

HOUSE BILL No. 2274

By Committee on Veterans and Military

Requested by Representative Thompson

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1 ~~AN ACT concerning occupational licensing; relating to occupational~~
2 ~~licensing, certification and registration fees; veterans and military;~~
3 ~~designating Kansas as a purple heart state; permitting homeless~~
4 ~~veterans to use alternative forms of proof of identity and residency~~
5 ~~when applying for nondriver identification cards; eliminating fees for~~
6 ~~homeless veterans to obtain birth certificates for purposes of~~
7 ~~nondriver identification card applications; prohibiting such cards~~
8 ~~from expiring; removing the active requirement from military~~
9 ~~servicemembers for occupational licensure; amending K.S.A. 8-1325~~
10 ~~and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1324, 48-3406 and 65-2418 and repealing~~
11 ~~the existing section sections.~~

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

14 *New Section 1. (a) The state of Kansas is hereby designated as a*
15 *purple heart state in recognition of the many citizens of the state who*
16 *have earned the purple heart medal as a result of being wounded while*
17 *engaged in combat with an enemy force.*

18 *(b) Each year, the governor shall issue a proclamation recognizing*
19 *the purple heart day, to be observed on August 7 of each year, following*
20 *the tradition established by George Washington in 1782 and revived in*
21 *1932 that distinguishes the purple heart as a decoration of honor*
22 *awarded to members of the armed forces and United States citizens who*
23 *were honorably wounded in action. The award has been limited to*
24 *members of the military since 1997 by congressional action.*

25 *(c) The executive director of the office of veterans services shall*
26 *promote the observance of purple heart day with appropriate activities*
27 *and direct each local chapter of all veterans' organizations to plan*
28 *special activities and events to honor the purple heart recipients in each*
29 *chapter.*

30 *(d) All residents of this state are enjoined to devote some portion of*
31 *purple heart day to recognizing and commemorating the recipients of*
32 *the purple heart who have demonstrated a commitment to fighting for*
33 *the ideals that have made this nation great, have served this nation so*
34 *valiantly and are role models for all to emulate.*

35 *Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1324 is hereby amended to read as*

1 *follows: 8-1324. (a) Any resident who does not hold a current valid*
2 *Kansas driver's license may make application to the division of vehicles*
3 *and be issued one identification card.*

4 *(b) (1) Each application for an identification card shall include a*
5 *question asking if the applicant is willing to give such applicant's*
6 *authorization to be listed as an organ, eye and tissue donor in the*
7 *Kansas donor registry in accordance with the revised uniform*
8 *anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 65-3220 through 65-3244, and amendments*
9 *thereto. The gift would become effective upon the death of the donor.*

10 *(2) For the purpose of obtaining an identification card, an*
11 *applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of age, proof of*
12 *identity and proof of lawful presence. An applicant shall submit with the*
13 *application a photo identity document, except that a non-photo identity*
14 *document is acceptable if it includes both the applicant's full legal name*
15 *and date of birth, and, except as provided in subsection (k)(2),*
16 *documentation showing the applicant's name, the applicant's address of*
17 *principal residence and the applicant's social security account number.*
18 *The applicant's social security number shall remain confidential and*
19 *shall not be disclosed, except as provided pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2014,*
20 *and amendments thereto. If the applicant does not have a social security*
21 *number, the applicant shall provide proof of lawful presence and Kansas*
22 *residency. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the*
23 *identification card. Before issuing an identification card to a person, the*
24 *division shall make reasonable efforts to verify with the issuing agency*
25 *the issuance, validity and completeness of each document required to be*
26 *presented by the applicant to prove age, identity and lawful presence.*

27 *(c) The division shall not issue an identification card to any person*
28 *who fails to provide proof that the person is lawfully present in the*
29 *United States. If an applicant provides evidence of lawful presence as set*
30 *out in K.S.A. 8-240(b)(2)(E) through (2)(I), and amendments thereto, or*
31 *is an alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under K.S.A. 8-*
32 *240(b)(2)(B), and amendments thereto, the division may only issue a*
33 *temporary identification card to the person under the following*
34 *conditions:*

35 *(1) A temporary identification card issued pursuant to this*
36 *subparagraph subsection shall be valid only during the period of time of*
37 *the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no*
38 *definite end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year;*

39 *(2) a temporary identification card issued pursuant to this*
40 *subparagraph subsection shall clearly indicate that it is temporary and*
41 *shall state the date upon which it expires;*

42 *(3) no temporary identification card issued pursuant to this*
43 *subparagraph subsection shall be for a longer period of time than the*

1 *time period permitted by K.S.A. 8-1325, and amendments thereto; and*

2 *(4) a temporary identification card issued pursuant to this*
3 ~~subparagraph~~ *subsection may be renewed, subject at the time of renewal,*
4 *to the same requirements and conditions set forth in this subsection for*
5 *the issuance of the original temporary identification card.*

6 *(d) The division shall not issue an identification card to any person*
7 *who holds a current valid Kansas driver's license unless such driver's*
8 *license has been physically surrendered pursuant to the provisions of*
9 *K.S.A. 8-1002(e), and amendments thereto.*

10 *(e) The division shall refuse to issue an identification card to a*
11 *person holding a driver's license or identification card issued by another*
12 *state without confirmation that the person is terminating or has*
13 *terminated the license or identification card.*

14 *(f) The parent or guardian of an applicant under 16 years of age*
15 *shall sign the application for an identification card submitted by such*
16 *applicant.*

17 *(g) (1) The division shall require payment of a fee of \$14 at the time*
18 *application for an identification card is made, except that persons who*
19 *are 65 or more years of age or who are handicapped, as defined in*
20 *K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments thereto, shall be required to pay a fee*
21 *of only \$10. In addition to the fees prescribed by this subsection, the*
22 *division shall require payment of the photo fee established pursuant to*
23 *K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto, for the cost of the photograph to*
24 *be placed on the identification card.*

25 *(2) The division shall not require or accept payment of application*
26 *or photo fees under this subsection for any person 17 years of age or*
27 *older for purposes of meeting the voter identification requirements of*
28 *K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto. Such person shall:*

29 *(A) Swear under oath that such person desires an identification*
30 *card in order to vote in an election in Kansas and that such person does*
31 *not possess any of the forms of identification acceptable under K.S.A.*
32 *25-2908, and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall specifically list the*
33 *acceptable forms of identification under K.S.A. 25-2908, and*
34 *amendments thereto; and*

35 *(B) produce evidence that such person is registered to vote in*
36 *Kansas.*

37 *(3) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations in*
38 *order to implement the provisions of paragraph (2).*

39 *(h) All Kansas identification cards shall have physical security*
40 *features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication for*
41 *fraudulent purposes.*

42 *(i) For the purposes of K.S.A. 8-1324 through 8-1328, and*
43 *amendments thereto, a person shall be deemed to be a resident of the*

1 *state if the person:*

- 2 (1) *Owns, leases or rents a place of domicile in this state;*
3 (2) *engages in a trade, business or profession in this state;*
4 (3) *is registered to vote in this state;*
5 (4) *enrolls the person's child in a school in this state; or*
6 (5) *registers the person's motor vehicle in this state.*

7 (j) *The division shall require that any person applying for an*
8 *identification card submit to a mandatory facial image capture. The*
9 *captured facial image shall be displayed on the front of the applicant's*
10 *identification card by either:*

- 11 (1) *A digital color image or photograph; or*
12 (2) *a laser-engraved photograph of the licensee.*

13 (k) (I) *Any person who is a veteran may request that the division*
14 *issue to such person a nondriver identification card that shall include*
15 *the designation "VETERAN" displayed on the front of the nondriver*
16 *identification card at a location to be determined by the secretary of*
17 *revenue. In order to receive a nondriver identification card described in*
18 *this subsection, the veteran shall provide a copy of the veteran's DD*
19 *form 214, NGB form 22 or equivalent discharge document showing*
20 *character of service as honorable or general under honorable*
21 *conditions.*

22 (2) (A) *Any person who is a veteran and homeless may apply for and*
23 *be issued an identification card pursuant to this section without providing*
24 *an address of principal residence.*

25 (B) *In addition to any documents proving identity and residency in*
26 *Kansas accepted for an application for an identification card pursuant to*
27 *this section, a homeless veteran may provide to the division and the*
28 *division shall accept a letter or certificate from the Kansas office of*
29 *veterans services, the Kansas soldiers' home, the Kansas veterans' home,*
30 *any veterans services medical center located in Kansas, any jail or*
31 *correctional facility or any nonprofit organization located in Kansas for*
32 *the provision of services for the homeless verifying such applicant resides*
33 *at or receives services from such entity, and either:*

34 (i) *Copies or digital forms of accepted documents for proof of identity*
35 *in lieu of original documents; or*

36 (ii) *certain expired forms of identification, including, but not limited*
37 *to, common access cards, Kansas driver's licenses or Kansas voter*
38 *registration cards.*

39 (3) *As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who*
40 *served in the active military, naval, air or space service and who was*
41 *discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a*
42 *general discharge under honorable conditions.*

43 (3)(4) *The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations*

1 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.*

2 *(l) The director of vehicles may issue a temporary identification*
3 *card to an applicant who cannot provide valid documentary evidence as*
4 *defined by subsection (c), if the applicant provides compelling evidence*
5 *proving current lawful presence. Any temporary identification card*
6 *issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall be valid for one year.*

7 *(m) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to*
8 *every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act an*
9 *identification card. Such identification card shall bear a distinguishing*
10 *number assigned to the cardholder, the full legal name, date of birth,*
11 *address of principal residence, except as provided in subsection (k)(2), a*
12 *brief description of the cardholder, either:*

