

HOUSE BILL No. 2360

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; eliminating
2 the requirement to include a county designation on license plates;
3 amending K.S.A. 8-132, 8-134 and 8-147 and repealing the existing
4 sections.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-132.

8 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section and K.S.A. 8-1,125, and
9 amendments thereto, the division of vehicles shall furnish to every owner
10 whose vehicle shall be registered one license plate for such vehicle. Such
11 license plate shall have displayed on it the registration number assigned to
12 the vehicle and to the owner thereof, the name of the state, which may be
13 abbreviated, and the year or years for which it is issued. The same type of
14 license plates shall be issued for passenger motor vehicles, rented without
15 a driver, as are issued for private passenger vehicles.

16 (b) During calendar year 1975 commencing on the effective date of
17 this act, and during every fifth calendar year thereafter, the division of
18 vehicles shall furnish one license plate for any type of vehicle an owner
19 registers or has the registration thereof renewed, but during the succeeding
20 four-year period following calendar year 1975 and during the succeeding
21 four-year period following every fifth calendar year subsequent to 1975,
22 the division of vehicles shall not furnish any license plate for the renewal
23 of a vehicle's registration. During calendar year 1976 and during each
24 calendar year thereafter in which a license plate is not issued for the
25 renewal of registration of a vehicle, the division of vehicles shall furnish
26 one decal for the license plate issued for a vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-
27 134, and amendments thereto, for each registration and renewal of
28 registration of such vehicle. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of
29 this subsection, whenever, in the discretion of the director of vehicles, it is
30 determined that the license plates currently being issued and displayed are
31 not deteriorating to the extent that their replacement is warranted, the
32 director may adopt rules and regulations to extend the five-year issuance
33 cycle provided for in this subsection by one year at a time, and in the same
34 manner the director may further extend such cycle by one year at a time,
35 successively as the director determines appropriate. If the cycle is
36 extended at the expiration of the extended term, new license plates shall

1 again be issued in the manner and for the term provided in such rules and
2 regulations, except that the owner of a motor vehicle currently registered
3 may continue to display the license plate currently being issued and
4 displayed for a period not to exceed three registration years from the date
5 of the expiration of the extended term. The division shall furnish one decal
6 for each such license plate in accordance with the provisions of this
7 subsection.

8 (c) Any license plate issued pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) may be a
9 personalized license plate subject to the additional fee set forth in
10 subsection (d). The division shall allow an applicant for a personalized
11 license plate to personalize a license plate design established by subsection
12 (a), (b) or (d).

13 (d) Two personalized license plates may be issued to any owner or
14 lessee of a passenger vehicle or a truck licensed for a gross weight of not
15 more than 20,000 pounds, who makes proper application to the division of
16 vehicles not less than 60 days prior to such owner's or lessee's renewal of
17 registration date. Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the
18 division and accompanied by a fee of \$40, which shall be in addition to
19 any other fee required to renew the registration of such passenger vehicle
20 under the laws of this state. One such personalized license plate shall be
21 displayed on the rear of the vehicle and, at the option of the owner or
22 lessee, the other license plate may be displayed on the front of the vehicle,
23 except that no registration decal shall be issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-134,
24 and amendments thereto, for any such license plate displayed on the front
25 of such vehicle. One personalized license plate may be issued to any
26 owner of a motorcycle upon proper application in the same manner
27 provided in this subsection for passenger vehicles and trucks. The \$40 fee
28 shall be paid only once during the registration period for which such
29 license plates were issued, and any subsequent renewals during the
30 registration period shall be subject only to the registration fee prescribed
31 by K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. The division shall design
32 distinctive, personalized license plates to be issued which shall contain not
33 more than seven letters or numbers on truck or passenger vehicle license
34 plates and not more than five letters or numbers on motorcycle license
35 plates, or a combination thereof, to be designated by the applicant in lieu
36 of the letters and numbers required by K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments
37 thereto, ~~other than the letters required to designate the county in which~~
38 ~~such vehicle is registered.~~ Unless the letters or numbers designated by the
39 applicant have been assigned to another vehicle, or unless the letters or
40 numbers designated by the applicant have a profane, vulgar, lewd or
41 indecent meaning or connotation, as determined by the director of
42 vehicles, the division shall assign such letters or numbers to the applicant's
43 vehicle, and the letters or numbers, or combination thereof, so assigned

1 shall be deemed the registration number of such vehicle. Subject to the
2 foregoing provisions, all license plates issued under this section shall be
3 manufactured in accordance with K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto.
4 Such license plates shall be issued for a registration period of five years
5 commencing in 1985 and each five years thereafter.

