

8-2406. Dealer plates; fee; symbols on plates; use of plates. (a) The annual fee for the first dealer license plate is \$275, and the annual fee for additional dealer license plates shall be an amount equal to the amount required to register a passenger vehicle having a gross weight of less than 4,500 pounds, except that the annual fee for dealer license plates used by trailer dealers on trailers which they have purchased or own and are holding for resale shall be \$25 for each plate. To determine the number of dealer license plates the dealer needs, the director may base the decision on the dealer's past sales, inventory and any other pertinent factors as the director may determine. After the end of the first year of licensure as a dealer, not more than one dealer license plate shall be issued to any dealer who has not reported to the division the sale of at least five motor vehicles in the preceding year. There shall be no refund of fees for dealer license plates in the event of suspension, revocation or voluntary cancellation of a license. The director is hereby authorized to designate by identifying symbols on a dealer's license plate the type of dealer's license that the person has been issued. If a dealer has an established place of business in more than one county, such dealer shall secure a separate and distinct dealer's license and dealer license plates for each established place of business.

(b) New motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle dealers may authorize use of dealer license plates assigned to such motor vehicle dealers as follows:

(1) The licensed motor vehicle dealer and such dealer's spouse;

(2) the sales manager and all other sales personnel when such manager and sales personnel are properly licensed in Kansas, except that no dealer license plate shall be assigned to sales personnel who are working at the established place of business of the dealer less than 20 hours per week;

(3) any employee of such motor vehicle dealer when the use thereof is directly connected to a particular business transaction of such motor vehicle dealer;

(4) the customer when operating a motor vehicle in connection with negotiations to purchase such motor vehicle or during a demonstration of such motor vehicle;

(5) any school district and any accredited nonpublic school which has entered into an agreement with a dealer to use a motor vehicle as a driver training motor vehicle, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, in an approved driver training course.

(c) A wholesaler dealer may authorize the use of dealer license plates on vehicles purchased by the wholesaler for resale to a retail vehicle dealer as follows:

(1) To transport or operate a vehicle to or from a licensed retail or wholesale vehicle dealer for the purpose of buying, selling, or offering or attempting to negotiate a sale of the vehicle to a licensed vehicle dealer;

(2) to deliver a vehicle purchased from the wholesale vehicle dealer to a purchasing vehicle dealer.

(d) Salvage vehicle dealers may use dealer license plates only on vehicles which they have purchased for salvage, including dismantling, disassembling or recycling.

(e) Insurance companies may use dealer license plates only on vehicles purchased or acquired for salvage in the course of business of the insurance company.

(f) Lending agencies may use dealer license plates only on vehicles which they have repossessed or are holding for disposition due to repossession.

(g) Trailer dealers may use dealer license plates only on trailers which they have purchased or own and are holding for resale.

(h) Brokers are not entitled to be assigned or to use any dealer license plates.

(i) Except as provided above, dealer license plates shall be used only in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-136, and amendments thereto. This subsection (i) does not apply to K.S.A. 8-2425, and amendments thereto, or full-privilege license plates or dealer-hauler full-privilege trailer license plates issued thereunder.

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