13 *(1) A digital color image or photograph; or*

14 *(2) a laser-engraved photograph of the cardholder, and a facsimile*
15 *of the signature of the cardholder. An identification card that does not*
16 *contain the address of principal residence of the cardholder as required*
17 *may be issued to persons who are program participants pursuant to*
18 *K.S.A. 75-455, and amendments thereto, or persons who meet the*
19 *qualifications and apply for an identification card as described in*
20 *subsection (k)(2).*

21 *(n) An identification card issued to any person who indicated on*
22 *the application that the person wished to make an anatomical gift in*
23 *accordance with the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 65-3220*
24 *through 65-3244, and amendments thereto, shall have the word*
25 *"Donor" placed on the front of the applicant's identification card.*

26 *(o) (1) Any person who submits satisfactory proof to the director of*
27 *vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs*
28 *assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with*
29 *autism spectrum disorder, may request that the division issue to such*
30 *person a nondriver identification card, that shall note such impairment*
31 *on the nondriver identification card at a location to be determined by the*
32 *secretary of revenue.*

33 *(2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition*
34 *shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing*
35 *arts in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under*
36 *K.S.A. 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant*
37 *or a person clinically licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences*
38 *regulatory board certifying that such person needs assistance with*
39 *cognition.*

40 *(p) The secretary of revenue shall permit an electronic online*
41 *renewal of an identification card if the electronic online renewal*
42 *applicant previously provided documentation of identity, lawful presence*
43 *and residence to the division for electronic scanning. For purposes of*

1 *this subsection, the division may rely on the division's most recent,*
2 *existing color digital image and signature image of the applicant for the*
3 *nondriver's identification card if the division has such images on file.*
4 *The determination on whether an electronic online renewal application*
5 *or equivalent of a nondriver's identification card is permitted shall be*
6 *made by the director of vehicles or the director's designee. The division*
7 *shall not renew a nondriver's identification card through an electronic*
8 *online or equivalent process if the identification card has been*
9 *previously renewed through an electronic online application in the*
10 *immediately preceding card's expiration period. No renewal under this*
11 *subsection shall be granted to any person who is a registered offender*
12 *pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto.*

13 **Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1325 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1325.**

14 **(a) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled or**
15 **subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1324(c), and amendments thereto, applies, on**
16 **the sixth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue,**
17 **except as otherwise provided by K.S.A. 8-1329, and amendments thereto.**
18 **Renewal of any identification card shall be made for a term of six years**
19 **and shall expire in a like manner as the originally issued identification**
20 **card, unless surrendered earlier or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1324(c),**
21 **and amendments thereto, applies. For any person who has been issued**
22 **an identification card, the division shall mail a notice of expiration or**
23 **renewal at least 30 days prior to the expiration of such person's**
24 **identification card at the address shown on such identification card. The**
25 **division shall include with such notice, written information required**
26 **under subsection (b). Any application for renewal received later than 90**
27 **days after expiration of the identification card shall be considered to be**
28 **an application for an original identification card. The division shall**
29 **require payment of a fee of \$14 for each identification card renewal,**
30 **except that persons who are 65 or more years of age or who are persons**
31 **with a disability, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments thereto,**
32 **shall be required to pay a fee of \$10. Any identification card holder,**
33 **whose identification card has expired after March 12, 2020, and before**
34 **March 31, 2021, shall have until June 30, 2021, to renew such**
35 **identification card.**

36 **(b) The division shall reference the website of the agency in a**
37 **person's notice of expiration or renewal under subsection (a). The**
38 **division shall provide the following information on the website of the**
39 **agency:**

40 **(1) Information explaining the person's right to make an**
41 **anatomical gift in accordance with K.S.A. 8-1328, and amendments**
42 **thereto, and the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 65-3220**
43 **through 65-3244, and amendments thereto;**

1 (2) *information describing the organ donation registry program*
2 *maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement*
3 *organization. The information required under this paragraph shall*
4 *include, in a type, size and format that is conspicuous in relation to the*
5 *surrounding material, the address and telephone number of Kansas'*
6 *federally designated organ procurement organization, along with an*
7 *advisory to call such designated organ procurement organization with*
8 *questions about the organ donor registry program;*

9 (3) *information giving the applicant the opportunity to be placed on*
10 *the organ donation registry described in paragraph (2);*

11 (4) *inform the applicant that, if the applicant indicates under this*
12 *subsection a willingness to have such applicant's name placed on the*
13 *organ donor registry described in paragraph (2), the division will*
14 *forward the applicant's name, gender, date of birth and most recent*
15 *address to the organ donation registry maintained by the Kansas*
16 *federally designated organ procurement organization, as required by*
17 *paragraph (6);*

18 (5) *the division may fulfill the requirements of paragraph (4) by*
19 *one or more of the following methods:*

20 (A) *Providing such information on the website of the agency; or*

21 (B) *providing printed material to an applicant who personally*
22 *applies for an identification card; and*

23 (6) *if an applicant indicates a willingness under this subsection to*
24 *have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry*
25 *described, the division shall within 10 days forward the applicant's*
26 *name, gender, date of birth and address to the organ donor registry*
27 *maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement*
28 *organization. The division may forward information under this*
29 *subsection by mail or by electronic means. The division shall not*
30 *maintain a record of the name or address of an individual who indicates*
31 *a willingness to have such person's name placed on the organ donor*
32 *registry after forwarding that information to the organ donor registry*
33 *under this subsection. Information about an applicant's indication of a*
34 *willingness to have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor*
35 *registry that is obtained by the division and forwarded under this*
36 *paragraph shall be confidential and not disclosed.*

37 (c) *Any identification card issued to a person who is a veteran and*
38 *homeless as provided in K.S.A. 8-1324, and amendments thereto, shall not*
39 *expire.*

40 ~~Section 1.~~ **Sec. 4.** K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 48-3406 is hereby amended to
41 read as follows: 48-3406. (a) For the purposes of this section:

42 (1) "Applicant" means an individual who is:

43 (A) A military spouse or military servicemember who resides or plans

1 to reside in this state due to the assigned military station of the individual
2 or the individual's spouse; or

3 (B) an individual who has established or intends to establish
4 residency in this state.

5 (2) "Complete application" means the licensing body has received all
6 forms, fees, documentation, a signed affidavit stating that the application
7 information, including necessary prior employment history, is true and
8 accurate and any other information required or requested by the licensing
9 body for the purpose of evaluating the application, consistent with this
10 section and the rules and regulations adopted by the licensing body
11 pursuant to this section. If the licensing body has received all such forms,
12 fees, documentation and any other information required or requested by
13 the licensing body, an application shall be deemed to be a complete
14 application even if the licensing body has not yet received a criminal
15 background report from the Kansas bureau of investigation. An application
16 by a military spouse of ~~an active~~ a military servicemember shall be
17 considered a "complete application" without the submission of fees,
18 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (u).

19 (3) "Electronic credential" or "electronic certification, license or
20 registration" means an electronic method by which a person may display
21 or transmit to another person information that verifies the status of a
22 person's certification, licensure, registration or permit as authorized by a
23 licensing body and is equivalent to a paper-based certification, license,
24 registration or permit.

25 (4) "Licensing body" means an official, agency, board or other entity
26 of the state that authorizes individuals to practice a profession in this state
27 and issues a license, registration, certificate, permit or other authorization
28 to an individual so authorized.

29 (5) "Military servicemember" means a current member of any branch
30 of the United States armed services, United States military reserves or
31 national guard of any state or a former member with an honorable
32 discharge.

33 (6) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a military servicemember.

34 (7) "Person" means a natural person.

35 (8) "Private certification" means a voluntary program in which a
36 private organization grants nontransferable recognition to an individual
37 who meets personal qualifications and standards relevant to performing the
38 occupation as determined by the private organization.

39 (9) "Scope of practice" means the procedures, actions, processes and
40 work that a person may perform under a government issued license,
41 registration or certification.

42 (10) "Verification system" means an electronic method by which the
43 authenticity and validity of electronic credentials are verified.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any licensing body
2 shall, upon submission of a complete application, issue a paper-based and
3 verified electronic license, registration or certification to an applicant as
4 provided by this section, so that the applicant may lawfully practice the
5 person's occupation. Any licensing body may satisfy any requirement
6 under this section to provide a paper-based license, registration,
7 certification or permit in addition to an electronic license, registration,
8 certification or permit by issuing such electronic credential to the applicant
9 in a format that permits the applicant to print a paper copy of such
10 electronic credential. Such paper copy shall be considered a valid license,
11 registration, certification or permit for all purposes.

12 (c) An applicant who holds a valid current license, registration or
13 certification in another state, district or territory of the United States shall
14 receive a paper-based and verified electronic license, registration or
15 certification:

16 (1) If the applicant qualifies under the applicable Kansas licensure,
17 registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity
18 statutes, then pursuant to applicable licensure, registration or certification
19 by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes of the licensing body
20 of this state for the license, registration or certification within 15 days from
21 the date a complete application was submitted if the applicant is a military
22 servicemember or military spouse or within 45 days from the date a
23 complete application was submitted for all other applicants; or

24 (2) if the applicant does not qualify under the applicable licensure,
25 registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity
26 statutes of the licensing body of this state, or if the Kansas professional
27 practice act does not have licensure, registration or certification by
28 endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes, then the applicant shall
29 receive a license, registration or certification as provided herein if, at the
30 time of application, the applicant:

31 (A) Holds a valid current license, registration or certification in
32 another state, district or territory of the United States with licensure,
33 registration or certification requirements that the licensing body
34 determines authorize a similar scope of practice as those established by the
35 licensing body of this state, or holds a certification issued by another state
36 for practicing the occupation but this state requires an occupational
37 license, and the licensing body of this state determines that the
38 certification requirements certify a similar scope of practice as the
39 licensing requirements established by the licensing body of this state;

40 (B) has worked for at least one year in the occupation for which the
41 license, certification or registration is sought;

42 (C) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have
43 constituted grounds for the limitation, suspension or revocation of the

1 license, certificate or registration, or that the applicant has never been
2 censured or had other disciplinary action taken or had an application for
3 licensure, registration or certification denied or refused to practice an
4 occupation for which the applicant seeks licensure, registration or
5 certification;

6 (D) has not been disciplined by a licensing, registering, certifying or
7 other credentialing entity in another jurisdiction and is not the subject of
8 an unresolved complaint, review procedure or disciplinary proceeding
9 conducted by a licensing, registering, certifying or other credentialing
10 entity in another jurisdiction nor has surrendered their membership on any
11 professional staff in any professional association or society or faculty for
12 another state or jurisdiction while under investigation or to avoid adverse
13 action for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct that would constitute
14 grounds for disciplinary action in a Kansas practice act;

15 (E) does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by
16 the licensing body of this state under Kansas law;

17 (F) provides proof of solvency, financial standing, bonding or
18 insurance if required by the licensing body of this state, but only to the
19 same extent as required of any applicant with similar credentials or
20 experience;

21 (G) pays any fees required by the licensing body of this state; and

22 (H) submits with the application a signed affidavit stating that the
23 application information, including necessary prior employment history, is
24 true and accurate.

25 Upon receiving a complete application and the provisions of subsection
26 (c)(2) apply and have been met by the applicant, the licensing body shall
27 issue the license, registration or certification within 15 days from the date
28 a complete application was submitted by a military servicemember or
29 military spouse, or within 45 days from the date a complete application
30 was submitted by an applicant who is not a military servicemember or
31 military spouse, to the applicant on a probationary basis, but may revoke
32 the license, registration or certification at any time if the information
33 provided in the application is found to be false. The probationary period
34 shall not exceed six months. Upon completion of the probationary period,
35 the license, certification or registration shall become a non-probationary
36 license, certification or registration.

37 (d) Any applicant who has not been in the active practice of the
38 occupation during the two years preceding the application for which the
39 applicant seeks a license, registration or certification under subsection (c)
40 (2) may be required to complete such additional testing, training,
41 monitoring or continuing education as the Kansas licensing body may
42 deem necessary to establish the applicant's present ability to practice in a
43 manner that protects the health and safety of the public, as provided by

1 subsection (j).

2 (e) Upon submission of a complete application, an applicant may
3 receive an occupational license, registration or certification based on the
4 applicant's work experience in another state, if the applicant:

5 (1) Worked in a state that does not use an occupational license,
6 registration, certification or private certification to regulate an occupation,
7 but this state uses an occupational license, registration or certification to
8 regulate the occupation;

9 (2) worked for at least three years in the occupation during the four
10 years immediately preceding the application; and

11 (3) satisfies the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(C) through (H).

12 (f) Upon submission of a complete application, an applicant may
13 receive an occupational license, registration or certification under
14 subsection (b) based on the applicant's holding of a private certification
15 and work experience in another state, if the applicant:

16 (1) Holds a private certification and worked in a state that does not
17 use an occupational license or government certification to regulate an
18 occupation, but this state uses an occupational license or government
19 certification to regulate the occupation;

20 (2) worked for at least two years in the occupation;

21 (3) holds a current and valid private certification in the occupation;

22 (4) is held in good standing by the organization that issued the private
23 certification; and

24 (5) satisfies the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(C) through (H).

25 (g) An applicant licensed, registered or certified under this section
26 shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as
27 are provided by the licensing body for Kansas residents, except that
28 revocation or suspension of an applicant's license, registration or
29 certificate in the applicant's state of residence or any jurisdiction in which
30 the applicant held a license, registration or certificate shall automatically
31 cause the same revocation or suspension of such applicant's license,
32 registration or certificate in Kansas. No hearing shall be granted to an
33 applicant where such applicant's license, registration or certificate is
34 subject to such automatic revocation or suspension, except for the purpose
35 of establishing the fact of revocation or suspension of the applicant's
36 license, registration or certificate by the applicant's state of residence or
37 jurisdiction in which the applicant held a license, registration or certificate.

