

## HOUSE BILL No. 2592

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;  
2 providing for the American legion, knights of Columbus and proud  
3 educator license plates; providing for lowered license plate  
4 commitments and costs prior to production of plates; amending K.S.A.  
5 2019 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,142 and repealing the existing sections.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2021, any owner or lessee  
9 of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight  
10 of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance  
11 with the provisions of this section, may be issued one American legion  
12 license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates  
13 shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper  
14 registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-  
15 143, and amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county  
16 treasurer of the logo use royalty payment or the presentation of the annual  
17 logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

18 (b) The American legion may authorize the use of the organization's  
19 logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any motor  
20 vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to the American legion for use  
21 of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than  
22 \$25 nor more than \$100 to the American legion as a logo use royalty  
23 payment for each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty  
24 payment shall be paid to either:

25 (1) The American legion, who shall issue to the motor vehicle owner  
26 or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement that  
27 shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of  
28 registration; or

29 (2) the county treasurer.

30 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may  
31 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such  
32 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished  
33 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall  
34 either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in  
35 subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment.  
36 Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of

1 the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in  
2 a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by  
3 the director.

4 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be  
5 transferable to any other person.

6 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer an American legion license  
7 plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

8 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,  
9 upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner  
10 prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of  
11 registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to  
12 the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement  
13 provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty  
14 payment. If such statement is not presented at the time of registration or  
15 faxed by the American legion, or the annual royalty payment is not made  
16 to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with the  
17 provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the  
18 license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

19 (g) The American legion shall provide to all county treasurers an  
20 electronic mail address where applicants can contact the American legion  
21 for information concerning the application process or the status of such  
22 applicant's license plate application.

23 (h) The American legion, with the approval of the director of  
24 vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this  
25 section.

26 (i) As a condition of receiving the American legion license plate and  
27 any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant  
28 shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor  
29 vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address,  
30 royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the American  
31 legion and the state treasurer.

32 (j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the  
33 county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h),  
34 and amendments thereto.

35 New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2021, any owner or lessee of  
36 one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of  
37 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with  
38 the provisions of this section, may be issued one knights of Columbus  
39 license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates  
40 shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper  
41 registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-  
42 143, and amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county  
43 treasurer of the logo use royalty payment or the presentation of the annual

1 logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

2 (b) The knights of Columbus may authorize the use of the  
3 organization's logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this  
4 section. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to the  
5 knights of Columbus for use of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall pay  
6 an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 to the knights of  
7 Columbus as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be  
8 issued. The logo use royalty payment shall be paid to either:

9 (1) The knights of Columbus, who shall issue to the motor vehicle  
10 owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement  
11 that shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of  
12 registration; or

13 (2) the county treasurer.

14 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may  
15 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such  
16 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished  
17 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall  
18 either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in  
19 subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment.  
20 Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of  
21 the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in  
22 a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by  
23 the director.

24 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be  
25 transferable to any other person.

26 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a knights of Columbus  
27 license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

28 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,  
29 upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner  
30 prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of  
31 registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to  
32 the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement  
33 provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty  
34 payment. If such statement is not presented at the time of registration or  
35 faxed by the knights of Columbus, or the annual royalty payment is not  
36 made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply  
37 with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return  
38 the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

39 (g) The knights of Columbus shall provide to all county treasurers an  
40 electronic mail address where applicants can contact the knights of  
41 Columbus for information concerning the application process or the status  
42 of such applicant's license plate application.

43 (h) The knights of Columbus, with the approval of the director of

1 vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this  
2 section.

3 (i) As a condition of receiving the knights of Columbus license plate  
4 and any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant  
5 shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor  
6 vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address,  
7 royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the knights of  
8 Columbus and the state treasurer.

9 (j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the  
10 county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h),  
11 and amendments thereto.

12 New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2021, any owner or lessee of  
13 one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of  
14 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with  
15 the provisions of this section, may be issued one proud educator license  
16 plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be  
17 issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration  
18 and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and  
19 amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county treasurer of the  
20 logo use royalty payment or the presentation of the annual logo use  
21 authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

22 (b) The Kansas educators support foundation may authorize the use  
23 of the organization's logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by  
24 this section. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to the  
25 Kansas educators support foundation for use of such logo. Such owner or  
26 lessee shall pay an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 to the  
27 Kansas educators support foundation as a logo use royalty payment for  
28 each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty payment shall be  
29 paid to either:

30 (1) The Kansas educators support foundation, who shall issue to the  
31 motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use  
32 authorization statement that shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner  
33 or lessee at the time of registration; or

34 (2) the county treasurer.

