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By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning distinctive license plates for motor vehicles; relating to the regulation thereof [of distinctive license plates; personalized authorizing certain distinctive license plates]; amending K.S.A. [8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-1,139, 8-1,140,] 8-1,141 and 8-1,142 and [K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 8-132 8-1,147[, 8-1,142, 8-1,145, and 8-1,146] and] repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 8-1,149.

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, or section 6 or 7, 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 <u>K.S.A. 8-1,148</u> *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 provi-sions 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 credited 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;
- $\frac{(3)}{(4)}$ any community college organized and operating under the 42 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.
- $\frac{\mathrm{(h)}}{\mathrm{(i)}}$ 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.
- $\frac{\langle i \rangle}{\langle j \rangle}$ 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. 2003 Supp. 8-132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-132. (a) Subject to the provisions of this section and K.S.A. 8-1,125, and amendments thereto, the division of vehicles shall furnish to every owner whose vehicle shall be registered one license plate for such vehicle. Such license plate shall have displayed on it the registration number assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof, the name of the state, which may be abbreviated, and the year or years for which it is issued. The same type of license plates shall be issued for passenger motor vehicles, rented without a driver, as are issued for private passenger vehicles.

[(b) During calendar year 1975 commencing on the effective date of this act, and during every fifth calendar year thereafter, the division of vehicles, shall furnish one license plate for any type of vehicle an owner registers or has the registration thereof re-

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newed, but during the succeeding four-year period following calendar year 1975 and during the succeeding four-year period following every fifth calendar year subsequent to 1975, the division of vehicles shall not furnish any license plate for the renewal of a vehicle's registration. During calendar year 1976 and during each calendar year thereafter in which a license plate is not issued for the renewal of registration of a vehicle, the division of vehicles shall furnish one deeal for the license plate issued for a vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, for each registration and renewal of registration of such vehicle. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, whenever, in the discretion of the director of vehicles, it is determined that the license plates currently being issued and displayed are not deteriorating to the extent that their replacement is warranted, the director may adopt rules and regulations to extend the five-year issuance eyele provided for in this subsection by one year at a time, and in the same manner the director may further extend such eyele by one year at a time, successively as the director determines appropriate. If the eyele is extended, at the expiration of the extended term, new license plates shall again be issued in the manner and for the term provided in such rules and regulations.

(e) Two personalized license plates may be issued to any owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or a truck licensed for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds, who makes proper application to the division of vehicles not less than 60 days prior to such owner's or lessee's renewal of registration date. Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the division and accompanied by a fee of \$40, which shall be in addition to any other fee required to renew the registration of such passenger vehicle under the laws of this state. One such personalized license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and, at the option of the owner or lessee, the other license plate may be displayed on the front of the vehicle, except that no registration decal shall be issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, for any such license plate displayed on the front of such vehicle. One personalized license plate may be issued to any owner of a motoreyele upon proper application in the same manner provided in this subsection (e) for passenger vehicles and trucks. The \$40 fee shall be paid only once during the registration period for which such license plates were issued, and any subsequent renewals during the registration period shall be subject only to the registration fee preseribed by K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. The division shall design distinctive, personalized license plates to be issued

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which shall contain not more than seven letters or, numbers or ampersand characters on truck or passenger vehicle license plates and not more than five letters or, numbers or ampersand characters on motoreyele license plates, or a combination thereof, to be designated by the applicant in lieu of the letters and numbers required by K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto, other than the letters required to designate the county in which such vehicle is registered. Unless the letters or, numbers or ampersand characters designated by the applicant have been assigned to another vehicle of the same type registered in the same county, or unless the letters or, numbers or ampersand characters designated by the applicant have a profane, vulgar, lewd or indecent meaning or connotation, as determined by the director of vehicles, the division shall assign such letters or, numbers or ampersand characters to the applicant's vehicle, and the letters or, numbers or ampersand characters, or combination thereof, so assigned shall be deemed the registration number of such vehicle. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all license plates issued under this section shall be manufactured in accordance with K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto. Such license plates shall be issued for a registration period of five years commencing in 1985 and each five years thereafter.

The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations neeessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including, without limitation, rules and regulations concerning (1) the procedure for insuring that duplicate license plates are not issued in the same county, (2) the procedure for reserving distinctive license plates for the purpose of obtaining the same on each annual renewal of registration, (3) the procedure for allowing the transfer of personalized license plates from one vehicle to another for which such license plates were originally issued, when the title to the original vehicle has not been transferred and the name or names of the owner or owners listed on the titles to both vehicles are identical, and (4) procedures necessary to coordinate this act with other laws of this state governing registration of vehicles. The director of vehicles shall remit all moneys received by the division of vehicles under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon reecipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the eredit of the state highway fund.]

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,147. In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive license plates under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a,

 8-177c, 8-1,139, 8-1,140, 8-1,145 or 8-1,146, and amendments thereto, or section 6 or 7, and amendments thereto, the surviving spouse or other family member, if there is no surviving spouse, shall be entitled to possession of any such distinctive license plates. Such license plates shall not be displayed on any vehicle unless otherwise authorized by statute.

[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.

- [(b) In addition to such license plate, on and after January 1, 2005, the person may request a decal for each license plate indicating:
 - I(1) The appropriate military branch in which the person served; and
- [(2) upon submitting satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, inaccordance 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.

[A fee of \$2 shall be paid for each decal. The decals shall be affixed to the license plate in the location required by the director.

[\(\frac{\to}{\to}\)] (c) 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.

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

[(d) (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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b) (c). 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.]