38 (h) In the event the licensing body determines that the license,
39 registration or certificate currently held by an applicant under subsection
40 (c)(2) or the work experience or private credential held by an applicant
41 under subsections (e) or (f), who is a military spouse or military
42 servicemember does not authorize a similar scope of practice as the
43 license, registration or certification issued by the licensing body of this

1 state, the licensing body shall issue a temporary permit for a limited period
2 of time to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the applicant's
3 occupation while completing any specific requirements that are required in
4 this state for licensure, registration or certification that were not required
5 in the state, district or territory of the United States in which the applicant
6 was licensed, registered, certified or otherwise credentialed, unless the
7 licensing body finds, based on specific grounds, that issuing a temporary
8 permit would jeopardize the health and safety of the public.

9 (i) In the event the licensing body determines that the license,
10 registration or certification currently held by an applicant under subsection
11 (c)(2) or the work experience or private credential held by an applicant
12 under subsections (e) or (f), who is not a military spouse or military
13 servicemember, does not authorize a similar scope of practice as the
14 license, registration or certification issued by the licensing body of this
15 state, the licensing body may issue a temporary permit for a limited period
16 of time to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the applicant's
17 occupation while completing any specific requirements that are required in
18 this state for licensure, registration or certification that was not required in
19 the state, district or territory of the United States in which the applicant
20 was licensed, registered, certified or otherwise credentialed, unless the
21 licensing body finds, based on specific grounds, that issuing a temporary
22 permit would jeopardize the health and safety of the public.

23 (j) Any testing, continuing education or training requirements
24 administered under subsection (d), (h) or (i) shall be limited to Kansas law
25 that regulates the occupation and that are materially different from or
26 additional to the law of another state, or shall be limited to any materially
27 different or additional body of knowledge or skill required for the
28 occupational license, registration or certification in Kansas.

29 (k) A licensing body may grant licensure, registration, certification or
30 a temporary permit to any person who meets the requirements under this
31 section but was separated from such military service under less than
32 honorable conditions or with a general discharge under honorable
33 conditions.

34 (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply in conflict with
35 or in a manner inconsistent with federal law or a multistate compact, or a
36 rule or regulation or a reciprocal or other applicable statutory provision
37 that would allow an applicant to receive a license. Nothing in this section
38 shall be construed as prohibiting a licensing body from denying any
39 application for licensure, registration or certification, or declining to grant
40 a temporary or probationary license, if the licensing body determines that
41 granting the application may jeopardize the health and safety of the public.

42 (m) Nothing in this section shall be construed to be in conflict with
43 any applicable Kansas statute defining the scope of practice of an

1 occupation. The scope of practice as provided by Kansas law shall apply to
2 applicants under this section.

3 (n) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during a state of
4 emergency declared by the legislature, a licensing body may grant a
5 temporary emergency license to practice any profession licensed, certified,
6 registered or regulated by the licensing body to an applicant whose
7 qualifications the licensing body determines to be sufficient to protect
8 health and safety of the public and may prohibit any unlicensed person
9 from practicing any profession licensed, certified, registered or regulated
10 by the licensing body.

11 (o) Not later than January 1, 2025, licensing bodies shall provide
12 paper-based and verified electronic credentials to persons regulated by the
13 licensing body. A licensing body may prescribe the format or requirements
14 of the electronic credential to be used by the licensing body. Any statutory
15 or regulatory requirement to display, post or produce a credential issued by
16 a licensing body may be satisfied by the proffer of an electronic credential
17 authorized by the licensing body. A licensing body may use a third-party
18 electronic credential system that is not maintained by the licensing body.

19 (p) On or before January 1, 2025, and subject to appropriations
20 therefore, the secretary of administration shall develop and implement a
21 uniform or singular license verification portal for the purpose of verifying
22 or reporting license statuses such as credentials issued, renewed, revoked
23 or suspended by licensing bodies or that have expired or otherwise
24 changed in status. The secretary of administration may utilize the services
25 or facilities of a third party for the central electronic record system. The
26 central electronic record system shall comply with the requirements
27 adopted by the information technology executive council pursuant to
28 K.S.A. 75-7203, and amendments thereto. Beginning January 1, 2025,
29 each licensing body shall be able to integrate with the uniform or singular
30 license verification portal in the manner and format required by the
31 secretary of administration indicating any issuance, renewal, revocation,
32 suspension, expiration or other change in status of an electronic credential
33 that has occurred. No charge for the establishment or maintenance of the
34 uniform or singular license verification portal shall be imposed on any
35 licensing body or any person with a license, registration, certification or
36 permit issued by a licensing body. The centralized electronic credential
37 data management systems shall include an instantaneous verification
38 system that is operated by the licensing body's respective secretary, or the
39 secretary's designee, or the secretary's third-party agent on behalf of the
40 licensing body for the purpose of instantly verifying the authenticity and
41 validity of electronic credentials issued by the licensing body. Centralized
42 electronic credential data management systems shall maintain an auditable
43 record of credentials issued by each licensing body.