35 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may  
36 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such  
37 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished  
38 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall  
39 either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in  
40 subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment.  
41 Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of  
42 the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in  
43 a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by

1 the director.

2 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be  
3 transferable to any other person.

4 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a proud educator license  
5 plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

6 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,  
7 upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner  
8 prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of  
9 registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to  
10 the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement  
11 provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty  
12 payment. If such statement is not presented at the time of registration or  
13 faxed by the Kansas educators support foundation, or the annual royalty  
14 payment is not made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required  
15 to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto,  
16 and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's  
17 residence.

18 (g) The Kansas educators support foundation shall provide to all  
19 county treasurers an electronic mail address where applicants can contact  
20 the Kansas educators support foundation for information concerning the  
21 application process or the status of such applicant's license plate  
22 application.

23 (h) The Kansas educators support foundation, with the approval of  
24 the director of vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the  
25 provisions of this section.

26 (i) As a condition of receiving the proud educator license plate and  
27 any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant  
28 shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor  
29 vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address,  
30 royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the Kansas  
31 educators support foundation and the state treasurer.

32 (j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the  
33 county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h),  
34 and amendments thereto.

35 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as  
36 follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for  
37 issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized  
38 license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto.  
39 This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior  
40 to July 1, 1994.

41 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license  
42 plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1995, unless there is a  
43 guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates.

1 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license  
2 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, *and amendments*  
3 *thereto*, or K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186,  
4 8-1,187 or 8-1,188, and amendments thereto.

5 (d) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to distinctive  
6 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148,  
7 and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-  
8 1,161, and amendments thereto.

9 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive  
10 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1,160  
11 and 8-1,183, and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay  
12 the manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the  
13 division has received not *less fewer* than ~~1,000~~ 100 orders for such plate,  
14 including payment of the personalized license plate fee required under  
15 subsection (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the director  
16 of accounts and reports that not *less fewer* than ~~1,000~~ 100 paid orders for  
17 such plate have been received, the director of accounts and reports shall  
18 transfer ~~\$40,000~~ \$4,000 from the state highway fund to the distinctive  
19 license plate fund.

20 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license  
21 plate authorized by the legislature on and after July 1, 2004, shall submit  
22 to the division of vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed ~~\$20,000~~,  
23 \$5,000 to defray the division's cost for developing such distinctive license  
24 plate.

25 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the  
26 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
27 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
28 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in  
29 the state treasury to the credit of the distinctive license plate fund which is  
30 hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive  
31 license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the  
32 purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All  
33 expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be  
34 made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director  
35 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
36 secretary of the department of revenue.

37 (g) (1) Except for educational institution license plates issued under  
38 K.S.A. 8-1,142, and amendments thereto, the director of vehicles shall  
39 discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate authorized prior to  
40 July 1, 2004, ~~and which~~ *that* is subject to the provisions of subsection (b)  
41 if:

42 (A) ~~Less than 500 license plates, including annual renewals, are~~  
43 ~~issued for that distinctive license plate by July 1, 2006; and~~

1       ~~(B)~~ *less fewer* than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are  
2 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year  
3 period after July 1, 2006.

4       (2) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any  
5 distinctive license plate authorized on and after July 1, 2004, if:

6       (A) ~~Less Fewer~~ than 500 plates, including annual renewals, are issued  
7 for that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

8       (B) ~~less fewer~~ than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are  
9 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year  
10 period.

11       (h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued after  
12 December 31, 2012, and ~~the a~~ corresponding royalty-fee *payment* may be  
13 collected either by the county treasurer or the entity benefiting from the  
14 issuance of the distinctive license plate. Annual royalty payments collected  
15 by the county treasurers shall be remitted to the state treasurer in  
16 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments  
17 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance the state treasurer shall  
18 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of a segregated  
19 royalty fund which shall be administered by the state treasurer. All  
20 expenditures from the royalty fund shall be made in accordance with  
21 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports  
22 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the state  
23 treasurer's designee. Payments from the royalty fund shall be made to the  
24 entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate on a  
25 monthly basis.

26       (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive  
27 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a  
28 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the  
29 distinctive license plate.

30       (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license  
31 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the  
32 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any  
33 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.  
34 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate  
35 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time  
36 the registration is renewed.

37       Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1,142 is hereby amended to read as  
38 follows: 8-1,142. (a) As used in this section, "educational institution"  
39 means:

40       (1) Any state educational institution under the control and supervision  
41 of the state board of regents;

42       (2) any municipal university;

43       (3) any not-for-profit independent institution of higher education

1 ~~which~~ *that* is accredited by the north central association of colleges and  
2 secondary schools accrediting agency based on its requirements as of April  
3 1, 1985, is operated independently and not controlled or administered by  
4 the state or any agency or subdivision thereof, maintains open enrollment  
5 and the main campus or principal place of operation of which is located in  
6 Kansas;

7 (4) any community college organized and operating under the laws of  
8 this state; and

9 (5) Haskell Indian Nations university.

