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Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2504

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to disabled veteran 2 distinctive license plates; allowing the printing of the international 3 symbol of access for disabled veteran distinctive license plates and 4 certain parking privileges for disabled veterans who meet certain 5 physical disability definitions; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-161 and 6 repealing the existing section.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-161 is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 8-161. (a) Any disabled veteran as defined in K.S.A. 8-160, and 11 amendments thereto, who resides in Kansas and who makes application to 12 the director of vehicles on a form furnished by the director for registration 13 of a motor vehicle that is a passenger vehicle, a truck with a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds, or a motorcycle and is owned or leased 14 15 and used by such veteran may have such motor vehicle registered, and the director shall issue a distinctive license plate for it. Such license plate shall 16 be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued. 17 18 Such registration shall be made and such license plates issued free of 19 charge to the disabled veteran. The director of vehicles shall also issue to 20 the disabled veteran an individual identification card which must be 21 carried by the disabled veteran when the motor vehicle being operated by 22 the disabled veteran or used for the transportation of such disabled veteran 23 is parked in a designated accessible parking space. Such distinctive license plate shall not be printed with the international symbol of access to the 24 25 physically disabled unless the disabled veteran meets the definition of a 26 person with a disability as defined in K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments 27 thereto.

28 (b) Any Kansas resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle and who 29 is responsible for the transportation of a disabled veteran or any resident 30 disabled veteran desiring a distinctive license plate for a vehicle other than 31 a motor vehicle owned or leased by the veteran may make application to 32 the director of vehicles for such a license plate. Such license plate shall be 33 issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued. There 34 shall be no fee for such license plates in addition to the regular registration 35 fee. Such license plates shall not be printed with the international symbol 36 of access to the physically disabled unless the applicant is responsible for

the transportation of the disabled veteran who meets the definition of a
 person with a disability as defined in K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments
 thereto.

4 (c) (1) The director of vehicles shall design a special license plate to 5 be issued as provided in this act. No registration or license plates issued 6 under this act shall be transferable to any other person. No registration 7 under this act shall be made until the applicant has filed with the director 8 acceptable proof that the applicant is a disabled veteran as defined by K.S.A. 8-160, and amendments thereto, or is responsible for the 9 10 transportation of such veteran. Any applicant who requests the international symbol of access to be printed on the applicant's distinctive 11 12 license plate shall provide the director with acceptable proof that the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability as defined in 13 14 K.S.A. 8-1.124. and amendments thereto.

(2) Motor vehicles displaying the distinctive license plates-provided
 for in this act with the international symbol of access displayed on such
 license plates shall be permitted to:

(A) Park in any parking space on public or private property which is
clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability or
persons responsible for the transportation of a person with a disability,
except a parking space on private property which is clearly marked as
being reserved for the use of a specified person with a disability;

(B) park without charge in any metered zone-and. Such motor vehicle
shall be exempt from any time limitation imposed on parking in any zone
designated for parking; during the hours in which parking is permitted in
any city; or

27 (C) park without charge in any parking space in a public parking 28 facility or public parking lot if such parking space is clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability or persons 29 responsible for the transportation of a person with a disability and such 30 31 public parking facility or public parking lot employs persons who are 32 parking attendants-to and who collect payment. Any parking occurring 33 under the provisions of this subparagraph shall also comply with all 34 regulations and restrictions posted at the entrance of the public parking 35 facility or public parking lot by-its the management thereof.

36 (3) Motor vehicles displaying the distinctive license plates without 37 the international symbol of access on such license plates shall be 38 permitted to:

(A) Park without charge in any metered zone. Such motor vehicle
shall be exempt from any time limitation imposed on parking in any zone
designated for parking during the hours in which parking is permitted in
any city; or

43 (B) park without charge in any parking space in a public parking

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1 facility or public parking lot if such parking space is clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability or persons 2 responsible for the transportation of a person with a disability and such 3 4 public parking facility or public parking lot employs persons who are 5 parking attendants and who collect payment. Any parking occurring under 6 the provisions of this subparagraph shall also comply with all regulations 7 and restrictions posted at the entrance of the public parking facility or 8 public parking lot by the management thereof.

9 (d) Any person who willfully and falsely represents that such person 10 has the qualifications to obtain the distinctive license plates provided for 11 by this section, or who falsely utilizes the parking privilege accorded by 12 this section, shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by 13 a fine of not more than \$250.

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Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-161 is hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 16 publication in the statute book.