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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1999 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal section 301.640, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the electronic transmission of motor vehicle lien documents.

I disapprove of House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1999. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

House Committee Substitute for House Bill No.1999 attempts to create a system by which liens on motor vehicle titles could be released electronically. Such a system would expedite the release of vehicle liens, would allow real-time verification of the status of liens and would be an important step in establishing an overall electronic vehicle titling system.

While House Committee Substitute for House Bill No.1999 is designed to inject greater efficiencies into the motor vehicle titling system, unfortunately the legislation contains problematic drafting which would render it meaningless. Under section 301.640.6 of the bill, the director of revenue would be authorized to adopt rules "to allow a lienholder who files a lien electronically under this section to electronically release such lien." (emphasis added). As a result, the electronic releasing of a lien would be limited to liens filed electronically under section 301.640, RSMo. However, liens are not filed under section 301.640, RSMo, but instead are filed under section 301.600, RSMo. Despite the well-intentioned goals of its supporters, House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1999 would not statutorily authorize or permit the electronic releasing of vehicle liens. Indeed, the legislation would do nothing and does not receive my approval.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1999 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor