

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-001**

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Nathan Birenbaum
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to allot mandatory naptime for high school students

**CONTINUATION OF S-001**

32 -Overall reported increase in student mood.  
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1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding the  
3 allotment of time to take naps school for high school students.  
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5 **Key Terms**  
6 “Naptime”, time that is allotted for students to sleep or otherwise rest  
7 during the regular school day.  
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9 **Proposal for Action**  
10 Each school board of a public school in the state of Missouri must schedule  
11 one hour of mandatory naptime for their governed schools during the  
12 school day. This naptime must last for a period of between twenty (20) and  
13 thirty (30) minutes per regular school day. This time should either  
14 immediately precede or be subsequent to lunch. This time must be  
15 uninterrupted by any announcements. Students that are disruptive to the  
16 sleeping of others should be removed from the room.  
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18 **Effective Date**  
19 This act shall take effect at the beginning of the immediate school year  
20 following the passage of this bill.  
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22 **Justification**  
23 Many students, due to homework, extracurricular activities, and family  
24 obligations can get behind on sleep during the school year. Having a half  
25 (1/2) hour of mandatory daily naptime would allow students to have some  
26 much needed recuperation.  
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28 **Expected Results**  
29 -Higher test scores, especially in afternoon classes.  
30 -Less behavioral problems throughout the day.  
31 -Less problems with students falling asleep during normal class time.

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**SENATE: # S-002**

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Heather Brown
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to eliminate the use of the abortion pill

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 188, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding the  
3 elimination of medicated abortion, specifically, by the use of a pill.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Abortion" is defined in section of 188.015 RSMo as the intentional  
7 destruction of the life of an embryo or fetus in his or her mother's womb or  
8 the intentional termination of the pregnancy of a mother with an intention  
9 other than to increase the probability of a live birth or to remove a dead or  
10 dying unborn child.

11 "Medicated abortion" is defined as medication in the form of a pill which  
12 ends a pregnancy and is taken up to sixty-three (63) days or nine (9) weeks  
13 after the first day of a woman's last menstrual cycle.

14 "In-clinic Abortion" is defined as an abortion which is performed by a  
15 physician in a clinic or hospital

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18 **Proposal for Action**

19 Any clinics or hospitals that continue to give medicated abortion as an  
20 option for abortion after the date of passage will be found in non-  
21 compliance of this bill. The prescribing doctor will be fined up to five  
22 hundred dollars, upon first offense. Any additional offenses will increase  
23 five hundred dollars each occasion. The Department of Health will enforce  
24 that doctors do not prescribe the medicated abortion.

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26 **Effective Date**

27 This bill will take effect August 28, 2010.

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29 **Justification**

30 Medicated abortion gives women an effortless way out of a pregnancy. It  
31 gives the false reality that popping a pill will take care of it all and no one  
32 will suffer the consequence for a decision made in haste. Medicated

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33 abortion leads to a society becoming hooked on drugs. It does not infringe  
34 on the right of women to have abortion because in-clinic abortion will still  
35 be allowed.

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37 **Expected Results**

38 All clinics, hospitals, and any licensed person giving advice on abortion must  
39 no longer suggest medicated abortion. Any women desiring to have an  
40 abortion will have the decisions of an in-clinic abortion or, choose to deliver  
41 the child. Women must have the right to have an abortion, if desired, but  
42 not medicated abortion. As a result, women must make a well-thought-out  
43 decision on abortion. In addition, eliminating medicated abortion will  
44 decrease the number of abortions, because women will not be able to  
45 terminate a pregnancy as quickly and will have to think through the  
46 decision thoroughly.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-003**

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Alyssa Champion
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	A Joint Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to Standardize the Teacher Tenure System

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 168.101, RsMo, is amended to standardize the current teacher  
3 tenure system.

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5 **Key Terms**  
6 "Tenure" shall be defined as the status granted to an employee, usually  
7 after a probationary period, indicating that the position or employment is  
8 permanent.

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10 "Public school" shall refer to any school that receives some government  
11 funding for teachers' salaries.

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13 "Parochial school" shall be defined as any school that teaches religious  
14 education and receives government funding; however, the government  
15 funding does not go towards religious education items or teachers' salaries.

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17 "Private school" shall be defined as a school that requires each student to  
18 pay tuition in which part of the tuition goes towards teachers' salaries.

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20 **Proposal for Action**  
21 Any teacher in the state of Missouri, who teaches Kindergarten through  
22 12th grade and is employed in a public, private, or parochial school that has  
23 held his or her position for at least 7 successive years will be able to be  
24 considered to receive tenure.

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26 Teachers must also pass one evaluation, which is established by the state of  
27 Missouri, per semester. Teachers who do not pass an evaluation will receive  
28 a warning.

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30 If the teacher does not pass the second evaluation held after the warning,  
31 he or she will be released from their position. If the teacher does pass the

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32 second evaluation, he or she must show progress in order to remain in good  
33 standing.

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35 After 7 successive years of favorable evaluations the teacher can receive  
36 tenure.

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38 This would standardize the current tenure system in the state of Missouri.

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40 **Effective Date**  
41 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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43 **Justification**  
44 Missouri students are likely to receive higher test scores and obtain an  
45 improved education if they are exposed to higher quality teachers. The  
46 more experience that a teacher receives, the more effective he or she will  
47 become. The school districts in the state of Missouri currently do not have  
48 the same tenure system. This bill will unify the school districts in regards to  
49 the qualifications to receive tenure. It is only fair that every student in the  
50 state of Missouri has the chance to be taught by exceptional teachers.

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52 **Expected Results**  
53 Missouri teachers will become more qualified due to the experience that  
54 they are required to have, therefore increasing student knowledge.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-004**

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Arick Middeke
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	AN ACT TO BAN ABORTIONS IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 188 RSMo  
3 Adding thereto, Section 188.016  
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5 **Key Terms**

- 6 As already stated in Chapter 188 RSMo:  
7 (1) "Abortion", the intentional destruction of the life of an embryo or fetus  
8 in his or her mother's womb or the intentional termination of the  
9 pregnancy of a mother with an intention other than to increase the  
10 probability of a live birth or to remove a dead or dying unborn child;  
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12 (2) "Abortion facility", a clinic, physician's office, or any other place or  
13 facility in which abortions are performed or induced other than a hospital;  
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15 (3) "Conception", the fertilization of the ovum of a female by a sperm of a  
16 male;  
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18 (4) "Medical emergency", a condition which, on the basis of a physician's  
19 good faith clinical judgment, so complicates the medical condition of a  
20 pregnant woman as to necessitate the immediate abortion of her  
21 pregnancy to avert the death of the pregnant woman or for which a delay  
22 will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a  
23 major bodily function of the pregnant woman;  
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25 (5) "Physician", any person licensed to practice medicine in this state by the  
26 state board of registration for\* the healing arts;  
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28 (6) "Unborn child", the offspring of human beings from the moment of  
29 conception until birth and at every stage of its biological development,  
30 including the human conceptus, zygote, morula, blastocyst, embryo, and  
31 fetus;  
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**Proposal for Action**

The intent of this bill is to protect the life of all human beings. It will give the unborn children all rights to live. The only exception for which a woman can have an abortion is in the case of a medical emergency. The intent of this bill is not to lose income from abortion facilities and the state, but less profit may be a consequence of this bill. Abortion facilities and physicians will not be able to preform the procedure of abortion.

