

HOUSE BILL No. 2947

AN ACT concerning license plates for motor vehicles; reenacting 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143; amending K.S.A. 8-1,141, 8-1,142 and 8-1,146 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 8-1,141, as amended by section 1 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, 8-1,142, as amended by section 2 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, 8-1,146, as amended by section 3 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, 8-1,149, section 4 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, section 5 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, and section 6 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

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

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, and amendments thereto.

(d) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148, and amendments thereto, or ~~K.S.A. 8-1,148~~ section 4, and amendments thereto.

(e) (1) *Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license plate authorized by the legislature on and after July 1, 2004, shall submit to the division of vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$10,000, to defray the division's cost for developing such distinctive license plate.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1,142 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,142.

(a) As used in this section, "educational institution" means:

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

(2) ~~any qualified institution as defined in K.S.A. 72-6107, and amendments thereto~~ *municipal university;*

(3) *any not-for-profit independent institution of higher education which is accredited by the north central association of colleges and secondary schools accrediting agency based on its requirements as of April 1, 1985, is operated independently and not controlled or administered by the state or any agency or subdivision thereof, maintains open enrollment*

and the main campus or principal place of operation of which is located in Kansas;

~~(3)~~ (4) any community college organized and operating under the laws of this state; and

~~(4)~~ (5) Haskell Indian Nations university.

(b) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one educational institution license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, plus the payment of an additional fee of \$5 for each plate, and the presentation of the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c).

(c) Any educational institution may authorize through its officially recognized alumni association or foundation the use of such institution's official emblems to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment to such alumni association or foundation derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used for recognition of academic achievement or excellence subject to the approval of the chancellor or president of the educational institution. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may annually apply to the alumni association or foundation for the use of the institution's emblems. Upon annual application and payment to the alumni association or foundation in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 as an emblem use royalty payment for each educational institution license plate to be issued, the alumni association or foundation shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, an emblem use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration.

(d) Any applicant for an educational institution license plate may make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the educational institution license plates shall provide the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c). Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (b), in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c). If such emblem use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the educational institution license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

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

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

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

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

~~(4)~~ (i) Each educational institution's alumni association or foundation shall:

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

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

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

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1,146 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,146.

(a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person has proof of having served and is designated as a veteran, and has had an honorable discharge from the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such person as an United States military veteran. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

On and after January 1, 2005, any person issued a license plate under this section may request a decal for each license plate indicating the appropriate military branch in which the person served.

(b) Any person who is a veteran of the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines may make application for such distinctive license plates, not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a veteran of the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard or merchant marines. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(c) No registration ~~of~~ or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(e) On and after January 1, 2005, any person issued a license plate under this section, upon submitting satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, that such person was awarded a silver star or bronze star medal by the United States government, may request a decal for each license plate indicating the person was a recipient of a silver star or bronze star medal or both.

(f) A fee of \$2 shall be paid for each decal issued under subsection (a) or (e). The director of vehicles shall design such decals. Such decals shall be affixed to the license plate in the location required by the director.

New Sec. 4. (a) On and after January 1, 2005, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one helping schools license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) The state board of education may authorize the use of the logo

to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the helping schools license plate program fund. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the state board of education for the use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to the board in an amount of \$40 as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, the board shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration.

(c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plates shall provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b). Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director. The school district to receive the royalty payment shall be designated by the applicant on such forms.

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

(e) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b). If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(f) The helping schools license plate shall not be developed by the division until the state board of education has collected sufficient logo use royalty payments under subsection (b), to comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1,141, and amendments thereto.

(g) The state board of education, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

New Sec. 5. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury, the helping schools license plate program fund. All moneys credited to the helping schools license plate program fund, except for an amount for the development of the helping schools license plate under subsection (f) of section 4, and amendments thereto, and reasonable costs to administer the helping schools license plate program provided under section 4, and amendments thereto, shall be allocated and distributed annually on or after July 1 of each year to the school districts designated by the applicants under section 4, and amendments thereto. Such money allocated and distributed to the school districts shall be used for the purchase of classroom supplies and equipment in grades K through 12 of the public schools of the school district. No moneys shall be distributed under the provisions of this section until the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141, and amendments thereto, have been satisfied. All expenditures from the helping schools license plate program fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state board of education or the state board's designee.

(b) Moneys allocated and distributed under subsection (a), shall be deemed a donation under K.S.A. 72-8210, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 6. (a) On and after January 1, 2005, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a

firefighter, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck designating such person as a firefighter. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any person who is a firefighter may make application for such distinctive license plates, not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a firefighter. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 8-1,141, 8-1,141, as amended by section 1 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, 8-1,142, 8-1,142, as amended by section 2 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, 8-1,146, 8-1,146, as amended by section 3 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, 8-1,149, section 4 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143, section 5 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143 and section 6 of 2004 Substitute for House Bill No. 2143 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.