

1 AN ACT relating to special license plates and making an appropriation.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.162 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and
5 186.174:

6 (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter
7 to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor
8 vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or
9 organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or
10 organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under
11 KRS 186.240;

12 (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle
13 manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble
14 a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

15 (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
16 plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;

17 (d) "CF" means the county clerk's fee for issuing a motor vehicle registration as
18 established under subsection (1) of Section 2 of this Act~~portion of an initial~~
19 ~~or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is dedicated for use by a~~
20 ~~county clerk~~. If a CF amount is charged for a license plate listed in this
21 section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees identified in KRS
22 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant shall not be required
23 to pay those fees; and

24 (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
25 plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular
26 group or organization.

27 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this

1 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or
2 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount
3 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

4 (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the
5 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the
6 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent
7 (100%) service-connected disabled, and recipients of the Congressional Medal
8 of Honor:

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

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

11 (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:

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

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

15 (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard and recipients of the Purple Heart:

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

18 2. Renewal Fee: \$11 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
19 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

20 (d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxiliary
21 members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast
22 Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and August
23 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, or the Bronze Star Medal
24 awarded for valor; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star
25 Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2) exempted
26 from fees under KRS 186.041(6); individuals eligible for a special military
27 service academy license plate under KRS 186.041(8); and disabled veterans

1 who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine
2 percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United States Department of
3 Veterans' Affairs:

- 4 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 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 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force
9 Cross:

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

12 (f) Disabled license plates:

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

15 (g) Historic vehicles:

- 16 1. Initial Fee for two plates: \$56 (\$50 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 17 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.

18 (h) Members of Congress:

- 19 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 20 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
21 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

22 (i) Firefighters:

- 23 1. Initial Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$18]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$0]~~ EF to the
24 *Kentucky Volunteer Firefighters Association*).
- 25 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$18]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$0]~~ EF to the
26 *Kentucky Volunteer Firefighters Association*).

27 (j) Emergency management:

- 1 1. Initial Fee: \$31 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 2 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 3 (k) Fraternal Order of Police:
- 4 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
- 5 FOP Death Benefit Fund).
- 6 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
- 7 FOP Death Benefit Fund).
- 8 (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:
- 9 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
- 10 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- 11 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
- 12 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- 13 (m) Personalized plates:
- 14 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 15 2. Renewal Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 16 (n) Street rods:
- 17 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 18 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 19 (o) Nature plates:
- 20 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
- 21 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
- 22 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
- 23 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
- 24 (p) Amateur radio:
- 25 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 26 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 27 (q) Kentucky General Assembly:

- 1 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 2 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 3 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 4 (r) Kentucky Court of Justice:
- 5 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 6 2. Renewal Fee: \$11 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 7 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 8 (s) Masons:
- 9 1. Initial Fee: ~~\$41~~[\$31] (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~[\$0] EF to the
- 10 Masonic Homes of Kentucky).
- 11 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~[\$18] (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~[\$0] EF to the
- 12 Masonic Homes of Kentucky).
- 13 (t) Collegiate plates:
- 14 1. Initial Fee: \$53 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the general
- 15 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the
- 16 plate).
- 17 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the general
- 18 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the
- 19 plate).
- 20 (u) Independent Colleges:
- 21 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
- 22 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
- 23 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
- 24 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
- 25 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
- 26 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
- 27 (v) Child Victims:

1 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'
2 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

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

5 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:

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

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

10 (x) Ducks Unlimited:

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

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

15 (y) Spay neuter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (aa) I Support Veterans:

27 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky

1 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

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

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

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

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

9 (ac) ~~[Special license plates established between June 20, 2005, and June 27, 2019:~~

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

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

12 (ad) ~~]Special license plates established under KRS 186.164[on or after June 27,~~
13 ~~2019]:~~

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

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

16 ~~[1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$24 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).~~

17 ~~2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).]~~

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

25 (4) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be
26 eligible to receive special license plates issued under this section or established
27 under the provisions of KRS 186.164 after the cabinet has received ~~three hundred~~

1 ~~(300) applications~~ and initial state fees from the sponsoring organization.
2 Applicants for a special license plate for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the
3 fee for a special plate as prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid
4 for the special plate for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required
5 under KRS 186.050(2).

