

Autism Awareness and 4-H Foundation License Plates; Military Honors Decals; Disability Decals; Senate Sub. for HB 2174

Senate Sub. for HB 2174 establishes two distinctive license plates, authorizes decals on distinctive license plates to indicate transportation of a person with a disability, and authorizes additional decals indicating military honors on certain military-related distinctive license plates.

License Plates

Autism Awareness

The bill authorizes an autism awareness license plate on and after January 1, 2018, for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less. The bill allows any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the organization Autism Hope for Families, Inc. Royalties are deposited into the Autism Awareness Royalty Fund, which the bill creates. Payments from the Autism Awareness Royalty Fund will be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of the Autism Hope for Families, Inc.

Kansas 4-H Foundation

The bill authorizes a Kansas 4-H Foundation license plate on and after January 1, 2018, for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less. The bill allows any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Inc. Royalties will be deposited into the Kansas 4-H Foundation Royalty Fund, which the bill creates. Payments from the Kansas 4-H Foundation Royalty Fund will be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Decals for License Plates

Indicating Disability

On and after January 1, 2018, the bill authorizes a wheelchair emblem decal to be affixed to a distinctive license plate and a permanent placard as an alternative to indicate the vehicle transports a person with a permanent disability. Under prior law, the options were a permanent placard or a permanent placard and a special license plate. An individual identification card will also be issued to accompany the permanent placard and wheelchair emblem decal; under prior law, the identification card was issued to anyone with a permanent placard or permanent placard and a special license plate.

Indicating Military Honors

The bill expands eligibility to purchase license plate decals indicating certain military honors to those persons issued a distinctive military license plate who have received an Army of

Occupation Medal or Navy Occupation Service Medal upon providing satisfactory proof of receiving such medal to the Director of Vehicles.