6 (e) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations
7 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including, ~~without~~
8 ~~limitation but not limited to~~, rules and regulations concerning:

9 (1) The procedure for insuring that duplicate license plates are not
10 issued throughout the state;

11 (2) the procedure for reserving distinctive license plates for the
12 purpose of obtaining the same on each annual renewal of registration;

13 (3) the procedure for allowing the transfer of personalized license
14 plates from one vehicle to another for which such license plates were
15 originally issued, when the title to the original vehicle has not been
16 transferred and the name or names of the owner or owners listed on the
17 titles to both vehicles are identical; and

18 (4) procedures necessary to coordinate this act with other laws of this
19 state governing registration of vehicles. The director of vehicles shall remit
20 all moneys received by the division of vehicles under this section to the
21 state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and
22 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state
23 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit
24 of the state highway fund.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-134 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-134. (a)
26 Every vehicle registration under this act shall expire December 31 of each
27 year, except passenger vehicles and vehicles provided for in K.S.A. 8-
28 134a, and amendments thereto. The registration of vehicles ~~to which~~ *that*
29 K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto, applies shall expire in 1982 and
30 thereafter in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c).
31 Registration of vehicles shall be renewed annually upon application by the
32 owner and by payment of the fees required by law. Except vehicles subject
33 to K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto, and passenger vehicles, the
34 renewal shall take effect on January 1 of each year but the owner of the
35 vehicle shall have until and including the last day of February of each year
36 ~~within which~~ to make application for such renewal. The division shall
37 issue for such vehicles a February month decal to correspond with the
38 statutory grace period. Criminal sanctions provided in K.S.A. 8-142, and
39 amendments thereto, for failure to display any license plate or plates or
40 any registration decal required to be affixed to any such license plate for
41 the current registration year shall not be enforced until March 1 of each
42 year. An owner who has made proper application for renewal of
43 registration of a vehicle prior to January 1, but who has not received the

1 license plate or registration card for the ensuing year, shall be entitled to
2 operate or permit the operation of such vehicle upon the highways upon
3 displaying thereon the license plate issued for the preceding year for such
4 time as the director of vehicles finds necessary for issuance of such new
5 license plate.

6 (b) Every passenger vehicle required by this act to be registered,
7 except as otherwise provided, shall be registered for a period of 12
8 consecutive months. The division of vehicles, in order to initiate a system
9 of registering or reregistering passenger vehicles during any month of a
10 calendar year, may register or reregister a passenger vehicle for less than a
11 twelve-month period, prorating the annual registration fee, when in the
12 director's opinion such proration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly
13 registration system.

14 (c) Passenger vehicle registration, and the authority to legally operate,
15 use, or tow such vehicle on the highway shall expire at 12 midnight on the
16 last day of the last month of the twelve-month period for which such
17 vehicle was registered, and the owner shall see that such vehicle is
18 reregistered as required by this act. The director of vehicles shall designate
19 the registration period for each passenger vehicle in order to as nearly as
20 feasible equalize registration or reregistration within the 12 months of the
21 year. Any vehicle after having once been registered shall, upon
22 reregistration, be registered for the same twelve-month period except when
23 the certificate of title has been transferred as provided by law. In this case,
24 the vehicle shall be registered by the division of vehicles in accordance
25 with the system adopted.

26 (d) For the purpose of this act, hearses and electrically propelled
27 vehicles shall be classified as passenger vehicles.

28 (e) Every owner who registers or reregisters a vehicle in a calendar
29 year, and in any calendar year in which a license plate is not issued for the
30 renewal of registration of such vehicle, shall be furnished by the division
31 one decal for the license plate issued for such vehicle ~~and. Such decal~~
32 ~~shall be affixed to the number plate that is affixed to the rear of such~~
33 ~~vehicle as required by K.S.A. 8-133, and amendments thereto, to be~~
34 ~~affixed to the rear of such vehicle. Such decal shall be affixed to the~~
35 ~~number plate affixed to the rear of such vehicle and shall contain the~~
36 ~~letters designating the county in which such vehicle is registered, as~~
37 ~~provided in K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto, shall indicate the~~
38 license plate number for which the decal is to be affixed and shall indicate
39 the year in which such registration expires. The color of a decal shall be
40 such that it contrasts with the color of the license plate to which it is to be
41 affixed, and the director of vehicles shall change the color of such decals
42 each year, without duplicating the same color in any five-year period or
43 such extended period as the director designates under K.S.A. 8-132(b), and

1 amendments thereto. Such decals shall be so constructed that once a decal
2 has been affixed to a license plate it cannot be removed without destroying
3 the decal, and the surface of such decals shall be capable of reflecting
4 light. Consistent with the foregoing, the director of vehicles shall prescribe
5 the size of and material to be used in the production of such decals, and the
6 director of vehicles shall designate the location on a number plate where
7 such decal shall be affixed.

8 (f) (1) The owner of a vehicle may, at the time of such registration or
9 reregistration, purchase a park and recreation motor vehicle permit. Such
10 permit shall cost \$15 until such time as the amount for such permit is
11 changed by rules and regulations of the secretary of wildlife; ~~and parks~~
12 ~~and tourism~~.

