1 AN ACT relating to personalized motor vehicles license plates.

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

- 3 → Section 1. KRS 186.174 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 (1) For purposes of this section, "personalized license plate" means a license plate
- 5 manufactured by the cabinet upon an applicant's request with specific letters or
- 6 numbers or combinations of letters and numbers significant to the applicant.
- 7 (2) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle <u>or recreational vehicle</u> that is required to
- be registered under the provisions of KRS 186.050(1), (3)(a),  $\frac{\text{[or]}(4)(a)}{\text{[or]}(4)(a)}$ , or  $\frac{(11)}{\text{[or]}(4)(a)}$
- 9 any owner or lessee of a motorcycle required to be registered under the provisions
- of KRS 186.050(2) may obtain a personalized license plate by submitting an
- application through a Web site designated by the cabinet. The cabinet shall produce
- the requested license plate upon approval and receipt of the fee required in
- subsection (4) of this section for a special license plate, or the fee required in KRS
- 14 186.162 for a standard issue license plate.
- 15 (3) Personalized license plates shall expire on the last day of the birth month of the
- person to whom the license plate is registered.
- 17 (4) (a) A personalized license plate shall be replaced on the same schedule as regular
- issue license plates unless it is damaged or unreadable.
- 19 (b) A standard issued license plate may be personalized for a forty-three dollar
- 20 (\$43) fee as provided in KRS 186.162(2)(m), in addition to all other fees
- 21 established in this section and in KRS 186.050.
- 22 (c) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate
- for a twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the
- particular special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164.
- 25 The twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee required under this paragraph shall be
- 26 divided between the cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the
- applicant resides with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the

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1			county clerk receiving five dollars (\$5).
2	(5)	(a)	A personalized plate shall not be issued that would conflict with or duplicate
3			any current issued license plate.
4		(b)	A personalized plate shall not be issued if the cabinet determines:
5			1. The message to be placed on the license plate, if created, discriminates
6			against a race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
7			2. The plate message is the name of a trademarked or copyrighted product
8			or brand name; or
9			3. The plate's lettering or message is obscene or profane, as determined by
10			the cabinet.
11		(c)	Once an applicant obtains a personalized plate, he or she will have first
12			priority on that plate for each of the following years that he or she makes
13			timely renewal payments.
14		<b>→</b> S	ection 2. KRS 186.162 is amended to read as follows:
15	(1)	As ı	used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and
16		186.	174:
17		(a)	"Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter
18			to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor
19			vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or
20			organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or
21			organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under
22			KRS 186.240;
23		(b)	"Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle
24			manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble
25			a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

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plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;

"SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license

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1		(d)	"CF"	means the coun	ity clerk's f	ee for	issuing	g a mot	or vehi	icle 1	egist	ration as	
2			estab	established under KRS 186.040(1). If a CF amount is charged for a license									
3			plate	plate listed in this section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees identified in KRS 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant									
4			ident	tified in KRS 18	6.040(6). I	f a CI	₹ amou	nt is n	ot char	ged,	the	applicant	
5			shall	not be required t	o pay those	fees;	and						
6		(e)	"EF"	EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license									
7			plate	that is mandate	d by this ch	napter	to be d	dedicate	ed for u	ise b	уар	particular	
8			grou	p or organization	•								
9	(2)	The	initial	purchase fee and	l renewal fe	e for a	specia	al licens	se plate	crea	ted u	inder this	
10		chap	oter sh	all be as establish	hed in this	subsec	tion an	d inclu	des the	nam	ne of	group or	
11		organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount											
12		in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:											
13		(a)	Disa	Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the									
14			Unite	United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the									
15			United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent										
16			(100	%) service-conn	ected disa	bled,	and re	ecipient	s of t	he (	Cong	ressional	
17			Med	al of Honor:									
18			1.	Initial Fee:	\$0	(\$0 S	SF/\$0 C	CF/\$0 E	F).				
19			2.	Renewal Fee:	\$0	(\$0 S	SF/\$0 C	CF/\$0 E	F).				
20		(b)	Form	ner prisoners of w	var and surv	vivors	of Pear	l Harbo	or:				
21			1.	Initial Fee:	\$23	(\$12	SF/\$6	6 CF/\$	5 EF	to	the	veterans'	
22				program trust fu	ınd establisl	hed un	der KR	RS 40.4	60).				
23			2.	Renewal Fee:	<u>\$11</u> [\$6]		(\$0 \$	SF/\$6	CF/ <u>\$5</u>	[\$0]	EF	to the	
24				veterans' progra	am trust fu	nd este	<u>ablishe</u>	d unde	r KRS	40.4	<u>60</u> ).		
25		(c)	Mem	bers of the Kent	ucky Nation	nal Gu	ard and	l recipio	ents of	the F	Purple	e Heart:	
26			1.	Initial Fee:	\$23	(\$12	SF/\$6	6 CF/\$	5 EF	to	the	veterans'	

