

SENATE BILL No. 159

AN ACT relating to the division of vehicles; concerning drivers' licenses and identification cards; amending K.S.A. 8-243, as amended by section 2 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 16, and 8-1329 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-243, as amended by section 2 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 16, 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 by the applicant. Such license shall bear 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 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 to persons under the age of 18 years shall also be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 18 years or older. *On and after July 1, 2004, the secretary of revenue shall implement a vertical format to make drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 more readily distinguishable.* Except as otherwise provided, on or after July 1, 2004, no driver's license issued by the division shall be valid until a colored photograph of such licensee has been taken and verified before being placed on the driver's license. The secretary of revenue shall prescribe a fee of not more than \$4 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 photo." Any person who is outside the state and for whom the division provides for renewal of the driver's license by mail is exempt from the requirement to have a colored photograph of such person placed on such person's driver's license. Any person belonging to a religious organization which has a basic objection to having their picture taken may sign a statement to that effect and such person shall then be exempt from the picture requirements of this section.

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

(c) Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing may request that the division issue to such person a driver's license which is readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to other drivers and upon such request the division shall issue such license. Drivers' licenses issued to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and under the age of 21 years shall be readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years of age or older.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1329 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1329.

(a) An identification card issued to any person under 21 years of age shall expire on such person's twenty-first birthday and shall bear on the face

of the card an overprint of the words “UNDER 21” placed diagonally across the card, and a statement to the effect that the card expires on the twenty-first birthday of the person to whom it is issued.

(b) In addition to subsection (a), all identification cards issued on and after July 1, 1997, to persons under the age of 18 years shall also be readily distinguishable from cards issued to persons age 18 years or older.

(c) *In addition to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), on and after July 1, 2004, the secretary of revenue shall implement a vertical format to make identification cards issued to persons under the age of 21 more readily distinguishable.*

~~(d)~~ Renewal of such card shall be in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1325, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-243, as amended by section 2 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 16, and 8-1329 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 SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.