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SENATE BILL No. 74

By Senator Billinger

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AN ACT concerning people with certain disabilities; relating to vehicle registration, information included therein; state-issued identification cards, information included therein; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-243 and 8-1324 and repealing the existing sections.

WHEREAS, The provisions of section 1 and the provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-243(f) and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1324(n), as amended by this act, shall be known and may be cited as Joey's Law.

Now, therefore:

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

New Section 1. (a) Any Kansas resident who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with autism spectrum disorder, or is responsible for the transportation of such a person, may request that such information be included as part of the vehicle registration. The director shall design adeeal to be affixed to the license plate of any applicant who meets the requirements of this section.

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(b) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A. 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a Christian science practitioner listed in the Christian science journal certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is entitled to drive, a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name, date of birth, gender, address of principal residence and a brief description of the licensee, either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser engraved photograph of the licensee, a facsimile of the signature of the licensee and the statement provided for in subsection (b). No driver's license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee. All drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 years shall be readily

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Proposed Balloon Amendment
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Issuance of decal and temporary placard

Any applicant meeting the requirements of this section may request the director to issue a decal to be affixed to the license plate of the applicant's vehicle, a temporary placard, or both, at the applicant's request.