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SENATE BILL No. 403

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the pheasants forever and quail forever **and delta waterfowl** license plates.

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

Section 1. (a) On and after July 1, 2026, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one license plate authorized by pheasants forever, inc., and established pursuant to this section for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate 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 payment to the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment.

(b) Pheasants forever, inc., may authorize the use of the organization's logos to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than $25 nor more than $100, as determined by pheasants forever, inc., as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty payment shall be paid to the county treasurer.

(c) Subject to the approval of the director of vehicles, pheasants forever, inc., is authorized to establish two new distinctive license plates. Each such plate shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141, and amendment thereto. The plates are intended to promote:

(1) Pheasants forever; and

(2) quail forever.

(d) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such 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 such license plate shall pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment. 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.

(e) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be

transferable to any other person.

(f) The director of vehicles may transfer a pheasants forever inc., authorized license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(g) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to the county treasurer the annual royalty payment. If such annual royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(h) Pheasants forever, inc., with the approval of the director of vehicles, shall design the plates to be issued under the provisions of this section.

(i) As a condition of receiving the pheasants forever license inc., authorized license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to pheasants forever, inc., and the state treasurer.

(j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2027, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one delta waterfowl license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate 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 payment to the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment.

(b) The board of directors of delta waterfowl may authorize the use of the organization's logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than $25 nor more than $100, as determined by the board of directors of delta waterfowl, as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty payment shall be paid to the county treasurer.

(c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such 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 such license plate shall pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment. 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 license plate issued under this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(e) The director of vehicles may transfer a delta waterfowl license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to the county treasurer the annual royalty payment. If such annual royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(g) The board of directors of delta waterfowl, with the approval of the director of vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

(h) As a condition of receiving the delta waterfowl license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the board of directors of delta waterfowl and the state treasurer.

(j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h), and amendments thereto, except that payments from the delta waterfowl license plate royalty fund shall be made on a monthly basis to the delta waterfowl foundation.

Sec. ~~2.~~ **3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.