

IMPORTANT MOTOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE CHANGES FROM 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The following legislative changes affect the Missouri Department of Revenue's motor vehicle and driver license processes and are effective August 28, 2021.

Motor Vehicle Bureau

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum License Plate (SB 189)

This provision authorizes the Department of Revenue to issue Negro Leagues Baseball Museum specialty license plates to applicants for use on any vehicle that is registered under 24,000 pounds with the presentation of an emblem use authorization form, which can be obtained by making a \$10 donation to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum specialty license plates will be available after the associated organization meets application and plate design requirements. DOR systems and forms will be updated at that time.

Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections (SB 49)

This provision exempts new motor vehicles from the safety inspection requirements under section 307.350.

Boat Dealer Sale Requirement Exemptions (SB 49)

This provision waives the requirement that an entity must sell at least six vessels or vessel trailers in a calendar year in order to qualify as a Missouri licensed boat dealer, provided the entity is a licensed boat manufacturer that custom manufactures boats for use with biological research and management equipment for fisheries, or for use with scientific sampling and for geological or chemistry purposes.

Administrative Fees Charged by Vehicle Dealers (SB 176)

This provision allows for Missouri licensed motor vehicle dealers to increase the administrative fee from less than \$200 to \$500 or less and allows for a funding source for the Department of Revenue's integrated Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing System. Missouri licensed motor vehicle dealers will be required to submit 10% of all administrative fees charged to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Motor Vehicle Administration Technology Fund. After completion of the Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing system integration, the fee percentage required to be submitted to the Department of Revenue reduces to 1% for system maintenance.

Electric Bicycles (SB 176)

This provision defines an electric bicycle and includes regulations for its use. An electric bicycle is not required to be titled or registered and the operator is not required to hold a valid driver license.

Alternative Fuel Decal Fee Increase (SB 262)

This provision increases the alternative decal fee paid for alternative fuel vehicles by 20% per year for five years beginning January 1, 2022. Alternative fuel decals for alternative fuel vehicles registered in excess of 36,000 pounds will increase 10% per year for five years beginning January 1, 2022.

Electric Vehicle Task Force (SB 262)

This proposal creates the Electric Vehicle Task Force made up of 13 members. The Director of the Department of Revenue will serve as the Chair of the Task Force. The Department will be required to provide any and all research, clerical, technical or other services the Task Force would need to perform its duties. The Task Force is required to provide its written report detailing information outlined in the proposal by December 31, 2022.

Odometer Disclosure Requirements (SB 262)

This provision changes odometer disclosure requirements on motor vehicle title transfers from vehicles less than 10 years old to vehicles less than 20 years old beginning with model year 2011 and newer vehicles. This brings Missouri in compliance with federal odometer and mileage disclosure regulations.

Salvage Dealer Penalty Provisions (HB 271)

This provision imposes penalty provisions for salvage motor vehicle dealers who knowingly purchase a stolen catalytic converter.

Medal of Honor Recipient Fund (SB 258)

This provision establishes a procedure for applicants registering their vehicles to donate \$1 to the Missouri Medal of Honor Recipients Fund. The Department will be required to ask citizens if they would like to make a donation at the time of their transaction. This provision also allows for Missouri taxpayers who are eligible for a tax refund to donate part or all of their tax refund to the Missouri Medal of Honor Fund. For taxpayers who are not eligible for a tax refund, a donation for any amount can be made to the fund by including the donation with their tax return.

Driver License Bureau

CDL Lifetime Ban for Human Trafficking (SB 262)

This provision mandates a lifetime disqualification for the use of a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of trafficking in persons as defined in 22 U.S.C 7102(11).

Self-Insurance for Religious Entities (SB 6)

This provision changes the motor vehicle self-insurance eligibility requirements for religious entities with more than 25 members from “prohibits” its members from purchasing insurance to “discourages” its members from purchasing insurance.