

Distinctive License Plates; Sub. for HB 2452

Sub. for HB 2452 makes various changes related to the availability of distinctive license plates.

The bill authorizes three new license plates to be issued after January 1, 2015:

- Donate Life, sponsored by the Midwest Transplant Network, for passenger vehicles, small trucks, and motorcycles;
- Kansas Horse Council, sponsored by that organization, for passenger vehicles, trailers, and small trucks; and
- Rotary International, sponsored by that organization, for passenger vehicles and small trucks.

Anyone who wishes to receive one of the license plates authorized by the bill will pay an annual royalty amount of at least \$25, but not more than \$100, for the use of the sponsoring organization's logo, in addition to other statutory license plate fees. Such payments can be made directly to the organization or through the county treasurer. The bill will require each sponsoring organization to pay the initial costs of developing the license plates.

The bill adds motorcycles to the types of vehicles for which a qualified person could obtain a disabled veteran license plate.

The bill permits the production of distinctive license plates for motorcycles at the request of the sponsoring organization for any distinctive license plate. The sponsoring organization requesting a distinctive license plate for motorcycles will be responsible for the cost of the initial production of the motorcycle license plate.

The bill also allows a member of the armed forces who is stationed in Kansas and eligible for a regular Kansas license plate, but who maintains official residency in another state, to be eligible for a distinctive license plate. Formerly, only residents of Kansas were eligible for distinctive license plates.