**Effective Date**

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

**Justification**

The reason for this bill is simple; all human life needs to be protected by the government. There is no question in science of when human life begins- it is proven 100% to begin at conception. The only questionable issue is if the mother's life is threatened by her child's life in her, in which case she is protected by this bill and only one life (her child's) will be lost if at all possible. Opposition to this bill will be that women, even if not threatened by their pregnancy, should have their choice to destroy the life of an embryo or a fetus in her womb. Even though she gave this child life, she does not have the right or choice to take that life away. It is just the same as saying mothers have their rights to kill their newborn children if they are not wanted; either way, born or unborn, that is murder and should not be tolerated by the government.

**Expected Results**

It is expected that there will be thousands fewer babies killed in the state of Missouri. A side-effect is that the abortion rate will also be raised. The babies that would have been aborted will most likely be put up for adoption since their lives are protected by this bill but they are unwanted by their parent(s). This will only help the community for there are many couples waiting to be able to adopt.

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**SENATE: # S-005**

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Matt Mueller
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to change the graduation requirements for high school students in the state of Missouri.

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3 **Key Terms**

4 For the purpose of this bill, the term "practical art" shall be defined as any  
5 class that the school deems "practical" for future success and requires a  
6 student to take to graduate (Ex. culinary arts, computer classes, business  
7 classes, etc.)

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9 For the purpose of this bill, the term "fine art" shall be defined as any class  
10 in the areas of instrumental music, vocal music, art, or theater arts that a  
11 school requires a student to take to graduate.

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13 **Proposal for Action**

14 The purpose of this bill shall be to change the current graduation  
15 requirements for Missouri high school students from requiring 1 unit of  
16 Practical Arts and 1 unit of Fine Arts to requiring a total of 1 unit of Practical  
17 or Fine arts or a combination of the two. In addition, the number of credits  
18 required in Mathematics shall be raised from 3 to 4. The graduation  
19 requirements shall read as follows:

20 Minimum High School Graduation Requirements

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- 22 Communication Arts 4 units
- 23 Mathematics 4 units
- 24 Social Studies 3 units
- 25 Science 3 units
- 26 Fine Arts/Practical Arts 1 unit
- 27 Physical Education 1 unit
- 28 Health Education 1/2 unit
- 29 Personal Finance 1/2 unit
- 30 Electives 7 units
- 31 Total

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34 The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall  
35 oversee the implementation of this act.

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37 **Effective Date**

38 This bill shall be enacted beginning with the freshmen class of 2010.

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40 **Justification**

41 As the educational system within the United States struggles to keep up  
42 with global competition, it is imperative that high school students receive  
43 an education that will prepare them for future success. By lowering the  
44 number of fine and practical arts credits required, the requirement for  
45 Mathematics credits shall be raised by one (1). This change in requirements  
46 shall allow Missouri high school students to be more prepared for college  
47 and more competitive in the global market.

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49 **Expected Results**

50 This bill will not require any additional funding. Any school that does not  
51 adhere to this bill shall lose all government funding.

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**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-006**

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Radhika Natarajan
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend section 160.135, RSMo by adding thereto one new section relating to A+ program benefits.

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30 4. Funding for this scholarship shall come from education funds provided by  
31 gambling commission.

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 160.135 RsMO amended by adding thereto one new section to be  
3 known as section 160.135.1, to read as follows:

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5 **Key Terms**

6 The gambling commission is the money given towards education by  
7 casino's.

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9 **Proposal for Action**

10 160.135.1. All Any Parent/Guardian of a student who completes the A+  
11 program in a Missouri high school will be given up to a \$4000 tax credit  
12 each year against their Missouri income tax liability for tuition spent at a  
13 Missouri private or public institution of higher education. In addition, any  
14 public institution of higher education shall provide a scholarship of from  
15 \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year for at least 10% of their student body that  
16 completes the A plus program.

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18 **Effective Date**

19 2. This Act will be implemented and take effect from Fall 2011 Admissions  
20 onwards. This includes all A+ students who are graduating from University  
21 on or before Fall 2015.

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23 **Justification**

24 3. This is subject to all educational Institutions, such as Universities,  
25 colleges, and community colleges, within the state of Missouri, but not  
26 limited to the professional, technical as well as career oriented schools. This  
27 is applicable to only to Undergraduate or Graduate Admissions.

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29 **Expected Results**

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-007</b> <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Matthew Norton
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to Give Students Academic Credit for Participating in Extracurricular Activities

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 161 is amended and a new section is enacted.
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- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 extra-curricular activities- substantial physical education activities involving
- 6 more than 10 hours of week of education professional led physical activity
- 7 over a period of eighteen weeks or more each school year.
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- 9 **Proposal for Action**
- 10 Students participating in an extracurricular activity as defined above will
- 11 receive a half credit for their participation.
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- 13 **Effective Date**
- 14 The school year following bill passage.
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- 16 **Justification**
- 17 Students do more in extracurricular sports than a gym class yet have to take
- 18 a gym class or an elective to graduate
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- 20 **Expected Results**
- 21 Students doing extracurricular activities will be able to receive high school
- 22 credit for their physical education activity.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-008</b> <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Emily White
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	A Concurrent Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to Give Public Middle School Students Public High School Graduation Credits for Participation in and Passing of Accredited Public High School Classes.

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended and a new section regarding pre-high
- 3 school accreditation
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- 6 **Key Terms**
- 7 "Public middle school student," shall be defined as any student, grade six
- 8 (6) through eight (8) in the public school system. "Public high school
- 9 student," shall be defined as any student grade nine (9) through twelve (12)
- 10 in the public school system. "Accredited public high school level course,"
- 11 shall be defined as any course equivalent to the high school level as defined
- 12 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- 13 "Required high school graduation credits," shall be defined as the minimum
- 14 amount of credits required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and
- 15 Secondary Education to receive a diploma from a Public High School. "Legal
- 16 guardian," shall be defined as the person or persons with responsibility of a
- 17 minor, under the age of eighteen (18).
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- 20 **Proposal for Action**
- 21 Middle-school students who take an accredited high school level course will
- 22 have the opportunity to receive the high school credit, if the course is
- 23 equivalent to the high school, and contingent upon the passing of an End of
- 24 Course exam set by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary
- 25 Education of Missouri. Upon passing this End of Course Exam, the student
- 26 will receive the high school credit and these credit may be put towards the
- 27 students needed credits for graduation.
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- 29 This bill shall be enforced by the Missouri Department of Elementary and
- 30 Secondary Education. If a school or school district are found in non-

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31 compliance, then the district will receive a warning after one semester.  
32 After two warnings, the school district will lose their accreditation until they  
33 comply with these regulations. A system will be established in which  
34 students and legal guardians can report non-compliance through a form  
35 located on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary  
36 Education website.

