

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2482

By Representative Dodson

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; providing
2 for the 1st infantry division **and the armed services occupation medal**
3 distinctive license ~~plate~~ **plates**; amending K.S.A. 8-1,147 and K.S.A.
4 2023 Supp. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing sections.

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

7 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2025, any owner or lessee
8 of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000
9 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who
10 submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles that such person is
11 currently serving in any unit of the 1st infantry division, the Fort Riley
12 garrison or a unit assigned to the Fort Riley garrison or has separated from
13 the United States military, was honorably discharged and served an
14 assignment of at least nine months in any unit of the 1st infantry division,
15 the Fort Riley garrison or any unit assigned to the Fort Riley garrison may
16 be issued one 1st infantry division license plate for each such passenger
17 vehicle, truck or motorcycle. Such license plate shall be issued for the
18 same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and
19 payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and
20 amendments thereto.

21 (b) Any person who meets the criteria in subsection (a) may make
22 application for such distinctive license plate, not less than 60 days prior to
23 such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and
24 furnished by the director of vehicles. Any applicant for the distinctive
25 license plate shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall
26 require that the applicant is currently serving in the 1st infantry division or
27 is a retired member or veteran that was assigned to the 1st infantry division
28 or Fort Riley garrison. Application for the registration of a passenger
29 vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate under this
30 section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the
31 director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

34 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
35 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in ~~subsection (a)~~ **K.S.A. 8-**
36 **143, and amendments thereto**, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-

1 132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to
2 any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as
3 provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be
4 required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return
5 the distinctive license plate to the county treasurer of such person's
6 residence.

7 (e) Upon satisfactory proof submitted to the director of vehicles, any
8 person issued a license plate under this section may request that the license
9 plate be printed to indicate that such person is a veteran or retired member
10 of the 1st infantry division or Fort Riley garrison.

11 **New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2025, any owner or lessee**
12 **of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks registered for a gross weight**
13 **of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state**
14 **of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of**
15 **vehicles that such person is a recipient of the Army of occupation**
16 **medal or the Navy occupation service medal, upon compliance with**
17 **the provisions of this section, may be issued one armed services**
18 **occupation medal license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck**
19 **or motorcycle. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period**
20 **of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment**
21 **of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments**
22 **thereto.**

23 (b) Any person who is a recipient of the Army of occupation
24 medal or the Navy occupation service medal may make application for
25 such distinctive license plates, not less than 60 days prior to such
26 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and
27 furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the
28 distinctive plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director
29 shall require that the applicant is a recipient of the Army of
30 occupation medal or the Navy occupation service medal. Application
31 for the registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and
32 issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the
33 owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles
34 upon forms furnished by the director.

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

37 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
38 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and
39 amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132,
40 and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to
41 any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as
42 provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall
43 be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto,

1 **and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such**
2 **person's residence.**

3 ~~Sec. 2.~~ **3.** K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as
4 follows: 8-1,141. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any new
5 distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994,
6 shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A.
7 8-132(d), and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any
8 distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

9 (2) On and after January 1, 2025, any distinctive license plate may be
10 a personalized license plate subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and
11 amendments thereto. Any personalized distinctive license plate shall be
12 subject to a fee that is double the amount prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d),
13 and amendments thereto.

14 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license
15 plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250
16 license plates.

17 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license
18 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-177d, 8-1,145, 8-1,163, 8-
19 1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-
20 1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-1,204 or 8-1,205, and amendments thereto, *or*
21 *section 1 or 2, and amendments thereto*, except that such distinctive
22 license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to subsection (a)
23 (2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee prescribed by
24 K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

25 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to distinctive
26 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146, 8-1,148, 8-
27 1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-1,161, and amendments thereto, except that such
28 distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to
29 subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee
30 prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

31 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive
32 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,160; *and* 8-1,183,
33 *and amendments thereto*, and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,211, and amendments
34 thereto, except that the division shall delay the manufacturing and issuance
35 of such distinctive license plate until the division has received not fewer
36 than 100 orders for such plate, including payment of the personalized
37 license plate fee required under subsection (a). Upon certification by the
38 director of vehicles to the director of accounts and reports that not less
39 than 100 paid orders for such plate have been received, the director of
40 accounts and reports shall transfer \$4,000 from the state highway fund to
41 the distinctive license plate fund.

42 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license
43 plate authorized by the legislature shall submit to the division of vehicles a

1 nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000, to defray the division's cost
2 for developing such distinctive license plate.

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

15 (g) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any
16 distinctive license plate if:

17 (1) Fewer than 250 plates, including annual renewals, are issued for
18 that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

19 (2) fewer than 125 license plates, including annual renewals, are
20 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year
21 period.

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

36 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive
37 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a
38 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the
39 distinctive license plate.

40 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license
41 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the
42 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any
43 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.

1 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate
2 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time
3 the registration is renewed.

4 ~~Sec.-3:~~ **4.** K.S.A. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
5 1,147. In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive license
6 plates under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-1,139, 8-
7 1,140, 8-1,145 or 8-1,146 or 8-177d, 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-
8 1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-
9 1,204 or 8-1,205, and amendments thereto, *or section 1 or 2, and*
10 *amendments thereto*, the surviving spouse or other family member, if there
11 is no surviving spouse, shall be entitled to possession of any such
12 distinctive license plates. Such license plates shall not be displayed on any
13 vehicle unless otherwise authorized by statute.

14 ~~Sec.-4:~~ **5.** K.S.A. 8-1,147 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,141 are hereby
15 repealed.

16 ~~Sec.-5:~~ **6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.