

HOUSE BILL No. 2015

By Representative Williams

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing distinctive license plates for current and veteran members of
3 the United States army, navy, marine corps, air force and coast guard;
4 amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 and repealing the
5 existing sections.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee
9 of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000
10 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who
11 submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with
12 rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person
13 is currently serving in the United States army or has separated from the
14 United States army and was honorably discharged, upon compliance with
15 the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate
16 for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such
17 person as a current member or veteran of the United States army. Such
18 license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license
19 plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as
20 provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

21 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United
22 States army may make application for such distinctive license plate, not
23 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a
24 form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any
25 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with
26 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or
27 veteran of the United States army. Application for the registration of a
28 passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate
29 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
30 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

33 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
34 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the
35 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No
36 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant

1 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such
2 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-
3 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the
4 county treasurer of such person's residence.

5 New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of
6 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds
7 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits
8 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and
9 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is
10 currently serving in the United States navy or has separated from the
11 United States navy and was honorably discharged, upon compliance with
12 the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate
13 for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such
14 person as a current member or veteran of the United States navy. Such
15 license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license
16 plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as
17 provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

18 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United
19 States navy may make application for such distinctive license plate, not
20 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a
21 form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any
22 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with
23 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or
24 veteran of the United States navy. Application for the registration of a
25 passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate
26 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
27 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

30 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
31 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the
32 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No
33 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant
34 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such
35 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-
36 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the
37 county treasurer of such person's residence.

38 New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of
39 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds
40 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits
41 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and
42 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is
43 currently serving in the United States marine corps or has separated from

1 the United States marine corps and was honorably discharged, upon
2 compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one
3 distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or
4 motorcycle designating such person as a current member or veteran of the
5 United States marine corps. Such license plate shall be issued for the same
6 period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment
7 of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments
8 thereto.

9 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United
10 States marine corps may make application for such distinctive license
11 plate, not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration
12 date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and
13 any applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with
14 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or
15 veteran of the United States marine corps. Application for the registration
16 of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license
17 plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
18 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

21 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
22 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the
23 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No
24 renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant
25 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such
26 form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-
27 143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the
28 county treasurer of such person's residence.

29 New Sec. 4. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of
30 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds
31 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits
32 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and
33 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is
34 currently serving in the United States air force or has separated from the
35 United States air force and was honorably discharged, upon compliance
36 with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license
37 plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating
38 such person as a current member or veteran of the United States air force.
39 Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other
40 license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license
41 fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

42 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United
43 States air force may make application for such distinctive license plate, not

1 less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a
2 form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any
3 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with
4 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or
5 veteran of the United States air force. Application for the registration of a
6 passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate
7 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
8 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

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

19 New Sec. 5. (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any owner or lessee of
20 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds
21 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits
22 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and
23 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is
24 currently serving in the United States coast guard or has separated from
25 the United States coast guard and was honorably discharged, upon
26 compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one
27 distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or
28 motorcycle designating such person as a current member or veteran of the
29 United States coast guard. Such license plate shall be issued for the same
30 period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment
31 of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments
32 thereto.

33 (b) Any person who is a current member or veteran of the United
34 States coast guard may make application for such distinctive license plate,
35 not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on
36 a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any
37 applicant for the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with
38 proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a current member or
39 veteran of the United States coast guard. Application for the registration of
40 a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate
41 under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
42 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

43 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the

1 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

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

10 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for
12 issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized
13 license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto.
14 This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior
15 to July 1, 1994.

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

19 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license
20 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, *and amendments*
21 *thereto*, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186,
22 8-1,187 or 8-1,188, *section 1, section 2, section 3, section 4 or section 5*,
23 and amendments thereto.

24 (d) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to distinctive
25 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148,
26 and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-
27 1,161, and amendments thereto.

28 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive
29 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,160
30 and 8-1,183, and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay
31 the manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the
32 division has received not less than 1,000 orders for such plate, including
33 payment of the personalized license plate fee required under subsection
34 (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the director of
35 accounts and reports that not less than 1,000 paid orders for such plate
36 have been received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer
37 \$40,000 from the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.

38 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license
39 plate authorized by the legislature ~~on and after July 1, 2004~~, shall submit
40 to the division of vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$20,000,
41 to defray the division's cost for developing such distinctive license plate.

42 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the
43 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 ~~(h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued after~~
28 ~~December 31, 2012, and the corresponding royalty fee may be collected~~
29 ~~either by the county treasurer or the entity benefiting from the issuance of~~
30 ~~the distinctive license plate. Annual royalty payments collected by the~~
31 ~~county treasurers shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with~~
32 ~~the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt~~
33 ~~of each such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount~~
34 ~~in the state treasury to the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall~~
35 ~~be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty~~
36 ~~fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of~~
37 ~~the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved~~
38 ~~by the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the~~
39 ~~royalty fund shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the~~
40 ~~distinctive license plate on a monthly basis.~~

41 ~~(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive~~
42 ~~license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a~~
43 ~~motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the~~

1 distinctive license plate.

2 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license
3 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the
4 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any
5 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.
6 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate
7 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time
8 the registration is renewed.

9 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as
10 follows: 8-1,147. In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive
11 license plates under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-
12 1,139, 8-1,140, 8-1,145 or 8-1,146 or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163,
13 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187~~—or—~~, 8-1,188, *section 1, section 2,*
14 *section 3, section 4 or section 5*, and amendments thereto, the surviving
15 spouse or other family member, if there is no surviving spouse, shall be
16 entitled to possession of any such distinctive license plates. Such license
17 plates shall not be displayed on any vehicle unless otherwise authorized by
18 statute.

19 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 are hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the statute book.