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38 Any costs incurred for this bill, though negligible, will be funded through the  
39 general funds of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary  
40 Education.

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**Effective Date**

44 This bill shall go into effect immediately after passage with eligibility for  
45 credit beginning with the start of the next academic school year.

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**Justification**

49 This bill would be an opportunity for students to receive credit for classes  
50 that they may take while in middle school. These credits can be used for  
51 required credits needed for graduation. With the passing of this bill, many  
52 more students will be able to graduate from high school early and/or also  
53 have the opportunity to take more courses to obtain a more rich education.  
54 This bill would give the students that work hard by taking an upper level  
55 class the credit that they deserve.

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**Expected Results**

59 Contingent upon the passing of this bill, more students will be able to  
60 graduate early and take more rigorous courses because of receiving credit  
61 for the classes they have already completed. In doing this, education would  
62 be richer for many students. By passing this bill, a new door of educational  
63 opportunity will be opened.

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<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>SENATE: # S-015</b>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Joe Garvey
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Banning texting while driving

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**RSMo**

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Chapter 302

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**Key Terms**

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"texting", typing messages in by letters, or sending pictures on any phone  
6 or electronic device "driving", operating a motor vehicle that is in motion  
7 with the ignition or motor on

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**Proposal for Action**

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To make a moving offense under traffic statutes of the sending of text or  
11 picture messages by any driver of any age while driving in Missouri. The  
12 penalty shall be 1 point assessed against one's license and a fine of no more  
13 than \$500 and no less than \$300.

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**Effective Date**

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This act shall take effect on October 31, 2010

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**Justification**

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It is currently illegal for persons under the age of 21 to text while driving,  
20 being above 21 years of age does not make you a good enough driver to be  
21 so distracted.

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**Expected Results**

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A significant decrease in crashes once act is properly enforced.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-016</b> <b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Michael Henson
<b>Delegation:</b>	Oakville High School
<b>Type:</b>	A Concurrent Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	State Exise tax for Forign Made Automobiles.

1 **RSMo**  
2 Missouri Statute of Modot reformation.

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4 **Key Terms**  
5 Foreign made automobile; Any vehicle that's main headquarters in another  
6 country.

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8 **Proposal for Action**  
9 To improve MODOT funding and to have more missourians have an impact  
10 on MODOT funds. Thsi also encouages people to buy more cars to stimulate  
11 the economy.

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13 **Effective Date**  
14 January 1st, 2010 to December 31st 2025.

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16 **Justification**  
17 The purpose of this law is to improve our state highways, bridges, and roads  
18 more quickly and efficiently and to maintain our high standard of excellence  
19 when it comes to affairs dealing with MODOT. Foreign made automobiles  
20 are targeted in this bill due to the slightly higher sales percentages in  
21 Missouri's metropolitan areas (St, Louis City, surrounding counties. St.  
22 Charles, Kansas City, than the American made brands such as Ford, or  
23 General Motors.

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25 **Expected Results**  
26 The funding acquired from this tax should aid the improvement of like  
27 Interstates, like 55 and 270 or expand some smaller highways like State  
28 Highway 21. This also includes United States highways like 65 or route 66 as  
29 well. The overall achievements by passage of said bill would be the increase  
30 in speed of specified improvements and to provide safety equipment of the  
31 workers employed by MODOT executing these tasks.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-017</b> <b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Christina Hermann
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend RSMo Chapter 115, Section 115.135 to replace necessary voter registration on the 4th Wednesday by 10:00 p.m. with Election Day Registration.

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 115, Section 115.135

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4 **Key Terms**  
5 Election Day Registration is defined as registration for voting in federal,  
6 state, and local elections before or on the day of the election.  
7 Any person qualified or who shall be qualified to vote include those  
8 qualified by the federal government.

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11 **Proposal for Action**  
12 An act to amend RSMo 115.135 to have it read as follows:  
13 Any person who is qualified to vote, or who shall become qualified to vote  
14 on or before the day of the election, shall be entitled to register in the  
15 jurisdiction within which he or she resides. In order to vote in any election  
16 for which registration is required, a person must register on or before the  
17 day of the election which he or she wishes to vote in.  
18 A person applying to register with an election authority or deputy  
19 registration official shall identify himself or herself by presenting a copy of a  
20 birth certificate, a Native American tribal document, other proof of United  
21 States citizenship, a valid Missouri drivers license or other form of personal  
22 identification at the time of registration.  
23 The Missouri Secretary of State is charged with establishing this program  
24 and ensuring that every county meets the requirements outlined in this bill.

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27 **Effective Date**  
28 This bill will be effective immediately upon passage.

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30 **Justification**

31 The six states in the United States that have adopted Election Day  
32 Registration have seen a 10-12% increase in the number of citizens who  
33 participate in elections, compared to the national number. Election Day  
34 Registration offers more eligible citizens the opportunity to vote in federal,  
35 state, and local elections.

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37 **Expected Results**

38 The cost for this bill will come from the money currently allocated to voter  
39 registration in the state of Missouri. This bill is not intended to require any  
40 additional funds for implementation.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-018</b> <b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Holly Morrow
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend section 194.304 RSMo from an opt-in organ donation program to an opt-out program.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 194.304

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4 **Key Terms**

5 “Organ Donation” is defined as the act of giving organ(s) or tissue, without  
6 compensation, to someone else.

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8 “Missouri Organ Donation Registry” is defined as the master list of every  
9 person registered with the state of Missouri as an organ donor.

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11 “Donor” is defined as a registered person who has been declared dead and  
12 whose organs and/or tissue have been given to a transplant recipient.

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14 **Proposal for Action**

15 To repeal the section of RSMo 194.304 stating that all persons who sign the  
16 back of their driver’s license are signed up to be organ donors, and to insert  
17 a section stating everyone is automatically an organ donor, unless  
18 otherwise specified. Currently, organ donors are those who register with  
19 Missouri’s Organ Donation Registry or have the back of their driver’s  
20 licenses signed, and those not registered or with unsigned driver’s licenses  
21 are not considered organ donors. However, this amendment will reverse  
22 the current registry from an opt-in program to an opt-out program,  
23 meaning all persons who do not wish to donate their organs upon death are  
24 required to specify by either registering with Missouri’s Organ Donation  
25 Registry or signing the back of their driver’s license. Beginning January 1,  
26 2010, every person with a driver’s license or receiving a driver’s license will  
27 automatically become registered with state as an organ donor unless  
28 otherwise specified.

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30 **Effective Date**

31 This amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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 33 **Justification**  
 34 More organ donors are needed across the state of Missouri. Although many  
 35 people are already registered with the state to be organ donors upon  
 36 death, there are many more willing to donate organs, but are uneducated  
 37 as to how to do so or do not feel as though they have the time to register.  
 38 This amendment will remove any chance for a potential organ donor to  
 39 miss the opportunity to register. Also, while eliminating any legwork for  
 40 those who wish to be donors, this bill gives those who are strongly against  
 41 organ donation to register with the state to not be an organ donor, and  
 42 have their names fully removed from the donor list.