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

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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 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 was awarded a military service award known as a bronze star by the United States government, 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 recipient of a bronze star. 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 recipient of a bronze star may make application for the 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 such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a recipient of a bronze star. 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.
- <u>(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.</u>
 - (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.

New Sec. 7. (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 was awarded a military service award known as a silver star by the United States government, 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 recipient of a silver star. 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 recipient of a silver star may make application for the 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 such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a recipient of a silver star. 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. 6. K.S.A. 8-161 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-161. (a) Any disabled veteran as defined in K.S.A. 8-160, and amendments thereto, who resides in Kansas and who makes application to the director of vehicles on a form furnished by the director for registration of a motor vehicle that is a passenger vehicle or, a truck with a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds or motorcycle and is owned or leased 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 be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued. Such registration shall be made and such license plates issued free of charge to the disabled veteran. The director of vehicles shall also issue to the disabled veteran an individual identification card which must

be carried by the disabled veteran when the motor vehicle being operated by the disabled veteran or used for the transportation of such disabled veteran is parked in a designated accessible parking space.

- [(b) Any Kansas resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle and who is responsible for the transportation of a disabled veteran or any resident disabled veteran desiring a distinctive license plate for a vehicle other than a motor vehicle owned or leased by the veteran may make application to the director of vehicles for such a license plate. Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued. There shall be no fee for such license plates in addition to the regular registration fee.
- The director of vehicles shall design a special license plate to be issued as provided in this act. No registration or license plates issued under this act shall be transferable to any other person. No registration under this act shall be made until the applicant has filed with the director 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 transportation of such veteran. Motor vehicles displaying the distinctive license plates provided for in this act shall be permitted to 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, or park without charge in any metered zone and 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.

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

[Sec. 7. K.S.A. 8-177a is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-177a. (a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles of trucks registered for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who is a regularly enlisted or retired, warrant or commissioned member of the Kansas national guard, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such motor vehicle of truck or motorcycle that is not required to be registered with the state corporation commission designating the

owner or lessee of such vehicle as a member or retired member of the Kansas national guard. 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 such member or retired member of the Kansas national guard may make application for such distinctive license plates, not less than 60 days prior to such member's renewal of registration date, on a form furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with such applicant's armed forces of the United States identification card as proof that the applicant is a member or a retired member of the Kansas national guard. Application for the registration of passenger vehicles of, trucks or motorcycles and issuance of the distinctive 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 plate issued under 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) The adjutant general, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a distinctive license plate for issuance to members and retired members of the Kansas national guard.
- [Sec. 8. K.S.A. 8-177c is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-177c. (a) As used in this section, "prisoner of war" means any person who was held as a prisoner of war while serving in the army, navy, coast guard, air force or marine corps of the United States in World War I or World War II or while serving with the armed forces of the United States during the military, naval and air operations in Korea, Vietnam or other places under the flags of the United States and the United Nations or under the flag of the United States alone.
- [(b) Any owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or, truck of gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycle, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the di-

rector of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a former prisoner of war or is the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war, may, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, be issued one distinctive license plate designating such person as a prisoner of war. The license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued upon proper registration without payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. Only one distinctive license plate may be issued to any prisoner of war or surviving spouse of a prisoner of war, to be displayed on such a vehicle owned or leased by such person.

- [(c) Any prisoner of war or surviving spouse of a prisoner of war may make application for the distinctive license plate, 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 plate shall furnish the director with such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a prisoner of war or is the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the distinctive license plate under the provisions of this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon the appropriate form furnished by the director.
- [(d) Any registration or distinctive license plate issued under the authority of this section shall not be transferable to any other person, except to the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war.
- [(e) Renewals of registration hereunder shall be made annually, without charge, 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 the applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (c). If the form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to register the motor vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the county treasurer.
- [(f) The rights of the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war under this section shall terminate upon remarriage of such person.
- [(g) Nothing in this section shall authorize the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war to be issued a distinctive license plate under this section, unless the deceased prisoner of war had already been issued such distinctive license plate.
- [Sec. 9. K.S.A. 8-1,139 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,139. (a) Any owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or, truck of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycle, who is a resident

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 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 survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate designating such person as a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Such license plate 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 making application for a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor license plate must comply with the following:
- [(1) Was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941;
- [(2) was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu or offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles therefrom;
- [(3) received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces; and
- [(4) has been approved by the chairperson of the Kansas Pearl Harbor survivors association as being a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- [(c) Any survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor may make application for the distinctive license plate, 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 application for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Application for the 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.
- [(d) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the authority of 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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (c). 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 plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

[Sec. 10. K.S.A. 8-1,140 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,140. (a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or, 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 satisfac-tory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person was awarded a purple heart medal by the United States government for wounds received in military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle or, truck or motorcycle designating such person as a recipient of the purple heart medal. 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 pro-vided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

- [(b) Any recipient of the purple heart medal may make application for the 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 such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a recipient of the purple heart medal. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle or, 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 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. 11. K.S.A. 8-1,145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,145. (a) On and after January 1, 2001, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or, 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 was awarded the congressional medal of honor, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle or, truck or motorcycle designating such person as a recipient of the congressional medal of honor. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and without payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

- [(b) Any recipient of the congressional medal of honor may make application for the 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 such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a recipient of the congressional medal of honor. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle or, 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 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, without charge, 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.]

[New Sec. 12. (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.]
- 20 Sec. 3. [4.] 8. [13.] K.S.A. [8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-1,139, 8-21 1,140,] 8-1,141, 8-1,142[, 8-1,145, 8-1-146] and 8-1,149 [and K.S.A. 2203 Supp. 8-132 8-1,147] are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. [5.] 9. [14.] This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.