

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2476

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2476 would authorize two distinctive license plates related to military honors, for issuance on or after January 1, 2023: one for those who have received a Silver Star medal and one for those who have received a Bronze Star medal.

For each of these license plates, the bill would authorize issuance of the license plate for use on a passenger vehicle, truck with a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, or motorcycle to a Silver Star or Bronze Star recipient who has furnished proof of that honor to the Director of Vehicles (Director), Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR).

The bill would require the application to be made at least 60 days prior to a person's renewal of registration date, on a form provided by the Director.

Neither license plate would be transferable to another person. Upon the death of the person to whom the license plate was issued, the surviving spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse, another family member would be entitled to possession of the license plate; however, it could not be displayed on any vehicle.

These license plates would be exempt from requirements the person receiving the plate pay a distinctive license plate fee, for a minimum number to be ordered before issuance, and for payment of an amount to defray the costs of the Division of Vehicles, KDOR, to develop the license plate.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The bill was introduced by Representatives Timothy Johnson, Ellis, French, and Neelly.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, Representative Timothy Johnson and two veterans who stated they had been awarded Bronze Star medals testified as **proponents**. They stated the license plates would honor those who have received either of these military awards. No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDOR indicates enactment of the bill would increase its expenditures by \$7,176 in FY 2023 for programming and administrative costs related to the new license plates. Any fiscal effected associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

License plate; Silver Star medal; Bronze Star medal; vehicle