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 44 **Expected Results**  
 45 The need for organ donors will decrease across the state of Missouri. Also,  
 46 those needing organs due to illness or injury will be able to live longer,  
 47 causing death rates of those in need of organs to fall since more organ  
 48 donors will be available.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>SENATE: # S-019</b>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Dawn Schillinger
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	A Little Green in Every Building

1 **RSMo**  
 2 An act to add to RSMo 640, to add the following  
 3  
 4 **Key Terms**  
 5 As used in the following section, the following terms mean  
 6  
 7 1. "Company", a group of people partaking in a business, whether for profit  
 8 or non-for-profit.  
 9 2. "New Building", a construction site in which at least two walls are being  
 10 torn down and reconstructed or an entire enclosed space is being built from  
 11 the ground up or redone.  
 12 3. "Construction Materials", materials used in the foundation or framework,  
 13 such as walls, roof, cabinetry, doors, etc.  
 14 4. "Reused or recycled material", material that has either been used already  
 15 and is going to be salvaged and serve a new purpose in the construction or  
 16 material that has been used, broken down, and reformed into new  
 17 material.  
 18 5. "Easily renewable resources", material, such as bamboo or straw, which  
 19 does not create a large environmental impact when harvested and require  
 20 less than five years to grow back fully.  
 21 6. "Decorative material", excess material serving an aesthetic or no purpose  
 22  
 23  
 24 **Proposal for Action**  
 25 Any company wishing to construct a new building must make plans to  
 26 account for at least five (5) percent of the construction materials used to be  
 27 either reused or recycled material or easily renewable resources. These  
 28 materials should be included in the actual construction, and decorative  
 29 material can not count towards the five percent. Materials from the old  
 30 building should be encouraged to be reused and saved from going to a  
 31 landfill, and even if not used for the actual construction, reused materials  
 32 can account for two of the five percent required.

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33 It will be the job of the municipality in which this building is being approved  
34 to make sure the materials listed include recycled, reused, or easily  
35 renewable resources and that the plans for the building include these  
36 materials actively used, not for decoration. The Department of Natural  
37 Resources shall settle any disagreements between contractors and the  
38 municipality if it can not be resolved otherwise.  
39 If company does not follow their plans and use the environmentally friendly  
40 material, they shall be fined for thirty (30) percent of the total cost of the  
41 building.

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43  
44 **Effective Date**

45 This bill shall go on January 1st of the year immediately following its  
46 passage and signing.

47  
48 **Justification**

49 A green building is not necessarily an expensive building. Material like straw  
50 and bamboo creates an interesting aesthetic appeal as well as being easily  
51 regrown and not creating a devastating impact on the environment. Alberici  
52 Construction built a highly green building of 110,000 square feet out of  
53 materials such as those listed without going over budget for their new  
54 building.

55  
56 **Expected Results**

57 With this bill in effect, the impact will be the immediate account for less  
58 waste of possibly hazardous and environmentally damaging materials used  
59 in construction. Old growth trees can take decades or centuries to regrow  
60 to their former glory, but this bill will encourage using fast growing or  
61 already used materials. The goal of this bill is to encourage more and more  
62 environmentally friendly material and force businesses to look at  
63 environmental alternatives that may be more appealing than the damaging  
64 options but not previously considered.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>SENATE: # S-020</b>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brandon Tobin
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to make a refundable recycling tax on recyclable bottles

1 **RSMo**

2 to amend RSMo, Chapter 620 by adding sections  
3 321 and 327 to encourage recycling through a  
4 refundable tax.

5  
6 **Key Terms**

7 “Beverage”, soda water or similar carbonated soft drinks, mineral water,  
8 and beer and other malt beverages, but shall not include alcoholic  
9 beverages other than beer and malt beverages as defined in chapter one  
10 hundred and thirty-eight, dairy products, natural fruit juices or wine.

11  
12 “Beverage container”, any sealable bottle, can, jar, or carton which is  
13 primarily composed of glass, metal, plastic or any combination of those  
14 materials and is produced for the purpose of containing a beverage. This  
15 definition shall not include containers made of biodegradable material.

16  
17 “Bottler”, any person filling beverage containers for sale to distributors or  
18 dealers, including dealers who bottle or sell their own brand of beverage.

19  
20 “Consumer”, any person who purchases a beverage in a beverage  
21 container  
22 for use or consumption with no intent to resell such beverage.

23  
24 “Dealer”, any person, including any operator of a vending machine, who  
25 engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers to consumers in  
26 the  
27 State of Missouri.

28  
29 “Distributor”, any person who engages in the sale of beverages in beverage  
30 containers to dealers in the State of Missouri including any bottler who  
31 engages in such sales.

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32  
 33 “Label”, a molded imprint or 30 raised symbol on or near the bottom of a  
 34 plastic product.  
 35  
 36 “Plastic”, any material made of polymeric organic compounds and additives  
 37 that can be shaped by flow.  
 38  
 39 “Plastic bottle”, a plastic container that has a neck that is smaller than the  
 40 body of the container, accepts a screw type, snap cap or other closure and  
 41 has a capacity of sixteen fluid ounces or more, but less than five gallons.  
 42  
 43 “Rigid plastic container”, any formed or molded container, other than a  
 44 bottle, intended for single use, composed predominantly of plastic resin  
 45 and having a relatively inflexible finite shape or form with a capacity of  
 46 eight ounces or more but less than five gallons.  
 47  
 48 “Reusable beverage container”, any beverage container so constructed and  
 49 designed that it is structurally capable of being refilled and resold by a  
 50 bottler at least ten times after its initial use.

51 **Proposal for Action**

52 Section 322. Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the State  
 53 of Missouri shall have a refund value of not less than five cents. The  
 54 provisions of this section shall not apply to such containers sold by a  
 55 distributor for use by a common carrier in the conduct of interstate  
 56 passenger service.

57 Section 323. (a) Every consumer shall deposit with the dealer the refund  
 58 value of each beverage container purchased from that dealer.  
 59  
 60

61 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (f), a dealer shall accept from any  
 62 person during his business hours any empty beverage container of the  
 63 type,  
 64 size and brand sold by the dealer within the past sixty days and shall pay  
 65 that person the refund value of each beverage container returned.  
 66

67 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (f), a distributor shall accept from any  
 68 dealer any empty beverage container of the type, size and brand sold by  
 69 the  
 70 distributor within the past sixty days and shall pay the dealer the refund  
 71 value of the beverage container plus a handling fee of at least one cent per  
 72 container if the empty beverage container is presented at the time of and  
 73 at the location at which the dealer obtains filled beverage containers from

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74 the distributor.  
 75

76 (d) Except as provided in paragraph (f), a bottler shall accept from a  
 77 distributor or a dealer any empty reusable beverage container of the type,  
 78 size, and brand sold by the bottler within the past sixty days and shall pay  
 79 the distributor or dealer the refund value of the reusable beverage  
 80 container plus a handling fee of at least one cent per container if the empty  
 81 reusable beverage container is presented at the time and at the location  
 82 where the distributor or dealer obtains filled reusable beverage containers  
 83 from the bottler; provided, however, that a bottler other than a bottler of  
 84 soft drinks manufacturing in the State of Missouri who offers to refund  
 85 deposits in accordance with this section, shall not require a distributor to  
 86 deposit with the bottler the refund value of a beverage container which is  
 87 not reusable, nor shall a bottler require of a distributor that beverage  
 88 containers which are not reusable, be presented to the bottler at the  
 89 location where the distributor obtains filled beverage containers.

