

**Title 11—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division 50—Missouri State Highway Patrol
Chapter 2—Motor Vehicle Inspection Division**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11 CSR 50-2.321 Special Education Buses. The division is deleting section (2) and renumbering sections (3) - (6) of the rule.

PURPOSE: *This amendment removes the inspection of ramps on special education buses, since ramps are optional equipment.*

~~[(2)]~~ **Ramps.** *Type A school buses may be equipped with a ramp in place of the power lift. Ramps shall be of sufficient strength and be equipped with handles and a protective flange on each longitudinal side.*

(A) *Reject vehicle if:*

1. *Ramp is not equipped with handles and protective flange.]*

~~[(3)]~~ **(2) Aisles.** On buses manufactured after October 1, 1981, the aisle leading to the emergency door from the wheelchair area shall be at least thirty inches (30") wide to permit passage of a maximum size wheelchair.

(A) *Reject vehicle if:*

1. *Aisles are not of sufficient width.*

~~[(4)]~~ **(3) Restraint Systems.**

(A) School buses manufactured after March 1, 1987, designed to transport individuals with special transportation needs shall contain wheelchair securement devices attached to the floor or walls, or both, to allow securement of wheelchairs in a forward facing position. These devices must require human intervention to unlatch or disengage and contain tightening clamps on front and rear assemblies.

(B) School buses designed to accommodate individuals with special transportation needs shall contain a system of positive occupant restraint that secures the occupant.

(C) *Reject vehicle if:*

1. *Proper restraining devices are not installed.*

~~[(5)]~~ **(4) Special Service Entrance Doors.**

(A) Doors on 1981 and later models shall be equipped with a device that will actuate an audible or flashing signal located in the driver's compartment when doors are not securely closed and ignition is on.

(B) A switch shall be installed so that the lifting mechanism will not operate when the lift platform doors are closed.

(C) *Reject vehicle if not equipped with:*

1. *Warning signal; or*
2. *The proper switch.*

~~[(6)]~~ **(5) Identification.**

(A) Buses with power lifts used for transporting children with physical disabilities may display the universal handicap symbols below the window line. The emblem shall meet United States Department of Transportation standards.

(B) *Reject vehicle if:*

1. *Symbols are improperly displayed; or*
2. *Symbols are incorrect size.*

AUTHORITY: sections 307.360.2, RSMo and 307.375, RSMo. Amended: Filed November 18, 2014

PUBLIC ENTITY COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Department of Public Safety, Missouri State Highway Patrol, PO Box 568, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0568. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*