

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2017

HOUSE BILL No. 2174

By Committee on Veterans and Military

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to ~~disabled veteran~~ license plate  
2 eligibility **decals for certain military veterans with disabilities**;  
3 amending **K.S.A. 8-1,126 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-160 8-1,146** and  
4 repealing the existing ~~section~~ **sections**.

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

7 Section 1. ~~K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-160 is hereby amended to read as~~  
8 ~~follows: 8-160. As used in this act, the term "disabled veteran" means a~~  
9 ~~person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and who~~  
10 ~~either: (1) is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of~~  
11 ~~at least 50% and the laws administered by the veterans administration or~~  
12 ~~who is entitled to compensation for the loss, or permanent loss of use, of~~  
13 ~~one or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent visual impairment~~  
14 ~~of both eyes to a prescribed degree; or (2) submits satisfactory proof to the~~  
15 ~~director of vehicles pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,125(a), and amendments~~  
16 ~~thereto, that such person's disability, condition or impairment is~~  
17 ~~permanent in nature.~~

18 Section 1. **K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1,146 is hereby amended to read**  
19 **as follows: 8-1,146. (a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger**  
20 **vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, motorcycles**  
21 **or travel trailers, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who**  
22 **submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance**  
23 **with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that**  
24 **such person has proof of: (1) Having served and is designated as a**  
25 **veteran, and has had an honorable discharge from the United States**  
26 **army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines;**  
27 **or (2) currently serving in the United States army, navy, air force,**  
28 **marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines, upon compliance**  
29 **with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license**  
30 **plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck, motorcycle or travel**  
31 **trailer designating such person as an United States military veteran.**  
32 **Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other**  
33 **license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular**  
34 **license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.**

35 **On and after January 1, 2005, any person issued a license plate**  
36 **under this section may request a decal for each license plate indicating**

1 the appropriate military branch in which the person served or is  
2 currently serving.

3 (b) Any person who is a veteran or current member of the United  
4 States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant  
5 marines may make application for such distinctive license plates, not  
6 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date,  
7 on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and  
8 any applicant for the distinctive license plates shall furnish the  
9 director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a  
10 veteran or current member of the United States army, navy, air force,  
11 marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines. Application for the  
12 registration of a passenger vehicle, truck, motorcycle or travel trailer  
13 and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by  
14 the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles  
15 upon forms furnished by the director.

16 (c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the  
17 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

18 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
19 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the  
20 manner prescribed in ~~subsection (b)~~ of K.S.A. 8-132(b), and  
21 amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any  
22 applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as  
23 provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall  
24 be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto,  
25 and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such  
26 person's residence.

27 (e) (1) *A person eligible to receive a license plate under this section  
28 who does not meet the definition of "disabled veteran" under K.S.A. 8-160,  
29 and amendments thereto, upon submitting satisfactory proof to the director  
30 of vehicles pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,125(a), and amendments thereto, that  
31 such person's disability, condition or impairment is permanent in nature,  
32 may request a wheelchair emblem decal for such license plate.*

33 (2) *When a motor vehicle displaying a decal issued pursuant to this  
34 subsection is being operated by or used for the transportation of a person  
35 with a disability, such motor vehicle shall receive all parking privileges  
36 under K.S.A. 8-1,126, and amendments thereto.*

37 (f) A fee of \$2 shall be paid for each decal issued under subsection  
38 (a) or (e). The director of vehicles shall design such decals. Such decals  
39 shall be affixed to the license plate in the location required by the  
40 director.

41 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1,126 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
42 1,126. When a motor vehicle which bears a special license plate or  
43 placard issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,125, and amendments thereto,

1 *or wheelchair emblem decal under K.S.A. 8-1,146(e), and amendments*  
2 *thereto, is being operated by or used for the transportation of a person*  
3 *with a disability, such motor vehicle:*

4 (a) **May be parked in any parking space, whether on public or**  
5 **private property, which is clearly marked as being reserved for the use**  
6 **of persons with a disability or persons responsible for the**  
7 **transportation of a person with a disability, except a parking space on**  
8 **private property which is clearly marked as being reserved for the use**  
9 **of a specified person with a disability;**

10 (b) **may be parked for a period of time not to exceed 24 hours in**  
11 **any parking zone which is restricted as to the length of parking time**  
12 **permitted, except where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited to**  
13 **all vehicles, where parking is reserved for special types of vehicles or**  
14 **where parking would clearly present a traffic hazard; and**

15 (c) **shall be exempt from any parking meter fees of the state or**  
16 **any city, county or other political subdivision.**

17 ~~Sec.-2.~~ **3. K.S.A. 8-1,126 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp.-8-160 is 8-1,146**  
18 **are hereby repealed.**

19 ~~Sec.-3.~~ **4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its**  
20 **publication in the statute book.**