

**SENATE BILL No. 229**

By Committee on Commerce

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;  
2 providing for the city of Topeka license plate.

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

5 Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2024, any owner or lessee of  
6 one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of  
7 20,000 pounds or less who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with  
8 the provisions of this section, may be issued one city of Topeka license  
9 plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be  
10 issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration  
11 and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and  
12 amendments thereto, and payment to the county treasurer of the flag image  
13 payment provided for in subsection (b).

14 (b) Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to use the  
15 city of Topeka flag image on a license plate as provided for in this section.  
16 Such owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than \$25 but not  
17 more than \$100 for each such license plate to be issued. The flag image  
18 payment shall be paid to the county treasurer.

19 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may  
20 make application for such license plate, not less than 60 days prior to such  
21 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished  
22 by the director of vehicles. Any applicant for such license plate shall pay  
23 to the county treasurer the flag image payment. Application for registration  
24 of a passenger vehicle or truck and the issuance of the license plate under  
25 this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed  
26 by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

27 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be  
28 transferable to any other person.

29 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a city of Topeka license  
30 plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

31 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,  
32 upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments  
33 thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments  
34 thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until  
35 such applicant provides to the county treasurer the flag image payment. If  
36 the annual flag image payment is not provided to the county treasurer, the

1 applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143,  
2 and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county  
3 treasurer of such person's residence.

4 (g) The city of Topeka flag image referred to in subsection (b) was  
5 adopted by the city of Topeka governing body on November 12, 2019. The  
6 flag was designed through a community input process managed by the  
7 greater Topeka partnership, inc. No individual or entity claims intellectual  
8 property rights to the city of Topeka flag image. Use of the city of Topeka  
9 flag image to be displayed on a license plate shall be designed with the  
10 approval of the director of vehicles.

11 (h) As a condition of receiving the city of Topeka license plate and  
12 any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant  
13 shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor  
14 vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, flag  
15 image payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the city of  
16 Topeka and the state treasurer.

17 (i) The collection and remittance of annual flag image payments by  
18 the county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-  
19 1,141(h), and amendments thereto, except that payments from the city of  
20 Topeka flag image fund shall be made on a monthly basis to the greater  
21 Topeka partnership, inc. A change of the city's designee shall occur only  
22 by mutual agreement by the city of Topeka and the greater Topeka  
23 partnership, inc.

24 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25 publication in the statute book.