

**HOUSE BILL No. 2015**

By Representative Williams

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;  
2 providing distinctive license plates for current and veteran members of  
3 the United States army, navy, marine corps, air force and coast guard;  
4 amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 and repealing the  
5 existing sections.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee  
9 of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000  
10 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who  
11 submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with  
12 rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person  
13 is currently serving in the United States army or has separated from the  
14 United States army and was honorably discharged, upon compliance with  
15 the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate  
16 for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such  
17 person as a current member or veteran of the United States army. Such  
18 license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license  
19 plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as  
20 provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

21 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United  
22 States army may make application for such distinctive license plate, not  
23 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a  
24 form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any  
25 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with  
26 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or  
27 veteran of the United States army. Application for the registration of a  
28 passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate  
29 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner  
30 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

31 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the  
32 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

33 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
34 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the  
35 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No  
36 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant

1 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such  
2 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-  
3 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the  
4 county treasurer of such person's residence.

5 New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of  
6 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds  
7 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits  
8 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and  
9 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is  
10 currently serving in the United States navy or has separated from the  
11 United States navy and was honorably discharged, upon compliance with  
12 the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate  
13 for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such  
14 person as a current member or veteran of the United States navy. Such  
15 license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license  
16 plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as  
17 provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

18 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United  
19 States navy may make application for such distinctive license plate, not  
20 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a  
21 form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any  
22 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with  
23 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or  
24 veteran of the United States navy. Application for the registration of a  
25 passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate  
26 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner  
27 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

28 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the  
29 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

30 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
31 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the  
32 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No  
33 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant  
34 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such  
35 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-  
36 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the  
37 county treasurer of such person's residence.

38 New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of  
39 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds  
40 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits  
41 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and  
42 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is  
43 currently serving in the United States marine corps or has separated from

1 the United States marine corps and was honorably discharged, upon  
2 compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one  
3 distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or  
4 motorcycle designating such person as a current member or veteran of the  
5 United States marine corps. Such license plate shall be issued for the same  
6 period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment  
7 of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments  
8 thereto.

9 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United  
10 States marine corps may make application for such distinctive license  
11 plate, not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration  
12 date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and  
13 any applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with  
14 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or  
15 veteran of the United States marine corps. Application for the registration  
16 of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license  
17 plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner  
18 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

19 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the  
20 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

21 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
22 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the  
23 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No  
24 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant  
25 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such  
26 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-  
27 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the  
28 county treasurer of such person's residence.

29 New Sec. 4. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of  
30 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds  
31 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits  
32 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and  
33 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is  
34 currently serving in the United States air force or has separated from the  
35 United States air force and was honorably discharged, upon compliance  
36 with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license  
37 plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating  
38 such person as a current member or veteran of the United States air force.  
39 Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other  
40 license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license  
41 fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

42 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United  
43 States air force may make application for such distinctive license plate, not

1 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a  
2 form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any  
3 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with  
4 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or  
5 veteran of the United States air force. Application for the registration of a  
6 passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate  
7 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner  
8 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

9 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the  
10 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

11 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
12 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the  
13 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No  
14 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant  
15 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such  
16 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-  
17 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the  
18 county treasurer of such person's residence.

19 New Sec. 5. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of  
20 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds  
21 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits  
22 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and  
23 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is  
24 currently serving in the United States coast guard or has separated from  
25 the United States coast guard and was honorably discharged, upon  
26 compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one  
27 distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or  
28 motorcycle designating such person as a current member or veteran of the  
29 United States coast guard. Such license plate shall be issued for the same  
30 period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment  
31 of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments  
32 thereto.

33 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United  
34 States coast guard may make application for such distinctive license plate,  
35 not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on  
36 a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any  
37 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with  
38 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or  
39 veteran of the United States coast guard. Application for the registration of  
40 a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate  
41 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner  
42 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

43 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the

1 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

2 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
3 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the  
4 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No  
5 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant  
6 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such  
7 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-  
8 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the  
9 county treasurer of such person's residence.

10 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as  
11 follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for  
12 issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized  
13 license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto.  
14 This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior  
15 to July 1, 1994.

16 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license  
17 plate ~~authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1995~~, unless there is a  
18 guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates.

19 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license  
20 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, *and amendments*  
21 *thereto*, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186,  
22 8-1,187 or 8-1,188, *section 1, section 2, section 3, section 4 or section 5*,  
23 and amendments thereto.

24 (d) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to distinctive  
25 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148,  
26 and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-  
27 1,161, and amendments thereto.

28 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive  
29 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,160  
30 and 8-1,183, and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay  
31 the manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the  
32 division has received not less than 1,000 orders for such plate, including  
33 payment of the personalized license plate fee required under subsection  
34 (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the director of  
35 accounts and reports that not less than 1,000 paid orders for such plate  
36 have been received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer  
37 \$40,000 from the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.

38 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license  
39 plate authorized by the legislature ~~on and after July 1, 2004~~, shall submit  
40 to the division of vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$20,000,  
41 to defray the division's cost for developing such distinctive license plate.

42 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the  
43 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the

1 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
2 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in  
3 the state treasury to the credit of the distinctive license plate fund which is  
4 hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive  
5 license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the  
6 purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All  
7 expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be  
8 made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director  
9 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
10 secretary of the department of revenue.

11 ~~(g) (1) Except for educational institution license plates issued under~~  
12 ~~K.S.A. 8-1,142, and amendments thereto, the director of vehicles shall~~  
13 ~~discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate authorized prior to~~  
14 ~~July 1, 2004, and which is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) if:~~

15 ~~(A) Less than 500 license plates, including annual renewals, are~~  
16 ~~issued for that distinctive license plate by July 1, 2006; and~~

17 ~~(B) less than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued~~  
18 ~~for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year period~~  
19 ~~after July 1, 2006.~~

20 ~~(2) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any~~  
21 ~~distinctive license plate authorized on and after July 1, 2004, if:~~

22 ~~(A) Less~~*Fewer* ~~than 500 plates, including annual renewals, are issued~~  
23 ~~for that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and~~

24 ~~(B) less~~*fewer* ~~than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are~~  
25 ~~issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year~~  
26 ~~period.~~

27 (h) An application for any distinctive license plate ~~issued after~~  
28 ~~December 31, 2012~~; and the corresponding royalty fee may be collected  
29 either by the county treasurer or the entity benefiting from the issuance of  
30 the distinctive license plate. Annual royalty payments collected by the  
31 county treasurers shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with  
32 the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt  
33 of each such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount  
34 in the state treasury to the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall  
35 be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty  
36 fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of  
37 the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved  
38 by the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the  
39 royalty fund shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the  
40 distinctive license plate on a monthly basis.

41 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive  
42 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a  
43 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the

1 distinctive license plate.

2 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license  
3 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the  
4 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any  
5 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.  
6 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate  
7 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time  
8 the registration is renewed.

9 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as  
10 follows: 8-1,147. In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive  
11 license plates under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-  
12 1,139, 8-1,140, 8-1,145 or 8-1,146 or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163,  
13 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187~~—or—~~, 8-1,188, *section 1, section 2,*  
14 *section 3, section 4 or section 5*, and amendments thereto, the surviving  
15 spouse or other family member, if there is no surviving spouse, shall be  
16 entitled to possession of any such distinctive license plates. Such license  
17 plates shall not be displayed on any vehicle unless otherwise authorized by  
18 statute.

19 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 are hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
21 publication in the statute book.