

1 AN ACT relating to special license plates.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Upon application to the county clerk of the county of his or her residence, the*
6 *following individuals shall be issued an EMS special license plate that shall bear*
7 *the inscription "Emergency Medical Services," a registration number, and an*
8 *appropriate standardized insignia:*

9 *(a) A person who currently holds a valid certification or license for any of the*
10 *positions set forth in KRS 311A.025(1)(a) to (f); and*

11 *(b) A person who has retired from any position requiring him or her to hold a*
12 *certification or license for any of the positions set forth in KRS*
13 *311A.025(1)(a) to (f), and who served at least twenty (20) years cumulatively*
14 *in those positions.*

15 *(2) Each initial or renewal application shall be accompanied by payment of the fees*
16 *set forth in Section 2 of this Act and proof of current certification or licensure*
17 *for, or retirement from any of, the positions identified in subsection (1) of this*
18 *section, in the following manner:*

19 *(a) Individuals who are currently certified or licensed shall present a current*
20 *Kentucky certificate for the position; and*

21 *(b) Individuals who have retired from service and no longer have a valid*
22 *certification or license shall present a letter attesting to the individual's*
23 *qualifications from the emergency medical services medical director, the*
24 *mayor or trustee of a city, or the county judge/executive in appropriate rural*
25 *areas.*

26 *(3) The EMS special license plate shall be administered in the same manner as other*
27 *special license plates under KRS 186.164, except that there shall be no required*

1 *minimum number of applicants prior to the production of the EMS plate.*

2 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.162 is amended to read as follows:

- 3 (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and
4 186.174:
- 5 (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter
6 to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor
7 vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or
8 organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or
9 organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under
10 KRS 186.240;
- 11 (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle
12 manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble
13 a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;
- 14 (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
15 plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;
- 16 (d) "CF" means the county clerk's fee for issuing a motor vehicle registration as
17 established under KRS 186.040(1). If a CF amount is charged for a license
18 plate listed in this section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees
19 identified in KRS 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant
20 shall not be required to pay those fees; and
- 21 (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
22 plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular
23 group or organization.
- 24 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this
25 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or
26 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount
27 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

- 1 (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the
2 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the
3 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent
4 (100%) service-connected disabled, and recipients of the Congressional
5 Medal of Honor:
- 6 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).
 - 7 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).
- 8 (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:
- 9 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
10 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
 - 11 2. Renewal Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 12 (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard and recipients of the Purple Heart:
- 13 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
14 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
 - 15 2. Renewal Fee: \$11 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
16 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 17 (d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxiliary
18 members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast
19 Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and
20 August 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, the Distinguished Flying
21 Cross, the Air Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge,
22 or the Bronze Star Medal; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers,
23 Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2)
24 exempted from fees under KRS 186.041(6); individuals eligible for a special
25 military service academy license plate under KRS 186.041(8); individuals
26 eligible for a special military unit license plate under KRS 186.163; and
27 disabled veterans who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%)

1 and ninety-nine percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United
2 States Department of Veterans' Affairs:

3 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
4 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

5 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
6 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

7 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force
8 Cross:

9 1. Initial Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

10 2. Renewal Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

11 (f) Disabled license plates:

12 1. Initial Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

13 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

14 (g) Historic vehicles:

15 1. Initial Fee for two plates: \$56 (\$50 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

16 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.

17 (h) Members of Congress:

18 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

19 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
20 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

21 (i) Firefighters:

22 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
23 Firefighters Association).

24 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
25 Firefighters Association).

26 (j) Emergency management:

27 1. Initial Fee: \$31 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

1 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

2 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the child victims'
3 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

4 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:

5 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
6 Horse Council).

7 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky
8 Horse Council).

9 (x) Ducks Unlimited:

10 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
11 Unlimited).

12 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
13 Unlimited).

14 (y) Spay neuter:

15 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control
16 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

17 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the animal control
18 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

19 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:

20 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).

21 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).

22 3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph
23 free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established
24 in subsection (2)(d) of this section.

25 (aa) I Support Veterans:

26 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
27 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

1 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky
2 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

3 (ab) Gold Star Siblings, Gold Star Sons, or Gold Star Daughters:

4 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'
5 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

6 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
7 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

8 (ac) POW/MIA Awareness:

9 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans' program
10 trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

11 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'
12 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

13 (ad) **EMS:**

14 **1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky**
15 **EMS Memorial Foundation, Inc.).**

16 **2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky**
17 **Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).**

18 **(ae)** Special license plates established under KRS 186.164:

19 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).

20 2. Renewal Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).

21 (3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a
22 twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular
23 special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-
24 five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the
25 cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the
26 license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the county clerk
27 receiving five dollars (\$5).

- 1 (4) (a) A sponsoring organization of any special license plate issued under this
2 section or any special license plate established under the provisions of KRS
3 186.164 may petition the cabinet for the production of that special license
4 plate for motorcycles.
- 5 (b) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be
6 eligible to receive special license plates approved by the cabinet under
7 paragraph (a) of this subsection. Applicants for a special license plate for a
8 motorcycle shall be required to pay the fee for a special plate as prescribed in
9 this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid for the special plate for a
10 motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required under KRS
11 186.050(2).

12 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.166 is amended to read as follows:

- 13 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall, unless directed otherwise by the General
14 Assembly, perpetually produce the following special license plates: military license
15 plates, military unit license plates, U.S. Congressional license plates, firefighter
16 license plates, emergency management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police
17 license plates, Law Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates,
18 nature license plates, amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly
19 license plates, Kentucky Court of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license
20 plates, collegiate license plates, independent college and university license plates,
21 child victims' trust fund license plates, Kentucky Horse Council license plates,
22 Ducks Unlimited license plates, Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Spouses license
23 plates, Gold Star Siblings, Sons, and Daughters license plates, Silver Star Medal
24 license plates, Bronze Star Medal license plates, Air Medal license plates,
25 Distinguished Flying Cross license plates, Combat Action Badge license plates,
26 Combat Infantry Badge license plates, POW/MIA Awareness license plates, spay
27 neuter license plates, service academy license plates, *EMS license plates*, and I

1 Support Veterans license plates.

2 (2) The design of the plates identified for perpetual production under this section may
3 be revised upon request of a group or organization requesting a design revision
4 under the provisions of KRS 186.164(15).

5 (3) (a) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall not include any representation
6 of the word "Kentucky" that is a registered trademark or slogan which appears
7 on a general issue license plate.

8 (b) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall include a representation of the
9 Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded."

10 ➔Section 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.