

HOUSE BILL No. 2597

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing for four distinctive license plates for the Kansas department
3 of wildlife and parks; amending K.S.A. 32-901 and repealing the
4 existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2023, any owner or
8 lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, motorcycles or trucks registered
9 for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas,
10 upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued a
11 Kansas department of wildlife and parks license plate established pursuant
12 to this section for each such passenger vehicle, motorcycle or truck. Such
13 license plate shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon
14 proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in
15 K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and the payment to the county
16 treasurer of the wildlife and parks license plate royalty payment
17 established pursuant to this section.

18 (b) Any applicant or renewal for a Kansas department of wildlife and
19 parks license plate authorized by this section shall make an annual
20 payment of a wildlife and parks license plate royalty payment of an
21 amount determined by the secretary of the Kansas department of wildlife
22 and parks of not less than \$40 nor more than \$100. Payment of such
23 wildlife and parks license plate royalty payment shall be made to the
24 county treasurer for each such license plate to be issued.

25 (c) Subject to the approval of the director of vehicles, the Kansas
26 department of wildlife and parks is authorized to establish four new
27 distinctive license plates. Each such plate shall be subject to the provisions
28 of K.S.A. 8-1,141, and amendments thereto. The plates are intended to
29 depict and promote the following:

- 30 (1) State parks;
- 31 (2) hunting;
- 32 (3) fishing; and
- 33 (4) nongame wildlife.

34 (d) Any person may make an application for a license plate
35 authorized by this section not less than 60 days prior to such person's
36 renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the

1 director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall pay to
2 the county treasurer the wildlife and parks license plate royalty payment.
3 Application for registration of a passenger vehicle, motorcycle or truck
4 and issuance of the license plate under this section shall be made by the
5 owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon
6 forms furnished by the director.

7 (e) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be
8 transferable to any other person.

9 (f) The director of vehicles may transfer a Kansas department of
10 wildlife and parks license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased
11 vehicle.

12 (g) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
13 annually, upon payment of the regular license fee prescribed in subsection
14 (a), in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto.
15 No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such
16 applicant provides to the county treasurer the payment of the wildlife and
17 parks license plate royalty payment. If such annual wildlife and parks
18 license plate royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer, the
19 applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143,
20 and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county
21 treasurer of such person's residence.

22 (h) As a condition of receiving the Kansas department of wildlife and
23 parks license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such license
24 plate, the applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's
25 release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's
26 name, address, royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type, to
27 the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the state treasurer.

28 (i) Annual wildlife and parks license plate royalty payments collected
29 by county treasurers under this section shall be remitted to the state
30 treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and
31 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state
32 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury. Of each
33 deposit, amounts shall be credited as follows:

34 (1) For license plates issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1), the entire
35 annual wildlife and parks license plate royalty payment shall be credited to
36 the parks fee fund created by K.S.A. 32-991, and amendments thereto; and

37 (2) for license plates issued pursuant to subsections (c)(2), (3) and
38 (4):

39 (A) An amount equal to the current cost of an annual park and
40 recreation motor vehicle permit that is established according to K.S.A. 8-
41 134, and amendments thereto, shall be credited to the parks fee fund
42 created by K.S.A. 32-991, and amendments thereto; and

43 (B) the balance remaining after crediting pursuant to subparagraph

1 (A) shall be credited to the wildlife fee fund created by K.S.A. 32-990, and
2 amendments thereto.

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 32-901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-901.

4 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the
5 secretary, a valid park and recreation motor vehicle permit is required to
6 use a motor vehicle in any state park, or any portion thereof, or in any
7 other area designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (f), which is
8 posted in accordance with subsection (g).

9 (2) *A motor vehicle issued a license plate pursuant to section 1, and*
10 *amendments thereto, shall constitute a permit allowing the driver of the*
11 *motor vehicle the rights and obligations to enter a state park as if the*
12 *driver were an annual permit holder established pursuant to this section in*
13 *the event that the motor vehicle:*

14 (A) *Is currently registered and such registration is not expired; and*

15 (B) *has been issued a license plate pursuant to section 1, and*
16 *amendments thereto, and the vehicle displays such plate on the motor*
17 *vehicle as required by law.*

18 (b) (1) The secretary shall issue annual and daily park and recreation
19 motor vehicle permits, in addition to permits as provided in K.S.A. 8-134,
20 and amendments thereto.

