

CHAPTER 123
HOUSE BILL No. 2310

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning certain license plates; providing for certain decals; amending K.S.A. 8-177c and 8-1,140 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-1,146 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1,140 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,140. (a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles ~~or~~, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less *or motorcycles*, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person was awarded a purple heart medal by the United States government for wounds received in military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle ~~or~~, truck *or motorcycle* designating such person as a recipient of the purple heart medal. 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.

(b) Any recipient of the purple heart medal may make application for the distinctive license 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 distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a recipient of the purple heart medal. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle ~~or~~, truck *or motorcycle* and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-1,146 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,146. (a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person has proof of having served and is designated as a veteran, and has had an honorable discharge from the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such person as an United States military veteran. 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.

On and after January 1, 2005, any person issued a license plate under this section may request a decal for each license plate indicating the appropriate military branch in which the person served.

(b) Any person who is a veteran of the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines may make application for such distinctive license 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 distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a veteran of the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines. Application for

the registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

~~(e) On and after January 1, 2005, any person issued a license plate under this section, upon submitting satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, that such person was awarded a silver star or bronze star medal by the United States government, may request a decal for each license plate indicating the person was a recipient of a silver star or bronze star medal or both.~~

~~(f) (e)~~ A fee of \$2 shall be paid for each decal issued under subsection (a) ~~or (e)~~. The director of vehicles shall design such decals. Such decals shall be affixed to the license plate in the location required by the director.

New Sec. 3. (a) Any person issued a license plate under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,140 or 8-1,146, and amendments thereto, upon submitting satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, that such person was awarded a silver star or bronze star medal by the United States government, may request a decal for each license plate indicating the person was a recipient of a silver star or bronze star medal.

(b) On and after January 1, 2006, any person issued a license plate under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,140 or 8-1,146, and amendments thereto, upon submitting satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, that such person was awarded a combat medical badge, army combat infantry badge, navy/marine corps combat action ribbon, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross or distinguished flying cross by the United States government, may request a decal for each license plate indicating the person was a recipient of a combat medical badge, army combat infantry badge, navy/marine corps combat action ribbon, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross or distinguished flying cross.

(c) A fee of \$2 shall be paid for each decal issued. The director of vehicles shall design such decals. Such decals shall be affixed to the license plate in the location required by the director. Not more than two decals authorized by this section shall be affixed to any one license plate.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-177c is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-177c.

(a) As used in this section, "prisoner of war" means any person who was held as a prisoner of war while serving in the army, navy, coast guard, air force or marine corps of the United States in World War I or World War II or while serving with the armed forces of the United States during the military, naval and air operations in Korea, Vietnam or other places under the flags of the United States and the United Nations or under the flag of the United States alone. *"Prisoner of war" shall also include any civilian who was held as a prisoner of war.*

(b) Any owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck of gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a former prisoner of war or is the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war, may, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, be issued one distinctive license plate designating such person as a prisoner of war. The license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued upon proper registration without payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. Only one distinctive license plate may be issued to any prisoner of war or surviving spouse of a prisoner of war, to be displayed on such a vehicle owned or leased by such person.

(c) Any prisoner of war or surviving spouse of a prisoner of war may make application for the distinctive license plate, 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 distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a prisoner of war or is the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the distinctive license plate under the provisions of this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon the appropriate form furnished by the director.

(d) Any registration or distinctive license plate issued under the authority of this section shall not be transferable to any other person, except to the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war.

(e) Renewals of registration hereunder shall be made annually, without charge, in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until the applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (c). If the form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to register the motor vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the county treasurer.

(f) The rights of the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war under this section shall terminate upon remarriage of such person.

(g) Nothing in this section shall authorize the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war to be issued a distinctive license plate under this section, unless the deceased prisoner of war had already been issued such distinctive license plate.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-177c and 8-1,140 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-1,146 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved April 12, 2005.