10 (b) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks  
11 registered for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds or  
12 motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the  
13 provisions of this section, may be issued one educational institution license  
14 plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle. Such license  
15 plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates  
16 upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided  
17 in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, plus the payment of an  
18 additional fee of \$5 for each plate, and either the payment to the county  
19 treasurer of the logo use royalty payment ~~established by the alumni-~~  
20 ~~association or foundation~~ or the presentation of the annual emblem use  
21 authorization statement provided for in subsection (c).

22 (c) Any educational institution may authorize through its officially  
23 recognized alumni association or foundation the use of such institution's  
24 official emblems to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section.  
25 Any royalty payment derived from this section, except reasonable  
26 administrative costs, shall be used for recognition of academic  
27 achievement or excellence subject to the approval of the chancellor or  
28 president of the educational institution. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee  
29 may annually apply to the alumni association or foundation for the use of  
30 the institution's emblems. Upon annual application and payment to either:  
31 (1) The alumni association or foundation in an amount of not less than \$25  
32 nor more than \$100 as an emblem use royalty payment for each  
33 educational institution license plate to be issued, the alumni association or  
34 foundation shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further  
35 charge, an emblem use authorization statement, which shall be presented  
36 by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration; or (2) the  
37 county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment for each license plate to  
38 be issued.

39 (d) Any applicant for an educational institution license plate may  
40 make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such  
41 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished  
42 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the educational institution  
43 license plates shall provide either the annual emblem use authorization



1 statement provided for in subsection (c) or pay to the county treasurer the  
2 logo use royalty payment ~~established by the alumni association or~~  
3 ~~foundation~~. Application for registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or  
4 motorcycle and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be  
5 made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of  
6 vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

7 (e) No registration or educational institution license plate issued  
8 under this section shall be transferable to any other person.

9 (f) The director of vehicles may transfer educational institution  
10 license plates from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

11 (g) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
12 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (b), in the  
13 manner prescribed in ~~subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132(b)~~, and amendments  
14 thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until  
15 such applicant provides to the county treasurer either the annual emblem  
16 use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c) or the payment  
17 of the annual emblem use royalty payment ~~established by the alumni~~  
18 ~~association or foundation~~. If such emblem use authorization statement is  
19 not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the alumni association  
20 or foundations, or the annual emblem use royalty payment is not made to  
21 the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A.  
22 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the educational institution  
23 license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

24 (h) The director of vehicles shall not issue any educational institution  
25 license plates for any educational institution, unless such educational  
26 institution's alumni association or foundation guarantees the initial  
27 issuance of at least ~~500~~ 100 license plates.

28 (i) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of an  
29 educational institution's license plate authorized under this section if:

30 (1) ~~Less~~ Fewer than ~~500~~ 100 educational institution license plates,  
31 including annual renewals, are issued for an educational institution by the  
32 end of the second year of sales; and

33 (2) ~~less~~ fewer than ~~250~~ 50 educational institution license plates,  
34 including annual renewals, are issued for an educational institution during  
35 any subsequent two-year period.

36 (j) Each educational institution's alumni association or foundation  
37 shall:

38 (1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for such educational license  
39 plates; and

40 (2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number  
41 where applicants can call the alumni association or foundation for  
42 information concerning the application process or the status of their  
43 license plate application.

1 (k) Each educational institution's alumni association or foundation,  
2 with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability  
3 of materials and equipment, shall design a license plate to be issued under  
4 the provisions of this section.

5 (l) As a condition of receiving the educational institution license plate  
6 and any subsequent registration renewal of such plate, the applicant must  
7 provide consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor  
8 vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address,  
9 emblem use royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the  
10 relevant educational institution and the state treasurer.

11 (m) Annual royalty payments collected by county treasurers under  
12 this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
13 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. In the case of an  
14 educational institution that is a state educational institution as defined by  
15 K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, upon receipt of each such  
16 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state  
17 treasury to the credit of the appropriate account of the restricted fees fund  
18 of such state educational institution. In the case of an educational  
19 institution which is not a state educational institution as defined by K.S.A.  
20 76-711, and amendments thereto, upon receipt of each such remittance, the  
21 state treasurer shall remit the entire amount to the educational institutions  
22 emblem royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and  
23 shall be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the  
24 educational institutions emblem royalty fund shall be made in accordance  
25 with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and  
26 reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the  
27 state treasurer's designee. Payments from the educational institutions  
28 emblem royalty fund to the respective educational institutions shall be  
29 made on a monthly basis.

30 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,142 are hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32 publication in the statute book.