Session of 2006

## **HOUSE BILL No. 2746**

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the issuance of support our troops license plates; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2007, 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 support our troops 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) Kansas support our troops, **Inc.**, may authorize the use of their logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall be paid to Kansas support our troops, **Inc.** and shall be used to support the United States military families in accordance with the by-laws of Kansas support our troops, **Inc.**. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to Kansas support our troops, **Inc.** for the use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to Kansas support our troops, **Inc.** in an amount of \$35 as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, Kansas support our troops, **Inc.** 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.

- (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) Kansas support our troops, **Inc.** shall:
- (1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for license plates authorized by this section; and
- (2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number where applicants can call Kansas support our troops, **Inc.** for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application.
- (g) Kansas support our troops, **Inc.**, 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.
- See. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 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.
- (e) 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. 2005 Supp. 8-1,153, and amendments thereto, or section 1, 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.

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- (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:
- 18 <u>(A) Less than 500 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate by July 1, 2006; and</u>
- 20 <u>(B) less than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued</u>
  21 for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year period
  22 after July 1, 2006.
- 23 <u>(2)</u> The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any dis-24 tinetive 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.
- 29 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.