

HOUSE BILL No. 2474

By Representatives McKinney and Loyd

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AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; concerning the contents thereof; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 8-243 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 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 by the applicant. Such license shall bear:

(1) The class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is entitled to drive;

(2) a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, which, if the licensee so requests in writing, may be the licensee's social security number;

(3) the name, date of birth, residence address, and a brief description of the licensee;

(4) a colored photograph of the licensee;

(5) 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~~;

(6) the statement provided for in subsection (b); *and*

(7) *the blood type and RH factor of the licensee, if requested in writing by the licensee.*

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

1 applicant to be placed on the driver's license. Upon payment of such fee
2 prescribed by the secretary of revenue, plus payment of the fee required
3 by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto, for issuance of a new license,
4 the division shall issue to such licensee a new license containing a colored
5 photograph of such licensee. A driver's license which does not contain a
6 colored photograph of the licensee as required may be issued to persons
7 exempted from such requirement. Any such license shall be valid for the
8 purposes of the motor vehicle drivers' license act and the division shall
9 set forth upon such driver's license the words "valid without photo." Any
10 person who is outside the state and for whom the division provides for
11 renewal of the driver's license by mail is exempt from the requirement
12 to have a colored photograph of such person placed on such person's
13 driver's license. Any person belonging to a religious organization which
14 has a basic objection to having their picture taken may sign a statement
15 to that effect and such person shall then be exempt from the picture
16 requirements of this section.

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

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

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 8-243 is hereby repealed.

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

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