

SENATE BILL No. 18

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing for the hunter nation distinctive license plate; decreasing the
3 guarantee number of distinctive plates required for production;
4 amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing
5 section; also repealing K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141a.
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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, 2026, any owner or lessee
9 of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight
10 of 20,000 pounds or less who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance
11 with the provisions of this section, may be issued one hunter nation license
12 plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate shall be
13 issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration
14 and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and
15 amendments thereto, and the payment to the county treasurer of the logo
16 use royalty payment.

17 (b) Hunter nation, inc., may authorize the use of the organization's
18 logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any motor
19 vehicle owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than \$25 nor more
20 than \$100, as determined by hunter nation, inc., as a logo use royalty
21 payment for each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty
22 payment shall be paid to the county treasurer.

23 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may
24 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such
25 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished
26 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall
27 pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment. Application for
28 registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license
29 plate 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 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be
32 transferable to any other person.

33 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a hunter nation license plate
34 from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

35 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,
36 upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments

1 thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments
2 thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until
3 such applicant provides to the county treasurer the annual royalty payment.
4 If such annual royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer, the
5 applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143,
6 and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county
7 treasurer of such person's residence.

8 (g) Hunter nation, inc., with the approval of the director of vehicles,
9 shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

10 (h) As a condition of receiving the hunter nation license plate and any
11 subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall
12 consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle
13 record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty
14 payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to hunter nation, inc., and
15 the state treasurer.

16 (i) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the
17 county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h),
18 and amendments thereto.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows: 8-1,141. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any new
21 distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994,
22 shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A.
23 8-132(d), and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any
24 distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

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

30 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license
31 plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least ~~250~~ 100
32 license plates.

33 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license
34 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-177d, 8-1,145, 8-1,163, 8-
35 1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-
36 1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-1,204 or 8-1,205, and amendments thereto, *or*
37 *K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,221 or 8-1,222, and amendments thereto*, except
38 that such distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates
39 pursuant to subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license
40 plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

41 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to distinctive
42 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146, 8-1,148, 8-
43 1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-1,161, and amendments thereto, except that such

1 distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to
2 subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee
3 prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

4 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive
5 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,160; *and* 8-1,183,
6 *and amendments thereto*, and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,211 and 8-1,219, and
7 amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay the manufacturing
8 and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the division has
9 received not fewer than 100 orders for such plate, including payment of
10 the personalized license plate fee required under subsection (a). Upon
11 certification by the director of vehicles to the director of accounts and
12 reports that not less than 100 paid orders for such plate have been
13 received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$4,000 from
14 the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.

15 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license
16 plate authorized by the legislature shall submit to the division of vehicles a
17 nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000, to defray the division's cost
18 for developing such distinctive license plate.

19 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the
20 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the
21 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of
22 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in
23 the state treasury to the credit of the distinctive license plate fund which is
24 hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive
25 license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the
26 purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All
27 expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be
28 made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director
29 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
30 secretary of the department of revenue.

31 (g) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any
32 distinctive license plate if:

33 (1) Fewer than ~~250~~ 100 plates, including annual renewals, are issued
34 for that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

35 (2) fewer than ~~125~~ 50 license plates, including annual renewals, are
36 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year
37 period.

38 (h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued and the
39 corresponding royalty fee may be collected either by the county treasurer
40 or the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate.
41 Annual royalty payments collected by the county treasurers shall be
42 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.
43 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance

1 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to
2 the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall be administered by the
3 state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty fund shall be made in
4 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of
5 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state
6 treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the royalty fund
7 shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive
8 license plate on a monthly basis.

9 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive
10 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a
11 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the
12 distinctive license plate.

13 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license
14 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the
15 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any
16 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.
17 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate
18 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time
19 the registration is renewed.

20 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,141a are hereby repealed.

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