

License Plates—Special Olympics, Choose Life, City of Wichita, Various Military Operations; HB 2599

HB 2599 authorizes the following distinctive license plates for issuance on and after January 1, 2019: Special Olympics, Choose Life, City of Wichita, veteran of the Korean War, veteran of Operation Desert Storm, veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Special Olympics License Plate

The bill authorizes a Special Olympics license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less. The bill allows any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the organization Special Olympics Kansas. Royalties will be deposited into the Special Olympics Kansas Royalty Fund, which the bill creates. Payments from the Special Olympics Kansas Royalty Fund will be made monthly to the appropriate designee of Special Olympics Kansas. Special Olympics Kansas will pay initial costs and work with the Director of Vehicles (Director), Department of Revenue, to design the plate.

Choose Life License Plate

The bill authorizes a Choose Life license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, a motorcycle, or a travel trailer. No logo use royalty fee is associated with this license plate. Provisions requiring a sponsoring organization to pay a nonrefundable amount to defray Division of Vehicles (Division) costs to develop a new license plate do not apply, but the Division will delay the manufacturing and issuance of this license plate until the Division has received at least 1,000 orders for such plate.

City of Wichita License Plate

The bill authorizes a City of Wichita license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less. The bill allows any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the City of Wichita. The bill specifies any royalty payment received shall be used to support physical assets identified by the Wichita Parks Foundation (Foundation) and for license plate administrative costs incurred by the Foundation. Royalties will be deposited into the City of Wichita Royalty Fund, which the bill creates. Payments from the City of Wichita Royalty Fund will be made monthly to the appropriate designee of the City of Wichita. The City of Wichita will pay initial costs and work with the Director to design the plate. The City of Wichita will also be responsible for establishing a toll-free number applicants can call for information concerning the application process or the status of an application.

License Plates for Veterans of Specified Military Operations

The bill authorizes separate license plates for veterans of the following conflicts and military operations:

- The Korean War;
- Operation Desert Storm;
- Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- Operation Enduring Freedom.

[*Note:* Continuing law provides additional license plates related to military service, e.g., Vietnam War veteran in KSA 2017 Supp. 8-1,163.]

For each of those four license plates, the bill authorizes one license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle, a truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, or a motorcycle if the owner or lessee submits satisfactory proof to the Director, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of Revenue, that the person is a veteran of the military action for which the veteran is requesting a license plate. The bill also specifies application and registration requirements. No registration or distinctive plate issued under the bill will be transferable to any other person. In the event of the death of any person issued a distinctive license plate under the bill, the surviving spouse, or other family member if there is no surviving spouse, will be entitled to possess, but not display on a vehicle, the distinctive license plate.

The bill exempts these license plates from requirements for payment of a distinctive license plate fee by the veteran requesting the plate; the number of requests required before issuance; and payments to cover costs of the design, manufacture, and issuance of such plates.