class mail or electronic delivery instead of expensive certified or registered mail saving the state over \$2 million in general revenue.