

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2346**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, following line 38, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2024, 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 city of Topeka 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 payment to the county treasurer of the flag image payment provided for in subsection (b).

(b) Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to use the city of Topeka flag image on a license plate as provided for in this section. Such owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than \$25 but not more than \$100 for each such license plate to be issued. The flag image payment shall be paid to the county treasurer.

(c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such 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. Any applicant for such license plate shall pay to the county treasurer the flag image payment. Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and the 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) The director of vehicles may transfer a city of Topeka license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to the county treasurer the flag image payment. If the annual flag image payment is not provided to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(g) The city of Topeka flag image referred to in subsection (b) was adopted by the city of Topeka governing body on November 12, 2019. The flag was designed through a community input process managed by the greater Topeka partnership, inc. No individual or entity claims intellectual property rights to the city of Topeka flag image. Use of the city of Topeka flag image to be displayed on a license plate shall be designed with the approval of the director of vehicles.

(h) As a condition of receiving the city of Topeka license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, flag image payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the city of Topeka and the state treasurer.

(i) The collection and remittance of annual flag image payments by the county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h), and amendments thereto, except that payments from the city of Topeka flag image fund shall be made on a monthly basis to the

greater Topeka partnership, inc. A change of the city's designee shall occur only by mutual agreement by the city of Topeka and the greater Topeka partnership, inc.

New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2024, license plates furnished for a motor vehicle and issued by the division of vehicles shall have designated the county of registration for such motor vehicle. The director of vehicles may either print the abbreviation of the county of registration directly on the license plate or affix to the license plate by a decal the abbreviation of the county of registration. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), the provisions of this section shall apply to:

(1) Any passenger vehicle or truck as defined in K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto, that is subject to taxation pursuant to K.S.A. 79-5101 et seq., and amendments thereto; or

(2) any vehicle that displays a distinctive or personalized license plate.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license plates designating a person as a recipient of the congressional medal of honor issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,145, and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 2, in line 40, after "(a)" by inserting "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2),"; in line 42, by striking "(c)" and inserting "(d)";

On page 3, following line 1, by inserting:

"(2) On and after January 1, 2025, any distinctive license plate may be a personalized license plate subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. Any personalized distinctive license plate shall be subject to a fee that is double the amount prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 3, in line 9, after "thereto" by inserting ", except that such distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the

personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto"; in line 13, after "thereto" by inserting ", except that such distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "distinctive"; in line 2, after "plate" by inserting "and the city of Topeka distinctive license plate; allowing distinctive license plates to be personalized license plates; requiring certain license plates to have the county of registration for the motor vehicle identified on the plate"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson