

**HOUSE BILL No. 2148**

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;  
2 providing for the autism awareness license plate.

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

5 Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2018, any owner or lessee of  
6 one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of  
7 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with  
8 the provisions of this section, may be issued one autism awareness license  
9 plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be  
10 issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration  
11 and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and  
12 amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county treasurer of the  
13 logo use royalty payment established by autism hope for families, inc., or  
14 the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided  
15 for in subsection (b).

16 (b) The board of directors of autism hope for families, inc., may  
17 authorize the use of their logo to be affixed on license plates as provided  
18 by this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall  
19 be used to support autism hope for families, inc. Any motor vehicle owner  
20 or lessee annually may apply to autism hope for families, inc., for use of  
21 such logo. Upon annual application and payment to either: (1) Autism  
22 hope for families, inc., in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than  
23 \$100 as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be  
24 issued, autism hope for families, inc., shall issue to the motor vehicle  
25 owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement,  
26 which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time  
27 of registration; or (2) the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment  
28 for each license plate to be issued.

29 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may  
30 make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such  
31 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished  
32 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plates shall  
33 either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in  
34 subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment  
35 established by autism hope for families, inc. Application for registration of  
36 a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate under this

1 section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the  
2 director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

3 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be  
4 transferable to any other person.

5 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer autism awareness license  
6 plates from a leased motor vehicle to a purchased motor vehicle.

7 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,  
8 upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner  
9 prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of  
10 registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to  
11 the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement  
12 provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty  
13 payment established by autism hope for families, inc. If such statement is  
14 not presented at the time of registration or faxed by autism hope for  
15 families, inc., or the annual royalty payment is not made to the county  
16 treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of  
17 K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the  
18 county treasurer of such person's residence.

19 (g) Autism hope for families, inc., shall provide to all county  
20 treasurers a toll-free telephone number where applicants can call autism  
21 hope for families, inc., for information concerning the application process  
22 or the status of such applicant's license plate application.

23 (h) As a condition of receiving the autism awareness license plate and  
24 any subsequent registration renewal of such plate, the applicant must  
25 provide consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor  
26 vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address,  
27 royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to autism hope for  
28 families, inc., and the state treasurer.

29 (i) Annual royalty payments collected by county treasurers under this  
30 section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
31 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
32 each such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in  
33 the state treasury to the credit of the autism awareness royalty fund, which  
34 is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the state  
35 treasurer. All expenditures from the autism awareness royalty fund shall be  
36 made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director  
37 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state  
38 treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the autism  
39 awareness royalty fund to the appropriate designee of autism hope for  
40 families, inc., shall be made on a monthly basis.

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
42 publication in the statute book.