1 (q) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting or
2 preventing a licensing body from developing, operating, maintaining or
3 using a separate electronic credential system of the licensing body or of a
4 third party in addition to making the reports to the central electronic record
5 system required by subsection (p) or participating in a multistate compact
6 or a reciprocal licensure, registration or certification process as long as the
7 separate electronic credential system of the licensing body integrates with
8 the uniform or singular license verification portal.

9 (r) Each licensing body shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
10 implement and carry out the provisions of this section.

11 (s) This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the regulation
12 of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A. 7-103, and amendments thereto, or to the
13 certification of law enforcement officers pursuant to the Kansas law
14 enforcement training act, K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq., and amendments thereto.

15 (t) The state board of healing arts and the state board of technical
16 professions, with respect to an applicant who is seeking a license to
17 practice professional engineering or engage in the practice of engineering,
18 as defined in K.S.A. 74-7003, and amendments thereto, may deny an
19 application for licensure, registration or certification, or decline to grant a
20 temporary or probationary license, if the board determines the applicant's
21 qualifications are not substantially equivalent to those established by the
22 board. Such boards shall not otherwise be exempt from the provisions of
23 this act.

24 (u) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
25 applicants who are military spouses of ~~active~~ military service members
26 shall be exempt from all fees assessed by any licensing body to obtain an
27 occupational credential in Kansas and renew such credential including
28 initial or renewal application, licensing, registration, certification,
29 endorsement, reciprocity or permit fees and any criminal background
30 report fees, whether assessed by the licensing body or another agency.
31 Licensing bodies shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the
32 provisions of this subsection.

33 (v) This section shall apply to all licensing bodies not excluded under
34 subsection (s), including, but not limited to:

- 35 (1) The abstracters' board of examiners;
- 36 (2) the board of accountancy;
- 37 (3) the board of adult care home administrators;
- 38 (4) the secretary for aging and disability services, with respect to
39 K.S.A. 65-5901 et seq. and 65-6503 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- 40 (5) the Kansas board of barbering;
- 41 (6) the behavioral sciences regulatory board;
- 42 (7) the Kansas state board of cosmetology;
- 43 (8) the Kansas dental board;

- 1 (9) the state board of education;
- 2 (10) the Kansas board of examiners in fitting and dispensing of
- 3 hearing instruments;
- 4 (11) the board of examiners in optometry;
- 5 (12) the state board of healing arts, as provided by subsection (t);
- 6 (13) the secretary of health and environment, with respect to K.S.A.
- 7 82a-1201 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- 8 (14) the commissioner of insurance, with respect to K.S.A. 40-241
- 9 and 40-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- 10 (15) the state board of mortuary arts;
- 11 (16) the board of nursing;
- 12 (17) the state board of pharmacy;
- 13 (18) the Kansas real estate commission;
- 14 (19) the real estate appraisal board;
- 15 (20) the state board of technical professions, as provided by
- 16 subsection (t); and
- 17 (21) the state board of veterinary examiners.
- 18 (w) All proceedings pursuant to this section shall be conducted in
- 19 accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act
- 20 and shall be reviewable in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.
- 21 (x) Commencing on July 1, 2021, and each year thereafter, each
- 22 licensing body listed in subsection (u)(1) through (21) shall provide a
- 23 report for the period of July 1 through June 30 to the director of legislative
- 24 research by August 31 of each year, providing information requested by
- 25 the director of legislative research to fulfill the requirements of this
- 26 subsection. The director of legislative research shall develop the report
- 27 format, prepare an analysis of the reports and submit and present the
- 28 analysis to the office of the governor, the committee on commerce, labor
- 29 and economic development of the house of representatives, the committee
- 30 on commerce of the senate, the committee on appropriations of the house
- 31 of representatives and the committee on ways and means of the senate by
- 32 January 15 of the succeeding year. The director's report may provide any
- 33 analysis the director deems useful and shall provide the following items,
- 34 detailed by applicant type, including military servicemember, military
- 35 spouse and non-military individual:
- 36 (1) The number of applications received under the provisions of this
- 37 section;
- 38 (2) the number of applications granted under this section;
- 39 (3) the number of applications denied under this section;
- 40 (4) the average time between receipt of the application and
- 41 completion of the application;
- 42 (5) the average time between receipt of a complete application and
- 43 issuance of a license, certification or registration; and

1 (6) identification of applications submitted under this section where
2 the issuance of credentials or another determination by the licensing body
3 was not made within the time limitations pursuant to this section and the
4 reasons for the failure to meet such time limitations.

5 All information shall be provided by the licensing body to the director
6 of legislative research in a manner that maintains the confidentiality of all
7 applicants and in aggregate form that does not permit identification of
8 individual applicants.

