

HOUSE BILL No. 2675

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning personalized license plates; amending K.S.A. 8-132 and 8-133 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-132.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this section and K.S.A. 8-1,125, and amendments thereto, the division of vehicles shall furnish to every owner whose vehicle shall be registered one license plate for such vehicle. Such license plate shall have displayed on it the registration number assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof, the name of the state, which may be abbreviated, and the year or years for which it is issued. The same type of license plates shall be issued for passenger motor vehicles, rented without a driver, as are issued for private passenger vehicles.

(b) During calendar year 1975 commencing on the effective date of this act, and during every fifth calendar year thereafter, the division of vehicles, shall furnish one license plate for any type of vehicle an owner registers or has the registration thereof renewed, but during the succeeding four-year period following calendar year 1975 and during the succeeding four-year period following every fifth calendar year subsequent to 1975, the division of vehicles shall not furnish any license plate for the renewal of a vehicle's registration. During calendar year 1976 and during each calendar year thereafter in which a license plate is not issued for the renewal of registration of a vehicle, the division of vehicles shall furnish one decal for the license plate issued for a vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, for each registration and renewal of registration of such vehicle. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, whenever, in the discretion of the director of vehicles, it is determined that the license plates currently being issued and displayed are not deteriorating to the extent that their replacement is warranted, the director may adopt rules and regulations to extend the five-year issuance cycle provided for in this subsection by one year at a time, and in the same manner the director may further extend such cycle by one year at a time, successively as the director determines appropriate. If the cycle is extended, at the expiration of the extended term, new license plates shall again be issued in the manner and for the term provided in such rules and regulations.

(c) Two personalized license plates may be issued to any owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or a truck licensed for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds, who makes proper application to the division of vehicles not less than 60 days prior to such owner's or lessee's renewal of registration date. Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the division and accompanied by a fee of \$40, which shall be in addition to any other fee required to renew the registration of such passenger vehicle under the laws of this state. ~~One such personalized license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and the other shall be displayed on the front of the vehicle. One such personalized license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and, at the option of the owner or lessee, the other license plate may be displayed on the front of the vehicle, except that no registration decal shall be issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, for any such license plate displayed on the front of such vehicle.~~ One personalized license plate may be issued to any owner of a motorcycle upon proper application in the same manner provided in this subsection (c) for passenger vehicles and trucks. ~~Such personalized license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the motorcycle. Such~~ The \$40 fee shall be paid only once during the registration period for which such license plates were issued, and any subsequent renewals during the registration period shall be subject only to the registration fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. The division shall design distinctive, personalized license plates to be issued which shall contain not more than seven letters or numbers on truck or passenger vehicle license plates and not more than five letters or numbers on motorcycle license plates, or a combination thereof, to be designated by the applicant in lieu of the letters and numbers required by K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto, other than the letters required to designate the county in which such vehicle is registered. Unless the letters or numbers designated by the applicant have been assigned to another vehicle of the same type registered in the same county, or unless the letters or numbers designated by the applicant have a profane, vulgar, lewd or indecent meaning or connotation, as determined by the director

of vehicles, the division shall assign such letters or numbers to the applicant's vehicle, and the letters or numbers, or combination thereof, so assigned shall be deemed the registration number of such vehicle. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all license plates issued under this section shall be manufactured in accordance with K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto. Such license plates shall be issued for a registration period of five years commencing in 1985 and each five years thereafter.

The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including, without limitation, rules and regulations concerning (1) the procedure for insuring that duplicate license plates are not issued in the same county, (2) the procedure for reserving distinctive license plates for the purpose of obtaining the same on each annual renewal of registration, (3) the procedure for allowing the transfer of personalized license plates from one vehicle to another for which such license plates were originally issued, when the title to the original vehicle has not been transferred and the name or names of the owner or owners listed on the titles to both vehicles are identical, and (4) procedures necessary to coordinate this act with other laws of this state governing registration of vehicles. The director of vehicles shall remit all moneys received by the division of vehicles under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-133. The license plate assigned to the vehicle shall be attached to the rear thereof and shall be so displayed during the current registration year or years, and no Kansas registration plate for any other year shall appear on the front of the vehicle, except that: (a) The license plate issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of the truck tractor ~~and~~; (b) a model year license plate may be attached to the front of an antique vehicle, in accordance with K.S.A. 8-172, and amendments thereto; *or (c) a personalized license plate as authorized under subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto, may be attached to the front of a passenger vehicle or truck.* ~~Beginning in 1985 and thereafter two personalized license plates may be issued for passenger vehicles and trucks licensed for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds. One such personalized license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and the other shall be displayed on the front of the vehicle, but no registration decal shall be issued for any plate affixed to the front of a vehicle pursuant to K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto.~~ Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible. During any period in which the construction of license plates has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto, the plate, tag, token, marker or sign assigned to such vehicle shall be attached to and displayed on such vehicle in such place, position, manner and condition as shall be prescribed by the director of vehicles.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-132 and 8-133 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.