13 (2) Such permit shall be nontransferable and shall expire on the date
14 of expiration of the vehicle registration.

15 (3) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4), the county treasurer shall
16 remit all such moneys paid to the county treasurer to the state treasurer in
17 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments
18 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall
19 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall be credited as
20 provided in K.S.A. 32-991, and amendments thereto.

21 (4) The county treasurer may collect and retain a service charge fee of
22 up to \$.50 for each park and recreation motor vehicle permit issued or sold
23 by the county treasurer.

24 (5) As a condition of receiving the park and recreation motor vehicle
25 permit, the applicant shall consent to the sharing of information, including,
26 but not limited to, the applicant's name, address, email address and phone
27 number, with the secretary of wildlife; ~~and parks~~ ~~and tourism~~ by the
28 division of motor vehicles.

29 (g) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations
30 necessary to accomplish the purpose of this act.

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-147 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-147. (a)
32 As used in this section "license plate" means the plate used to externally
33 evidence registration of a vehicle under chapter 8 of Kansas Statutes
34 Annotated.

35 (b) Prior to November 1 of each year, the director of vehicles shall
36 furnish the secretary of revenue with complete and detailed specifications
37 for the manufacture of all license plates and registration decals, together
38 with the number required for delivery in the succeeding year for use
39 during the following year, and the state corporation commission shall
40 furnish the secretary of revenue with complete and detailed specifications
41 for the manufacture of identification tags together with the number
42 required for delivery in the succeeding year for use in the following year.
43 The secretary of revenue shall cause to be manufactured all license plates

1 and registration decals and state corporation commission identification
2 tags based on such specifications and estimates.

3 ~~(c) For such purpose~~ *the purposes of subsection (b)*, the secretary of
4 revenue shall enter into a contract for the manufacture of license plates,
5 tags and decals with any organization or institution designated in K.S.A.
6 39-1208, and amendments thereto. Any such contract may provide that the
7 secretary of revenue shall furnish or cause to be furnished the materials
8 and supplies necessary for the manufacture and distribution of license
9 plates, tags and decals if, in the opinion of the secretary of revenue, a
10 reduction in the cost of manufacturing and distribution of the license
11 plates, tags and decals under such contract will be achieved. Subject to the
12 foregoing, the cost to the state for the manufacture of the license plates,
13 tags and decals pursuant to any contract entered into under this section
14 shall be substantially equivalent to such costs under prior contracts, with
15 the cost of license plates increased in the amount of the cost of coating
16 with reflective material, but any such contract shall not be subject to the
17 provisions of K.S.A. 75-3739, and amendments thereto.

18 *(d)* Except as authorized by other provisions of law, license plates,
19 beginning in the year in which new license plates are issued pursuant to
20 K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto, shall be lettered, numbered and
21 designed as provided in this section. Each license plate shall contain a
22 combination of three letters followed by a combination of three numerals,
23 except that once all allowable combinations of letters and numerals have
24 been used, each license plate shall contain an arrangement of numerals or
25 letters, or both, as shall be assigned by the secretary of revenue. The
26 arrangement of numerals and letters of license plates shall be uniform
27 throughout each classification of registration. The secretary may provide
28 for the arrangement of the numerals and letters in groups or otherwise and
29 for other distinguishing marks on such license plates. ~~The secretary of~~
30 ~~revenue shall design decals to be affixed to the license plates to identify~~
31 ~~the county by two letters chosen from the name of the county distinctly~~
32 ~~indicative of the name of the county in which the vehicle is registered and~~
33 ~~the date registration is to expire.~~ The letters and numerals of such license
34 plates shall be in such contrast of colors to the background of the license
35 plate as to make such letters and numerals easily read. As new license
36 plates are issued, the face of every license plate shall be completely coated
37 with a reflective material. The reflectorized material shall be of such
38 nature as to provide effective and dependable performance in the
39 promotion of highway safety and vehicle identification throughout the
40 service period for which the license plates are issued. The sum of \$.50
41 shall be added to the cost of each reflectorized license plate. The director
42 shall change the color of such license plates every time new license plates
43 are issued under ~~subsection (b) of~~ K.S.A. 8-132**(b)**, and amendments

1 thereto.

2 (e) The quantity of license plates and registration decals to be
3 furnished each county shall be computed upon the basis of the number of
4 motor vehicles registered and reregistered in such county for the preceding
5 year, and additional license plates and decals shall be furnished as
6 required.

7 (f) Any contract entered into pursuant to this section for the
8 manufacture of license plates and decals shall provide that the license
9 plates and decals, other than prorate license plates and prorate backing
10 plates, shall be shipped directly to the treasurer of the county where they
11 are to be used. Any such contract for the manufacture of state corporation
12 commission identification tags shall provide that such tags shall be
13 shipped directly to the state corporation commission.

14 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-132, 8-134 and 8-147 are hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
16 publication in the statute book.