9 ***Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-2418 is hereby amended to read as***
10 ***follows: 65-2418. (a) (1) The secretary shall fix and charge by rules and***
11 ***regulations the fees to be paid for certified copies or abstracts of***
12 ***certificates or for search of the files for birth, death, fetal death,***
13 ***marriage or divorce records when no certified copy or abstract is made.***
14 ***Except as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary shall remit all***
15 ***moneys received by or for the secretary from fees, charges or penalties,***
16 ***under the uniform vital statistics act, and amendments thereto, to the***
17 ***state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and***
18 ***amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state***
19 ***treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the***
20 ***credit of the civil registration and health statistics fee fund created by***
21 ***K.S.A. 65-2418e, and amendments thereto.***

22 ***(2) The secretary shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a***
23 ***certificate or abstract or for a search of the files or records if the***
24 ***certificate, abstract or search is requested by a person who exhibits***
25 ***correspondence from the United States department of veterans affairs or***
26 ***the Kansas office of veterans services that indicates that the person is***
27 ***applying for benefits from the United States department of veterans***
28 ***affairs and that such person needs the requested information to obtain***
29 ***such benefits, except that, for a second or subsequent certified copy of a***
30 ***certificate, abstract or search of the files requested by the person, the***
31 ***usual fee shall be charged. The secretary may provide by rules and***
32 ***regulations for exemptions from such fees.***

33 ***(3) The secretary shall not charge or accept any fee for a certified***
34 ***copy of a certificate or abstract or for a search of the files or records if the***
35 ***certificate, abstract or search is requested by a homeless veteran who***
36 ***exhibits correspondence from the Kansas office of veterans services, the***
37 ***Kansas soldiers' home, the Kansas veterans' home, any veterans services***
38 ***medical center located in Kansas, any jail or correctional facility or any***
39 ***nonprofit organization located in Kansas for the provision of services for***
40 ***the homeless indicating that the person is applying for a nondriver***
41 ***identification card pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1324, and amendments thereto,***
42 ***and that such person needs the requested information to apply for such***
43 ***identification card. The secretary may adopt rules and regulations for***

1 exemption from such fees. For purposes of this paragraph, "veteran"
2 means the same as defined in K.S.A. 8-1324, and amendments thereto.

3 (4) *The secretary shall not charge or accept any fee for a certified*
4 *copy of a birth certificate if the certificate is requested by any person*
5 *who is 17 years of age or older for purposes of voting if the applicant*
6 *lacks the identification required by K.S.A. 25-2908(h), and amendments*
7 *thereto, or to meet the voter registration requirements of K.S.A. 25-2309,*
8 *and amendments thereto. For voter registration purposes, an applicant*
9 *for registration shall swear under oath: (1) That such person plans to*
10 *register to vote in Kansas; and (2) that such person does not possess any*
11 *of the documents that constitute evidence of United States citizenship*
12 *under K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall*
13 *specifically list the documents that constitute evidence of United States*
14 *citizenship under K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto. The*
15 *secretary shall adopt rules and regulations in order to implement the*
16 *provisions of this subsection.*

17 ~~(4)~~(5) *Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a certified*
18 *copy of a birth certificate or abstract, \$3 of each such fee for the first*
19 *copy of a birth certificate or abstract and \$1 of each such fee for each*
20 *additional copy of the same birth certificate or abstract requested at the*
21 *same time shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the*
22 *provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of*
23 *each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount*
24 *in the state treasury to the credit of the permanent families account of*
25 *the family and children investment fund created by K.S.A. 38-1808, and*
26 *amendments thereto. The balance of the money received for a fee for a*
27 *certified copy of a birth certificate or abstract shall be remitted to the*
28 *state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and*
29 *amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state*
30 *treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the*
31 *credit of the civil registration and health statistics fee fund created under*
32 *this act.*

33 ~~(5)~~(6) *Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a certified*
34 *copy of a death certificate or abstract, \$4 of each such fee for the first*
35 *certified copy of a death certificate or abstract and \$2 of each such fee*
36 *for each additional copy of the same death certificate or abstract*
37 *requested at the same time shall be remitted to the state treasurer in*
38 *accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments*
39 *thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall*
40 *deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the district*
41 *coroners fund created by K.S.A. 22a-245, and amendments thereto. The*
42 *balance of the money received for a fee for a certified copy of a death*
43 *certificate or abstract shall be remitted to the state treasurer in*

1 *accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments*
2 *thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall*
3 *deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the civil*
4 *registration and health statistics fee fund created by K.S.A. 65-2418e,*
5 *and amendments thereto.*

6 *(b) Subject to K.S.A. 65-2415, and amendments thereto, the*
7 *national office of vital statistics may be furnished copies or data it*
8 *requires for national statistics. The state shall be reimbursed for the cost*
9 *of furnishing the data. The data shall not be used for other than*
10 *statistical purposes by the national office of vital statistics unless so*
11 *authorized by the state registrar of vital statistics.*

12 ~~Sec. 2 6. K.S.A. 8-1325 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1324, 48-3406~~~~is~~
13 ~~and 65-2418 are hereby repealed.~~

14 ~~Sec. 3 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its~~
15 ~~publication in the statute book.~~