90  
 91 (e) Any person may establish a redemption center and shall have the right  
 92 to determine what type, size and brand of beverage container shall be  
 93 accepted. Except as provided in paragraph (f), a distributor shall take from  
 94 any redemption center any empty beverage container of the type, size and  
 95 brand sold by the distributor within the past sixty days and shall pay the  
 96 redemption center the refund value of the container plus a handling fee of  
 97 at least one cent per container.  
 98

99 (f) A dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler may refuse to accept  
 100 any beverage container which contains material foreign to the normal  
 101 contents of the container.  
 102

103 (g) Any bottler or distributor who receives deposits and/or handling  
 104 charges  
 105 under this chapter shall segregate said deposits or handling charges in a  
 106 fund which shall be maintained separately from all other revenues. Said  
 107 bottler or distributor shall report on a monthly basis to the alcoholic  
 108 beverage control commission in a manner prescribed by said commission,  
 109 the amount of said deposits or handling charges received and the amount  
 110 refunded.  
 111

112 (h) Any bottler or distributor who is subject to the provisions of paragraphs  
 113 (c), (d) or (e) shall maintain a separate account to be known as the Deposit  
 114 Transaction Fund. Said fund shall be kept separate from all other revenues  
 115 and accounts. Each bottler or distributor shall place in said fund the refund

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116 value for all non-reusable beverage containers it sells subject to the  
117 provisions of this chapter.

118

119 Except as specified in section three hundred and twenty-three D, amounts  
120 in such fund may only be expended to pay refund values paid after  
121 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine for returned non  
122 reusable beverage containers pursuant to paragraphs (c), (d) and (e).  
123 Amounts in such fund shall not be used to pay the handling fees required  
124 by  
125 paragraphs (c), (d) and (e). Each such fund shall be maintained by said  
126 bottlers and distributors on behalf of consumers who have purchased  
127 refundable non-reusable beverage containers and on behalf of the State of  
128 Missouri; except as specified in section three hundred and twenty-three C,  
129 for no purpose are amounts in such fund to be regarded as income of said  
130 bottlers or distributors.

131

132 (i) The obligations to accept or take empty beverage containers and to pay  
133 the refund value and handling fees for such containers as described in  
134 paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall apply only to containers originally sold  
135 in the State of Missouri as filled beverage containers. Any person who  
136 tenders to a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler more than  
137 ten  
138 cases of twenty-four empty beverage containers each, which he knows or  
139 has reason to know were not originally sold in the State of Missouri as filled  
140 beverage containers, for the purpose of obtaining a refund value or  
141 set forth in section three hundred and twenty-seven. For the purpose of  
142 this section and section three hundred and twenty-seven, the term person  
143 shall include any individual, partnership, corporation, or other combination  
144 or entity.

145

146 Section 323A. No person shall distribute, sell or offer for sale any plastic  
147 bottle or rigid plastic container, or any product in such a bottle or  
148 container,  
149 unless such product bottle or container is labeled with a code indicating  
150 the  
151 plastic resin used to produce the bottle or container. Plastic bottles or rigid  
152 plastic containers with labels and base cups of a different material shall be  
153 coded by their basic material. Such code shall consist of a number placed  
154 within a triangle of arrows and letters placed below the triangle of arrows.  
155 The triangle shall be equilateral, formed by three arrows with the apex of  
156 each point of the triangle at the midpoint of each arrow, rounded with a  
157 short radius. The arrowhead of each arrow shall be at the midpoint of each

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158 side of the triangle with a short gap separating the pointer from the base of  
159 the adjacent arrow. The triangle, formed by the three arrows curved at  
160 their midpoints shall depict a clockwise path around the code number. The  
161 numbers and letters used shall be as follows:

162

163 (a) "1" - PETE (polyethylene terephthalate);  
164  
165 (b) "2" - HDPE (high density polyethylene);  
166  
167 (c) "3" - V (vinyl);  
168  
169 (d) "4" - LDPE (low density polyethylene);  
170  
171 (e) "5" - PP (polypropylene)  
172  
173 (f) "6" - PS (polystyrene);  
174  
175 (g) "7" - OTHER (includes multi-layer).  
176

177 Section 323B. Every bottler or distributor shall report to the commissioner  
178 of revenue by the tenth day of each month, concerning transactions  
179 affecting its Deposit Transaction Fund in the preceding month. Such report  
180 shall be made in a form prescribed by said commissioner and shall include  
181 the number of non-reusable beverage containers sold and the number of  
182 non-reusable beverage containers returned in said month, the amount of  
183 deposits received in and payments made from said fund in said month and  
184 the most recent three-month period, any income earned on amounts in the  
185 Deposit Transaction Fund during said preceding month, the balance in said  
186 Deposit Transaction Fund at the close of said preceding month, and such  
187 other information as said commissioner may require in furtherance of his  
188 duties pursuant to this chapter  
189

190 Section 323C. At the end of each month, any amounts that are or should be  
191 in a bottler's or distributor's Deposit Transaction Fund and that are in  
192 excess of the sum of (a) income earned on amounts in said account during  
193 that month and (b) the total amount of refund values received by said  
194 bottler or distributor for non-reusable beverage containers during that  
195 month and the two preceding months shall be deemed to constitute  
196 abandoned deposit amounts. Income earned on said fund may be  
197 transferred from said fund for use as funds of the bottler or distributor.  
198

199 Section 323D. By the tenth day of each month, each bottler or distributor

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200 shall turn over to the commissioner of revenue any deposit amounts  
201 deemed to be abandoned at the close of the preceding month, pursuant to  
202 section three hundred and twenty-three C. Such amounts may be paid  
203 from  
204 the Deposit Transaction Fund. Amounts collected by the commissioner of  
205 revenue pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Clean  
206 Environment Fund, established pursuant to section three hundred and  
207 twenty-three F.

209 Section 323E. If in any month the authorized payments from the Deposit  
210 Transaction Fund by a bottler or distributor pursuant to paragraph (h) of  
211 section three hundred and twenty-three exceed the funds that are or  
212 should be in its Deposit Transaction Fund, the State of Missouri shall  
213 reimburse said bottler or distributor, from amounts received pursuant to  
214 section three hundred and twenty-three D, for those refunds paid by the  
215 bottler or distributor for non-reusable beverage containers for which the  
216 funds that are or should be in its Deposit Transaction Fund are insufficient;  
217 provided, however, that such reimbursements to a bottler or distributor for  
218 a month shall not exceed the excess of (a) amounts paid by said bottler or  
219 distributor to the State of Missouri pursuant to said section three hundred  
220 and twenty-three D in the preceding twenty-four months over (b) amounts  
221 paid by the State of Missouri to said bottler or distributor pursuant to this  
222 section during said twenty-four months.

