

CHAPTER 89
HOUSE BILL No. 2134

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning license plates; amending K.S.A. 8-160 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-132 and 8-1,141 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, 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 support Kansas arts license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be issued for the same 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, and the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) The Kansas arts commission, created under K.S.A. 74-5202, and amendments thereto, may authorize the use of their logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment to such commission derived from this section shall be credited to the Kansas arts commission special gifts fund and, shall be used in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5204, and amendments thereto. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may annually apply to the commission for the use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to the commission in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, the commission shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration.

(c) Any applicant for a support Kansas arts 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 motor vehicles, and any applicant for the support Kansas arts license plates shall provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b). Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate 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.

(d) No registration or support Kansas arts license plate issued under this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(e) 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 provides the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b). If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the support Kansas arts license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(f) The Kansas arts commission shall:

(1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for such support Kansas arts license plates; and

(2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number where applicants can call the Kansas arts commission for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application.

(g) The Kansas arts commission, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 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, except that the owner of a motor vehicle currently registered may continue to display the license plate currently being issued and displayed for a period not to exceed three registration years from the date of the expiration of the extended term. The division shall furnish one decal for each such license plate in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(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, 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. 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~~ *throughout the state*, (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. 3. K.S.A. 8-160 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-160. As used in this act, the term “disabled veteran” means a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and who is entitled to compensation for a ~~one hundred percent (100%) disability under service-connected disability of at least 50% and the laws administered by the veterans administration~~ or who is entitled to compensation for the loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent visual impairment of both eyes to a prescribed degree.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

(b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1995, unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, or K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-177d, and amendments thereto.

(d) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-1,153 ~~or 8-1,158, 8-1,158~~ or section 1, and amendments thereto.

(e) *The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-1,160, and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay the manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the division has received not less than 1,000 orders for such plate, including payment of the personalized license plate fee required under subsection (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the director of accounts and reports that not less than 1,000 paid orders for such plate have been received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$40,000 from the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.*

~~(f)~~ (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license plate authorized by the legislature on and after July 1, 2004, shall submit to the division of vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000, to defray the division’s cost for developing such distinctive license plate.

(2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the secretary of revenue 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 distinctive license plate fund which is hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of the department of revenue.

~~(g)~~ (g) (1) Except for educational institution license plates issued under K.S.A. 8-1,142, and amendments thereto, the director of vehicles shall

discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 2004, and which is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) if:

(A) Less than 500 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate by July 1, 2006; and

(B) less than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year period after July 1, 2006.

(2) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate authorized on and after July 1, 2004, if:

(A) Less than 500 plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

(B) less than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year period.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-160 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-132 and 8-1,141 are hereby repealed.

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

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