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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 6, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 359

SB 359 provides for the Kansas City Chiefs, Sporting Kansas City, Sedgwick County Zoo, Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Current distinctive license plates.

SB 359 provides that a vehicle owner may be issued a one of these distinctive license plates for every vehicle or truck upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fees pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143. Additionally, the applicant for one of these distinctive license plates must pay the logo use royalty fee established by the entity to the county treasurer. The logo use royalty fee established by each of these entities for authorizing the use of the entity’s logo on the license plate must be between \$25 and \$100 and is an annual fee.

Each of these license plates, like all distinctive license plates unless exempted, are subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141. Under current law in K.S.A. 8-1,141, distinctive license plates will not be issued until there is an initial issuance of 250 license plates and payment by the sponsoring organization of the initial design costs for the license plates up to \$5,000. Distinctive license plates are also subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132. The sponsoring organization must also provide a design for the license plate and provide a phone number or email address where people can inquire about the license plate.

Logo use royalty payments made to county treasurers are remitted to the State Treasurer and will then be credited to a newly created license plate fund for each of these entities. Payments from the Kansas City Chief license plate fund shall be made monthly to the Hunt family foundation. Payments from the Sporting Kansas City license plate fund shall be made monthly to the Kansas City Soccer Foundation in support of the Victory Project. Payments from the Sedgwick County Zoo license plate fund shall be monthly to the Sedgwick County Zoological Society. Payments from the Kansas City Royals license plate fund shall be made monthly to a charity

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approved by the Kansas City Royals. Payments from the Kansas City Current license plate fund shall be made monthly to the United Way of Greater Kansas City.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended SB 359 by adding the Sporting Kansas City and Sedgwick County Zoo license plates. The Senate Committee of the Whole amended SB 359 by adding the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Current license plates and passed the bill 36-2.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book.