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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 3, 2025
Subject: House Bill No. 2289 (As Introduced)

Summary

House Bill No. 2289 modifies provisions related to the issuance and production of license plates.

Section 1 amends the requirement that personalized license plates be issued two such license plates. Under the bill, one plate would be issued. The bill also removes the requirement that application for the plate be made 60 days prior to renewal of registration. Applications would now be made at the renewal of registration date. Section 1 also removes a provision allowing a person to display that second personalized license plate on the front of the person's vehicle.

Section 2 removes a provision requiring license plate decals that are affixed to license plates to contain the letters designating the county in which such vehicle is registered. The statutory section K.S.A. 8-1,223 does require the county of registration to be printed on a license plate or designated by an affixed decal to a license plate for license plates that were not approved for production and issuance by July 1, 2024.

Section 3 removes a similar provision as section 2 for decals that identify the county of registration. Section 3 inserts language that a license plate decal shall identify expiration information consistent with K.S.A. 8-134. Another provision is removed in section 3 that specifies the quantity of license plates and decals to be furnished to each county and the formula for that amount. Finally, the bill inserts language providing that license plates shall be shipped directly to customers whom are supposed to be issued such license plate for digitally-fulfilled license plate orders.