

HOUSE BILL No. 2963

By Committee on Agriculture

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AN ACT concerning domestic pets; relating to animal friendly license plates; prescribing certain fees and uses thereof; creating the animal friendly advisory committee and prescribing membership and duties thereof; creating the animal population control fund.

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

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "animal friendly advisory committee" or "committee" means the animal friendly advisor committee created in section 2, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one animal friendly license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, plus the payment of an additional fee of \$5 for each plate, and the presentation of the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c).

(c) The animal friendly advisory committee may authorize the use of such committee's official emblems to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment to such committee derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used to promote spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to the committee for the use of the committee's emblems. Upon annual application and payment to the committee in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 as an emblem use royalty payment for each animal friendly license plate to be issued, the committee shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, an emblem use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration.

(d) Any applicant for an animal friendly license plate may make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the animal friendly license

1 plates shall provide the annual emblem use authorization statement pro-
2 vided for in subsection (c). Application for registration of a passenger
3 vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plates under this section shall
4 be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director
5 of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

6 (e) No registration or animal friendly license plate issued under this
7 section shall be transferable to any other person.

8 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,
9 upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (b), in the manner
10 prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto.
11 No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such ap-
12 plicant provides the annual emblem use authorization statement provided
13 for in subsection (c). If such emblem use authorization statement is not
14 presented at the time of registration, the applicant shall be required to
15 comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the an-
16 imal friendly license plates to the county treasurer of such person's
17 residence.

18 (g) The director of vehicles shall not issue any animal friendly license
19 plates for the animal friendly advisory committee, unless such committee
20 guarantees the initial issuance of at least 500 license plates.

21 (h) The committee shall:

22 (1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for such animal friendly li-
23 cense plates; and

24 (2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number
25 where applicants can call the committee for information concerning the
26 application process or the status of such applicant's license plate
27 application.

28 (i) The committee, with the approval of the director of vehicles and
29 subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a li-
30 cense plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

31 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby created the animal friendly advisory com-
32 mittee. The committee shall consist of seven members. Members shall
33 be appointed by the livestock commissioner as follows:

34 (1) One member shall be a licensed veterinarian;

35 (2) one member shall be a representative of a licensed private animal
36 shelter;

37 (3) one member shall be a representative of a licensed public animal
38 shelter;

39 (4) one member shall be a representative of an animal welfare
40 organization;

41 (5) one member shall be the livestock commissioner or the commis-
42 sioner's representative; and

43 (6) two members shall represent the general public.

1 (b) The livestock commissioner shall appoint the chairperson. The
2 committee shall meet upon call of the chairperson as necessary to carry
3 out the duties pursuant to this section.

4 (c) The committee shall: (1) Cooperate with the director of vehicles
5 and comply with all provisions related to animal friendly license plates as
6 provided in section 1, and amendments thereto, including, but not limited
7 to, design of an animal friendly license plate and logo, guarantee of the
8 initial issuance of at least 500 license plates, pay the initial cost of silk-
9 screening for the animal friendly license plates and provide the toll-free
10 number;

11 (2) enhance the public's awareness of the state's commitment to man-
12 age the population of dogs and cats through spaying and neutering;

13 (3) help subsidize the efforts of certain entities as determined by the
14 committee that humanely spay and neuter dogs and cats in this state; and

15 (4) create and manage an animal population control fund to admin-
16 ister the purposes of this section,

17 (d) The chairperson shall remit all moneys received by or for the
18 committee under section 1, and amendments thereto, to the state trea-
19 surer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amend-
20 ments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer
21 shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the
22 animal population control fund, which is hereby created in the state treas-
23 ury. Moneys in the animal population control fund may be expended only
24 to administer and enforce the provisions of this section. All expenditures
25 from the animal population control fund shall be made upon warrants of
26 the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved
27 by the chairperson or the chairperson's designee.

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

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