6 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.040 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon receiving the application and fee, the county clerk shall issue to the owner a
8 certificate of registration containing the information required by subsection (2) of
9 this section and a registration plate. If the cabinet finds that there is a shortage of
10 materials suitable for making plates, or that a substantial saving will result, it may
11 require by regulation with the approval of the Governor that previously issued plates
12 continue to be used for a designated period. Except as provided in subsection (3) of
13 this section and in Section 1 of this Act, for services performed, the owner shall
14 pay the county clerk the sum of six dollars (\$6) for each registration, or if the
15 registration exceeds a twelve (12) month period, the clerk shall receive a fee of nine
16 dollars (\$9).

17 (2) The certificate of registration shall contain the registration number, the name and
18 post office address of the owner, and such other information as the cabinet may
19 require.

20 (3) An owner who registers a vehicle under KRS 186.050 that has a declared gross
21 vehicle weight with any towed unit of forty-four thousand and one (44,001) pounds
22 or greater shall pay the county clerk thirty dollars (\$30) for each registration. The
23 clerk shall retain the thirty dollar (\$30) fee for services performed under this
24 subsection.

25 (4) Any person requesting a certificate of registration or renewal of registration of any
26 type of motor vehicle shall have the opportunity to donate one dollar (\$1) to the
27 child care assistance account. The one dollar (\$1) donation shall be added to the

1 regular fee for vehicle registration. One donation may be made per issuance or
2 renewal of vehicle registration. Donation to the child care assistance account shall
3 be voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of the issuance or
4 renewal of any vehicle registration.

5 (5) The county clerk may retain five percent (5%) of fees collected for the child care
6 assistance account under subsection (4) of this section. The remaining funds shall
7 be deposited into a trust and agency account in the State Treasury to the credit of the
8 Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the exclusive use as follows:

9 (a) Funds shall be made available to the agencies that administer child care
10 subsidy funds; and

11 (b) Funds shall be used as determined by the cabinet for working families whose
12 income exceeds the state income eligibility limits for child day care
13 assistance.

14 (6) *Except as provided in Section 1 of this Act* ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of~~
15 ~~law~~, in addition to the registration fee provided for county clerks in subsections (1)
16 and (3) of this section, an additional three dollars (\$3) per registration shall be
17 collected by the county clerk at the time of registration. This additional fee shall be
18 distributed as follows:

19 (a) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in an agency fund to provide additional funds
20 exclusively for technological improvements or replacement of the AVIS
21 system. The operation and maintenance of AVIS shall remain as currently
22 provided for from the operational budget of the Transportation Cabinet and
23 shall not be reduced below the 2005-2006 funding level;

24 (b) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in an agency trust fund to provide funds
25 exclusively for technological improvements to the hardware and software in
26 county clerk offices related to the collection and administration of road fund
27 taxes. The Transportation Cabinet, in consultation with county clerks, shall

1 allocate funds as necessary from this fund to be used for this exclusive
2 purpose; and

3 (c) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in a trust fund to be maintained by the
4 Transportation Cabinet to provide an unrestricted revenue supplement, for
5 operations of the office related to the collection and administration of road
6 fund taxes, to county clerk offices in counties containing a population of less
7 than twenty thousand (20,000), as determined by the decennial census, and for
8 no other purpose. Annually, by March 1, the Transportation Cabinet shall
9 calculate the amount collected in the previous calendar year and distribute the
10 entire fund proportionate to each county that qualifies under this paragraph
11 based on population. This revenue shall be considered current year revenue
12 when paid to the clerk and shall not be identified as excess fees from the
13 previous year.