As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2168

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Zach Denney on behalf of the Department of Revenue

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1　AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; providing
2　　for the blackout distinctive license plate; creating the license plate
3　　replacement fund to be administered by the secretary of revenue;
4　　depositing the fees from the blackout license plate into such fund for
5　　purposes of replacing exhausted license plates.
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7　*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*
8　　Section 1.　(a) On and after January 1, 2026, any owner or lessee of
9　one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of
10　20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with
11　the provisions of this section, may be issued one blackout license plate for
12　each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate shall be issued for
13　the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and
14　payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and
15　amendments thereto.
16　　(b)　Any applicant or renewal of registration for a blackout license
17　plate authorized by this section shall pay an annual fee of $50 to the
18　county treasurer for each such license plate to be issued. Any new blackout
19　license plate shall be subject to the fee prescribed in K.S.A 8-1,141(a)(1),
20　and amendments thereto. A blackout license plate may be a personalized
21　license plate and subject to the personalized license plate fee pursuant to
22　K.S.A. 8-1,141(a)(2), and amendments thereto.
23　　(c)　Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may
24　make application for such license plate on a form prescribed and furnished
25　by the director of vehicles. Application for registration of a passenger
26　vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate under this section shall be
27　made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of
28　vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.
29　　(d)　No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be
30　transferable to any other person.
31　　(e)　The director of vehicles may transfer a blackout license plate from
32　a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.
33　　(f)　Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,

1 upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments
2 thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments
3 thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until
4 such applicant has paid the fee provided in subsection (b). If such fee is
5 not paid, such applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143,
6 and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county
7 treasurer of such applicant's residence.
8   (g)   The blackout license plate shall have a background design, an
9 emblem or colors that designate the license plate as a blackout license
10 plate.
11   (h)   There is hereby established in the state treasury the license plate
12 replacement fund. The license plate replacement fund shall be
13 administered by the secretary of revenue. **Annual blackout license plate**
14 **fees collected by county treasurers pursuant to this section shall be**
15 **remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of**
16 **K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such**
17 **remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the**
18 **state treasury to the credit of the license plate replacement fund.** All
19 expenditures from such fund shall be for the costs associated with
20 replacing license plates when the lifespan of such license plates has been
21 exhausted as determined by the director of vehicles. All expenditures from
22 such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon
23 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to
24 vouchers approved by the secretary of revenue or the secretary's designee.
25   Sec. 2.   This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book *Kansas register*.