223  
224 **Effective Date**

225 This bill will go into effect six (6) months after its passage.  
226

227 **Justification**

228 Recycling saves our resources and if we give people a little incentive to  
229 recycle more people will want to recycle, and if more people recycle we  
230 save our resources and thus we dont run into a problem of losing those  
231 resources(as fast).  
232

233 **Expected Results**

234 it will cause more people to recycle because they get the money for the tax  
235 back.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>SENATE: # S-021</b>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Zachary Wayer
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to raise the age to purchase tobacco products

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 407.926, is amended, to change and violation fines.  
3

4 **Key Terms**

5 "Tobacco" is defined as the prepared leaves of the tobacco plant, as used in  
6 cigarettes, cigars, and pipes Other team as used herein defined by section  
7 407.920 RSMo  
8

9 **Proposal for Action**

10 1. Any person or entity who sells tobacco products shall deny the sale of  
11 such tobacco products to any person who is less than eighteen (18) years of  
12 age. Eighteen (18) will be amended to read twenty-one (21).  
13

14 2. Any person or entity who sells or distributes tobacco products by mail or  
15 thorough the Internet in this state in violation of subsection 1 of this section  
16 shall be assessed a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars for the first  
17 violation and a five hundred for each subsequent violation. Two hundred  
18 will be amended to read three hundred. Five hundred will be amended to  
19 read six hundred.  
20

21 **Effective Date**

22 This act shall go into effect August 28, 2010  
23

24 **Justification**

25 Using tobacco is proven to cause lung cancer. If we raise the age to twenty  
26 one we are giving the young adults of Missouri a chance to develop in a  
27 more healthy manner and make better decisions.  
28

29 **Expected Results**

30 This law will help save Missouri lives by decreasing the amount youth  
31 becoming addicted to tobacco and ultimately dying from lung disease. This  
32 will also increase moneys to the state for illegal selling of tobacco products.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-025**

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Justin Borgstede
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend 304.010 of the RSMo to decrease the speed limit of interstates, freeways, expressways, highways, and roads.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 304.010, RSMo, is amended to decrease the speed limit of  
3 interstates, freeways, expressways, highways, and roads.

4

5 **Key Terms**

6 For the purpose of this amended section, the terms shall still be defined by  
7 304.010 of the RSMo.

8

9 **Proposal for Action**

10 Upon the rural interstates and freeways of this state, seventy miles per  
11 hour will be amended to fifty-five miles per hour.

12 Upon the rural expressways of this state, sixty-five miles per hour will be  
13 amended to fifty-five miles per hour.

14 Upon the interstate highways, freeways or expressways within the  
15 urbanized areas of this state, sixty miles per hour will be amended to fifty-  
16 five miles per hour.

17 All other roads and highways in this state not located in an urbanized area  
18 and not provided for in the subdivisions above, sixty miles per hour will be  
19 amended to fifty-five miles per hour.

20 All other roads shall not exceed fifty-five miles per hour.

21

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23 **Effective Date**

24 This legislation will be enacted August 28, 2010.

25

26 **Justification**

27 This bill, when passed, will decrease the speed limit of all interstates,  
28 freeways, expressways, highways, and roads in the state of Missouri in  
29 order to spare the lives of many highway travelers. Along with providing  
30 significant safety, this bill would drastically increase the fuel efficiency of

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31 motor vehicles. Motor vehicles get many more miles per gallon when  
32 traveling fifty-five (55) miles per hour compared to the current set speed  
33 limits. This efficiency was proven by the U.S. 1974 Emergency Highway  
34 Energy Conservation Act which improved fuel efficiency and savings across  
35 America.

36

37 **Expected Results**

38 This bill, when passed, will decrease the speed limit of all interstates,  
39 freeways, expressways, highways, and roads in the state of Missouri in  
40 order to increase the safety of passing citizens and to increase the fuel  
41 efficiency of motor vehicles.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-026**

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Grant Guthrie
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	The Hawk Eye Search and Rescue Bill

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 285

3  
4 **Key Terms**  
5 UAV- unmanned aerial vehicle ,  
6 Northrup Grumman RQ-4 global Hawk- a type of UAV

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8  
9 **Proposal for Action**  
10 The state homeland security office is authorized to purchase and supply the  
11 Missouri Air National Guard with a total of 2 unmanned aerial vehicles  
12 (UAV) Northrop Grumman RQ-4 Global Hawk vehicles for search and rescue  
13 purposes and is authorized to enter into interstate cooperation agreements  
14 to help pay for the RQ-4 with any of the continental states that want their  
15 services.

16  
17 **Effective Date**  
18 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2010

19  
20 **Justification**  
21 The Global Hawks are far more fuel efficient using than the standard black  
22 hawk helicopters. The UAV Global Hawk also has a greater range. This  
23 means that the Global Hawk can stay over the target area for an unlimited  
24 amount of time (with mid air refueling) instead of only a half hour. They are  
25 cheaper to operate over long periods of time. The Global Hawks can see  
26 potential threats (downed power lines tall trees and etc...) to send back to  
27 utility companies and emergency workers. It can see heat signatures of  
28 people buried under rubble and relay that information to an emergency  
29 station or disaster relief station which can then dispatch a helicopter  
30 directly to the people and because the helicopter does not have to search  
31 they can spend more time over the target area before bingo. (The point in  
32 which the helicopter must turn back because of low fuel levels). the UAV

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33 Global Hawk can stay in the air for up to 36 hours witch is longer than any  
34 helicopter witch means it can devote more time searching. This could save  
35 thousands of lives in the many natural disasters. It will also reduce the  
36 number of helicopter missions witch will save money. I plan to pay for the  
37 RQ-4 (witch cost 32 million per RQ-4 Global Hawk) by using the money in  
38 the disaster relief budget and by entering an interstate agreement with any  
39 state in the continental us

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41  
42 **Expected Results**  
43 Thousands of lives would be saved by emergency relief enhancement

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-027**

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Alex Hurley
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to ban the use of handheld cellular devices in automobiles.

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 304.820, RSMo is amended and a new section is created regarding  
3 what devices are allowed for use, when they are allowed, and how  
4 collected revenue shall be divided.

5  
6 **Key Terms**

7 “Cell Phone” and “Cellular Device”, A wireless telephone device that is  
8 designed to send or receive transmissions through a cellular radiotelephone  
9 service, as defined in Section 22.99 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal  
10 Regulations. A cell phone includes the rechargeable battery that may be  
11 connected to that cell phone. A cell phone does not include a wireless  
12 telephone device that is integrated into the electrical architecture of a  
13 motor vehicle.

