

HOUSE BILL No. 2648

By Representative Edmonds

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AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; concerning the content thereof; amending K.S.A. 8-243 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the driver's license as applied for, which license shall bear thereon the class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is entitled to drive, a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, which, if the licensee so requests in writing, may be the licensee's social security number, the name, date of birth, residence address, and a brief description of the licensee, a colored photograph of the licensee, a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the licensee shall write such licensee's usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license and the statement provided for in subsection (b). No driver's license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee. All drivers' licenses issued on and after July 1, 1994, to persons under the age of 21 years shall be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 21 years or older. In addition, all drivers' licenses issued on and after July 1, 1997, to persons under the age of 18 years shall also be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 18 years or older. Except as otherwise provided, no driver's license issued by the division shall be valid until a colored photograph of such licensee has been placed on the driver's license. The secretary of revenue shall prescribe a fee of not more than \$2 and upon payment of such fee the division shall cause a colored photograph of such applicant to be placed on the driver's license. Upon payment of such fee prescribed by the secretary of revenue, plus payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto, for issuance of a new license, the division shall issue to such licensee a new license containing a colored photograph of such licensee. A driver's license which does not contain a colored photograph of the licensee as required may be issued to persons exempted from such requirement. Any such license shall be valid for the purposes of the motor vehicle drivers' license act and the division shall set forth upon such driver's license the words "valid without

1 photo.” Any person who is outside the state and for whom the division
2 provides for renewal of the driver’s license by mail is exempt from the
3 requirement to have a colored photograph of such person placed on such
4 person’s driver’s license. Any person belonging to a religious organization
5 which has a basic objection to having their picture taken may sign a state-
6 ment to that effect and such person shall then be exempt from the picture
7 requirements of this section.

8 (b) All Kansas drivers’ licenses issued to any person 16 years of age
9 or older shall contain a form which provides a statement for making a gift
10 of all or any part of the body of the licensee in accordance with the
11 uniform anatomical gift act, except as otherwise provided by this subsec-
12 tion. The statement to be effective shall be signed by the licensee in the
13 presence of two witnesses who shall sign the statement in the presence
14 of the donor. The gift becomes effective upon the death of the donor.
15 Delivery of the license during the donor’s lifetime is not necessary to
16 make a valid gift. Any valid gift statement executed prior to July 1, 1994,
17 shall remain effective until invalidated. The word “Donor” shall be placed
18 on the front of a licensee’s driver’s license, indicating that the statement
19 for making an anatomical gift under this subsection has been executed by
20 such licensee.

21 ~~On and after July 1, 1996,~~ Any person who is deaf or hard of
22 hearing may request that the division issue to such person a drivers’ li-
23 cense which is readily distinguishable from drivers’ licenses issued to
24 other drivers and upon such request the division shall issue such license.
25 Drivers’ licenses issued to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and
26 under the age of 21 years shall be readily distinguishable from drivers’
27 licenses issued to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years
28 of age or older.

29 (d) *All Kansas drivers’ licenses issued to any person 18 years of age*
30 *or older shall contain a form which indicates the location of a declaration*
31 *authorized under K.S.A. 65-28,103, and amendments thereto, directing*
32 *the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures in a terminal*
33 *condition. The form shall be substantially as follows: “Living will location*
34 *_____”.*

35 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-243 is hereby repealed.

36 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
37 publication in the statute book.

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