

## **Down Syndrome Awareness License Plate; SB 506**

**SB 506** authorizes a Kansas Down syndrome awareness distinctive license plate for issuance on or after January 1, 2023, for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

The bill authorizes the North Central Kansas Down Syndrome Society (Society) to authorize the use of its logo to be affixed on these license plates.

The bill requires the owner or lessee to pay the Society or the county treasurer a logo use royalty fee of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100 annually per plate.

The bill requires an applicant to apply at least 60 days prior to a person's renewal of registration date, on a form provided by the Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue. The applicant must provide either the annual logo use authorization statement from the Society, or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment.

This license plate is not transferable to another person; however, the bill authorizes the Director of Vehicles to transfer the license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

The bill requires the Society to provide an electronic mail address where applicants can contact the organization for information regarding the application process and, with the approval of the Director of Vehicles, to design the license plate,.

Under continuing law, Kansas Down syndrome awareness license plates will be issued after the guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250 license plates, and the North Central Kansas Down Syndrome Society must submit a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000 to defray costs of the Division of Vehicles for developing the distinctive license plate.