14 “Handheld”, Requires the physical touch of the operator’s hands during  
15 operation to utilize properly. Devices that are integrated into the electrical  
16 architecture of a motor vehicle, those that have a speakerphone option,  
17 and wired/wireless headsets are not considered handheld.

18 “Operate”, (in regards to the cellular devices) Using through any means,  
19 including making/receiving calls, text messaging, voice messaging,  
20 voicemail, games and/or other applications, etc.

21  
22  
23 **Proposal for Action**

24 All drivers within the state of Missouri of all ages shall no longer be allowed  
25 to operate handheld cellular devices within their motor vehicles while the  
26 vehicle is on the roadway and they are in control of the vehicle.

27 Only when the motor vehicle is fully stopped and in “Park” shall the driver  
28 of the vehicle be allowed to use their handheld cellular device within the  
29 vehicle.

30 Cellular devices that are considered handheld but are capable of a  
31 speakerphone setting shall be allowed to use if the speakerphone setting

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32 is activated and if it is mounted somewhere on the dashboard of the vehicle  
33 during use. Also, cellular devices built into the electrical architecture of the  
34 motor vehicle shall be allowable to use along with devices that can be  
35 operated with a hands free headset.

36 Drivers who are caught using their handheld cellular devices within their  
37 vehicle on the roadway will be considered guilty of an infraction and fined  
38 \$200 per every offense, and \$1000 per every offense if use of the handheld  
39 cellular device leads to an accident.

40 Police Departments throughout the state of Missouri and the Missouri State  
41 Highway Patrol shall be responsible for the enforcement of this act.  
42 Half of the money collected through these fines shall be given to the  
43 Missouri State Highway Patrol – Division of Budget and Procurement to do  
44 with as they see fit and the other half shall be given to the Missouri  
45 Department of Revenue to do with as they see fit.

46  
47  
48 **Effective Date**

49 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

50  
51 **Justification**

52 Last year, according to the Missouri Highway Patrol, inattention was the  
53 leading cause of all crashes in the state of Missouri. Current Missouri law  
54 prevents drivers under 21 from texting while driving, but this legislation is  
55 fundamentally flawed and should be amended for several reasons.

56 First, although the inexperience of younger drivers does make them more  
57 susceptible to accidents, older drivers are still more than capable of being  
58 distracted while on the roadway. For this reason, drivers of all ages should  
59 be restricted from the use of handheld cellular devices while driving to  
60 further prevent accidents from happening.

61 Secondly, while texting is certainly more distracting than the other  
62 functions of a cellular device, talking on the phone can still significantly  
63 impair the quality of an individual’s driving skills. With only one hand on the  
64 wheel, any driver simply cannot be as effective in situations compared to  
65 the same situation with both hands on the wheel. For this reason, all  
66 functions of cellular devices must be restricted to hands free technology to  
67 ensure that our roads are safe.

68 Also, such an act will create a new industry for non-handheld devices and  
69 accessories to be used in motor vehicles. Where there is a need for these  
70 devices, someone will step forward with products available to consumers  
71 for purchase. This new industry could lead to a small but valuable source of  
72 economic activity.

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74  
75 **Expected Results**  
76 Missouri drivers can expect a far safer driving experience while utilizing  
77 Missouri roadways. Also, the development of a new industry for non-  
78 handheld electronic devices will most likely develop.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-028</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brian Porter
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Mandatory Sensory Driving Test For Senior Citizens

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 302  
3  
4 **Key Terms**  
5 "Senior Citizen" A Missouri Driver exceeding the age of 75 years.  
6  
7 **Proposal for Action**  
8 To any person who, when required by this law to take an examination, has  
9 failed to pass such examination, furthermore any senior citizen over the age  
10 of seventy five (75) is required annually to be presented with a sensory test  
11 including hearing, sight, and reaction sections. A satisfactory score of 60  
12 percent must be shown on the exam to be issued renewed certification.  
13  
14 **Effective Date**  
15 This act will take effect on January 1, 2010 upon the passing of the bill.  
16  
17 **Justification**  
18 Senior Citizens on the road have exceeded the accident rate of teens.  
19 However, not all senior citizens' licenses should be revoked. Only a  
20 percentage of senior citizens cause a threat to other drives on the road.  
21 This yearly sensory test keeps the healthy drivers on the road while  
22 protecting all other individuals. All in all, with these simple required tests  
23 we create an overall safer method of transportation for all ages.  
24  
25 **Expected Results**  
26 This law will now read as follows:  
27  
28 302.060. 1. The director shall not issue any license and shall immediately  
29 deny any driving privilege:  
30 (1) To any person who is under the age of eighteen years, if such person  
31 operates a motor vehicle in the transportation of persons or property as  
32 classified in section 302.015;

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33 (2) To any person who is under the age of sixteen years, except as  
34 hereinafter provided;  
35 (3) To any person whose license has been suspended, during such  
36 suspension, or to any person whose license has been revoked, until the  
37 expiration of one year after such license was revoked;  
38 (4) To any person who is an habitual drunkard or is addicted to the use of  
39 narcotic drugs;  
40 (5) To any person who has previously been adjudged to be incapacitated  
41 and who at the time of application has not been restored to partial  
42 capacity;  
43 (6) To any person who, when required by this law to take an examination,  
44 has failed to pass such examination; Amend paragraph six (6) to read as  
45 follows; To any person who, when required by this law to take an  
46 examination, has failed to pass such examination, furthermore any senior  
47 citizen over the age of eighty (80) is required annually to be presented with  
48 a sensory test including hearing, sight, and reaction sections. A satisfactory  
49 score must be shown on the exam to be issued renewed certification.  
50 (7) To any person who has an unsatisfied judgment against such person, as  
51 defined in chapter 303, RSMo, until such judgment has been satisfied or the  
52 financial responsibility of such person, as defined in section 303.120, RSMo,  
53 has been established;

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-030</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Katherine Scheidt
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act Mandating the Disclosure of Major Allergens in the Food Service industry.

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 192 is amended to include a new section regarding the disclosure  
3 of major allergens.  
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5 **Key Terms**  
6 “Food Service Industry”, any business that profits from the sale and service  
7 of food prepared in their facility, not limited to but including restaurants  
8 and bakeries.  
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10 “Allergen” is described as any food item that can induce anaphylactic shock.  
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12 “Major Allergens” is defined as the most common allergens including milk,  
13 eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soy, and wheat.  
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15 “Cross Contamination,” when food items come in contact with allergens  
16 that are not necessarily ingredients.  
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19 **Proposal for Action**  
20 All Food Service Industries shall be required to disclose if their menu items  
21 contain any of the major allergens, or if their presence in the kitchen risks  
22 the chance of cross contamination.  
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24 Allergens must be publicly displayed if they are an ingredient in the menu  
25 item, or if they are prepared with materials that come in contact with the  
26 major allergens and risk cross contamination.  
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28 This information must be disclosed either on the menu, or a poster visible  
29 to customers. The display must disclose what allergens come in contact  
30 with each menu item.  
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32 This act would be enforced by the respective county health department  
33 during regular health inspections.

