

## HOUSE BILL No. 2861

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14 AN ACT concerning license plates for motor vehicles; relating to the  
15 regulation of distinctive license plates; purple heart medal recipients;  
16 amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-1,140 and repealing the existing  
17 section.  
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19 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

20 Section 1. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-1,140 is hereby amended to read as  
21 follows: 8-1,140. (a) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger ve-  
22 hicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles,  
23 who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory  
24 proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations  
25 adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person was awarded a  
26 purple heart medal by the United States government for wounds received  
27 in military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States,  
28 upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one  
29 distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motor-  
30 cycle designating such person as a recipient of the purple heart medal.  
31 *In such cases where the purple heart medal was awarded posthumously,*  
32 *or when the recipient is awarded the purple heart medal but succumbs*  
33 *to wounds sustained in battle before an application for the distinctive*  
34 *license plates can be made, the recipient's unmarried surviving spouse*  
35 *and the parents of the recipient may make application for the distinctive*  
36 *license plates in accordance with the provisions of this section.* Such li-  
37 cense plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license  
38 plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as  
39 provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

40 (b) Any recipient of the purple heart medal, *or the unmarried sur-*  
41 *viving spouse of or the parents of a recipient who was awarded the purple*  
42 *heart medal posthumously,* may make application for the distinctive li-  
43 cense plates, not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of reg-

1 istration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of ve-  
2 hicles, and any applicant for the distinctive license plates shall furnish the  
3 director with such proof as the director shall require that the applicant  
4 was a recipient of the purple heart medal. Application for the registration  
5 of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license  
6 plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner  
7 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the  
8 director.

9 (c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the au-  
10 thority of this section shall be transferable to any other person, *except to*  
11 *the unmarried surviving spouse of the purple heart medal recipient.*

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

20 (e) *The rights of the surviving spouse of a purple heart medal recip-*  
21 *ient under this section shall terminate upon remarriage of such person.*

22 (f) *Except in the case of a posthumous award, nothing in this section*  
23 *shall authorize the surviving spouse of a purple heart medal recipient to*  
24 *be issued a distinctive license plate under this section, unless the deceased*  
25 *purple heart medal recipient had already been issued such distinctive*  
26 *license plate.*

27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-1,140 is hereby repealed.

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