21 (2) The annual permit shall be issued for each calendar year as
22 provided in K.S.A. 32-983, 32-984 and 32-985, and amendments thereto,
23 and shall not be transferable. The fee for an annual permit shall be fixed by
24 the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A.
25 32-805, and amendments thereto. A duplicate permit may be issued upon
26 proof of loss of the original permit for the remainder of the calendar year
27 for a fee fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in
28 accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto. If the motor
29 vehicle for which an annual permit has been issued is sold or traded during
30 the calendar year for which the permit was issued and the original permit
31 is surrendered to the department, a new permit effective for the remainder
32 of the calendar year may be issued to the person who sold or traded the
33 motor vehicle for a fee fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations
34 adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.
35 Before any duplicate or new permit is issued, the purchaser thereof must
36 show by evidence that the purchaser was issued the original permit and
37 that the purchaser is the holder of a valid certificate of title to the motor
38 vehicle for which the duplicate or new permit is issued.

39 (3) A daily permit shall be issued for a day, shall be issued for a
40 specific vehicle and shall not be transferable. The fee for such a daily
41 permit shall be fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in
42 accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.

43 (c) Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, the

1 following fees shall be applicable until changed by rules and regulations of
2 the secretary:

3 (1) Annual motor vehicle permit: \$22.50;

4 (2) daily motor vehicle permit: \$3.50; and

5 (3) the fee for a daily permit or annual permit for a motor vehicle
6 registered in Kansas by a resident who is 65 or more years of age or who is
7 a person with a disability and displays a special license plate or placard
8 issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,125, and amendments thereto, shall be an
9 amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee fixed by the secretary for daily or annual park
10 and recreation motor vehicle permits. A nonresident shall pay the full fee.

11 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) do not apply to:

12 (1) A motor vehicle used in the operation or maintenance of state
13 parks or other areas under the secretary's control, emergency motor
14 vehicles, state-owned motor vehicles, law enforcement motor vehicles or
15 private or government motor vehicles being operated on official business
16 for a governmental agency;

17 (2) a motor vehicle of a nonresident who secures a special fee, license
18 or permit required by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in
19 accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, relating to the
20 use of the park or other area;

21 (3) a motor vehicle for which a special permit or pass has been issued
22 pursuant to subsection (d);

23 (4) a motor vehicle in a state park or other area to which subsection
24 (d) applies on dates designated pursuant to subsection (e); or

25 (5) a motor vehicle in an area or at a time not designated pursuant to
26 subsection (f) as an area or time which requires a permit.

27 (e) The secretary may issue a special permit or pass for a motor
28 vehicle used for the purpose of sightseeing, attending a church service,
29 attending an approved special event by members of the news media or
30 emergency reasons, as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the
31 secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.

32 (f) The secretary may designate by resolution two days each calendar
33 year during which persons may use motor vehicles in state parks and other
34 areas under the secretary's control without having a valid park and
35 recreation motor vehicle permit.

36 (g) (1) The secretary shall designate the state parks and other areas
37 under the secretary's control, or portions thereof, and the time periods in
38 which motor vehicle permits shall be required hereunder.

39 (2) The secretary shall cause signs to be posted and maintained at the
40 entrances to all such designated state parks or other areas, or portions
41 thereof, which signs shall display a legend that a motor vehicle entering
42 and using the state park or area, or portion thereof, is required to display
43 on the motor vehicle a permit of the type described in this section.

1 (h) All fees, licenses and other charges, and rules and regulations
2 relating to the use of and conduct of persons in a state park or other area
3 under the secretary's control, or any facility therein, shall be posted in a
4 convenient and conspicuous place in each such park, area or facility.
5 Except as otherwise provided in this section, each and every person using
6 any such park, area or facility shall be charged the same fees, licenses and
7 every other charge.

8 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 32-901 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.