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**Effective Date**

37 This act shall take effect August 28, 2010.

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**Justification**

40 This act helps provide accurate information to Missouri citizens regarding  
41 potential allergens and helps prevent potential health risks due to  
42 ignorance of the presence on allergens.

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**Expected Results**

45 It will be easier for Missourians to get accurate information regarding  
46 allergens and prevent potential illness due to allergic reactions.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SENATE: # S-031</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jake Taylor
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act To Reduce Conventional Highway Patrols

1 **RSMo**

2 An act to amend RSMo Chapter 304

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Transmitter" is a device that is placed directly on the license plate and  
6 communicates directly with the beacon.

7 "Beacon" is a small, circular, device that fights on the side of the highway  
8 either attached to a shoulder or a post that talks to the transmitter.

9 "Mailing Address" is the place where the fine will be sent to and is  
10 registered on every license plate.

11 "Dud Beacons" are beacons that do not work but are visually and physically  
12 exactly the same.

13 "State Highways" are roads that are paid for by the Government of  
14 Missouri.

15 "Reducing Patrols" means to reduce the number of patrols per square foot  
16 of an area proportional to the density of beacons in the area.

17 "Hybrid Police Vehicles" are the next potential investment in police cars to  
18 combat rising fuel prices that include but are not limited to hybrid vehicles,  
19 biodiesel vehicles, hydrogen vehicles and solar assisted vehicles.

20 "Missouri Ranger Unit" a special division of state troopers with the sole  
21 duty of policing actions on the road that the beacons cannot police such as  
22 drug trafficking, gang reduction, carrying concealed weapons, or driving  
23 under the influence. They will additionally switch the locations of beacons  
24 and administer maintenance on the beacons as highlighted in the "Proposal  
25 for Action".

26 "Citations" are the financial infractions issued by police officers.

27 "Department of Transportation" is the department in the Missouri  
28 executive branch that deals with roads and their users.

29 "Beacon Zone" is the space between two beacons.

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31 **Proposal for Action**

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32 All vehicles will, on renewal inspection for a new license plate, have a  
33 transmitter installed directly on their license plate. This transmitter will  
34 relay the vehicle's position and time coordinates to a beacon placed  
35 adjacent to the road as the car passes. A second beacon will pick up the  
36 car's second time and position coordinates and calculate the average  
37 velocity of the car through the two beacons. If the car's average velocity is  
38 higher than the posted speed limit, then the driver will be sent a fine notice  
39 to the mailing address of the license plate. If there are two or more owners  
40 of a vehicle all shall be financially responsible for paying the fine to the  
41 Missouri Department of Revenue for the state's general fund, but no points  
42 will be assessed on any license.

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44 Additional "dud" beacons will be placed sporadically along the highways as  
45 a deterrent to speeding along with increasing the fear and effectiveness of  
46 the real beacons. Both dud beacons and real beacons will be placed  
47 proportionally to the crime density in the area. Additionally, the dud and  
48 real beacon locations will be switched periodically to ensure no drivers are  
49 avoiding the real beacon's last zone.  
50 Once a driver has sped through a beacon zone and is issued a citation, the  
51 driver becomes exempt from any other beacon zones on that road until the  
52 driver turns. Once the driver has turned onto another road, then he is again  
53 susceptible for any another citations.

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55 The intermittent beacons and transmitters will be placed only on state  
56 highways since the funding will stem primarily from the state of Missouri.  
57 Interstates maintained partly with funds from the state will also have such  
58 beacons and transmitters. The funds that are collected from speeding  
59 violations will go toward paying off the initial cost of the beacons and  
60 transmitters. The money plotted to be spent on the fuel for patrols and the  
61 purchasing of hybrid police vehicles to offset gas prices, will be applied to a  
62 Missouri Ranger unit with the purpose of tightening up the borders to  
63 prevent such offenses listed in the key terms.

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65 Additionally, cars and trucks of Missouri residents and corporations without  
66 a valid license plate or a valid license plate without a transmitter will also be  
67 issued citations carrying fines equal to the amount issued in an "Expired or  
68 NO License Plates" offense under local municipalities' laws.

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70 Responsibilities of purchasing the equipment and installing it on the roads  
71 will fall under the Department of Transportation.  
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73 Responsibilities of switching the locations of the beacons and doing routine  
74 maintenance on the beacons will fall under the Missouri Ranger Unit.

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76 All speeding citations issued by the automated system shall be treated and  
77 interpreted as a conventional speeding citation by local courts.

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80 **Effective Date**

81 This act shall take effect 1 month after its passage.

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83 **Justification**

84 Since, approximately 41 percent of all driving fatalities in Missouri were  
85 speed related, 19 percent of all crashes were speed related, and 410 people  
86 were killed last year in speed related accidents and the speed increase  
87 between 40 mph and 60 mph more than doubles the energy related in a  
88 crash, the need to successful limit and discourage reckless speeding is more  
89 pressing than ever especially with the invent of faster and stronger cars.  
90 Furthermore \$8.7 million was spent last year and \$11.3 million this year on  
91 gasoline consumption by police cruisers in Houston which could be  
92 dramatically reduced by an automated system. Adversely, the state of  
93 Arizona, since implementing an automated speed ticketing system, has  
94 netted over 23 million dollars and issued 497,000 tickets.

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96 **Expected Results**

97 As the fear of getting an automated ticket increases, the need for police  
98 patrols will decrease because there will be less and less people risking to  
99 break the law. Subsequently, speed related accidents will be dramatically  
100 reduced, along with speed related citations, causing insurance rates for all  
101 drivers to go down which will increase the amount of people buying gas,  
102 cars, and car paraphernalia.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SENATE: # S-032**

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	George Yu
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to create speed limit tolerance laws.

**CONTINUATION OF S-032**

33 drivers, who contribute more to car accidents. This efficiency in addressing  
34 the most important dangers will ultimately make the roads safer.

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1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended and a new tolerance level is created.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 For this bill, the terms will be defined as currently defined under RSMo

6 Chapter 304.001.

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 Speed limits equal to or less than fifty (50) miles per hour shall be raised ten  
10 (10) miles per hour. Speed limits greater than fifty (50) miles per hour shall  
11 be raised five (5) miles per hour.

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13 Local police departments will enforce this law in the same manner that they  
14 enforce current speeding limits. The negligible costs for informing police  
15 officers of charges will be covered by local police departments.

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18 **Effective Date**

19 This act shall take effect August 28, 2010.

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21 **Justification**

22 The current speed limits are set very conservatively. Ninety (90) percent of  
23 people admit to speeding sometime while driving. Many people drive over  
24 the speed limit without endangering any lives. Twenty-five to fifty percent  
25 of car accidents have inattention, not speeding, as the root problem. This  
26 law will enable people to travel more efficiently without an increase in the  
27 number of accidents.

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29 **Expected Results**

30 People will be able to carry out their daily tasks faster. Police enforcement  
31 in other areas of the law will improve due to less ticket-writing. Law  
32 enforcement officers will be better able to target careless and drunk