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program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

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1		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$11	(\$0	SF/\$6	CF/\$5	EF	to	the	veterans'	
2	program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).											
3	(d)	(d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxilian										
4		members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coa									, or Coast	

- members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and August 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge, or the Bronze Star Medal; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2) exempted from fees under KRS 186.041(6); individuals eligible for a special military service academy license plate under KRS 186.041(8); individuals eligible for a special military unit license plate under KRS 186.163; and disabled veterans who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs:
  - 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
  - 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 20 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force 21 Cross:
- 22 1. Initial Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 23 2. Renewal Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 24 (f) Disabled license plates:

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- 25 1. Initial Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 26 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 27 (g) Historic vehicles:

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1		1.	Initial Fee for tw	vo plates:	\$56	(\$50 S)	F/\$6 CF/	\$0 E	F).		
2		2.	Renewal Fee: De	o not renev	v annu	ıally.					
3	(h)	Mei	mbers of Congress	:							
4		1.	Initial Fee:	\$43	(\$37	SF/\$6 C	CF/\$0 EF	7).			
5		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$23	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$5	EF	to	the	veterans'
6			program trust fu	nd establis	hed ur	nder KR	S 40.460	).			
7	(i)	Fire	efighters:								
8		1.	Initial Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$10	EF	to	the	Kentucky
9			Firefighters Asso	ociation).							
10		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$10	EF	to	the	Kentucky
11			Firefighters Asso	ociation).							
12	(j)	Eme	ergency managem	ent:							
13		1.	Initial Fee:	\$31	(\$25	SF/\$6 C	CF/\$0 EF	5).			
14		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$18	(\$12	SF/\$6 C	CF/\$0 EF	·).			
15	(k)	Frat	ternal Order of Pol	ice:							
16		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25	SF/\$6 (	CF/\$10 E	F to	the	Ken	tucky
17					FOP	Death E	Benefit F	und).	•		
18		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6 C	CF/\$10 E	F to	the	Ken	tucky
19					FOP	Death E	Benefit F	und).	•		
20	(1)	Law	Enforcement Me	morial:							
21		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25	SF/\$6	CF/\$10	EF	to	the	Kentucky
22			Law Enforcement	nt Memoria	al Fou	ndation,	Inc.).				
23		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$10	EF	to	the	Kentucky
24			Law Enforcement	nt Memoria	al Fou	ndation,	Inc.).				
25	(m)	Pers	sonalized plates <u>f</u>	or a moto	or veh	icle tha	t is requ	uired	! to	be	<u>registered</u>
26		und	ler the provisions	of KRS 1	86.05	0(1), (3)	(a), or (	4)(a)	, <i>01</i>	· a n	<u>notorcycle</u>
27		regi	uired to be register	red under i	the pr	<u>ovisions</u>	of KRS	<i>186.</i> (	050	<u>(2)</u> :	

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1		1.	Initial Fee:	\$43	(\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
2		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$43	(\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
3	(n)	Stre	et rods:		
4		1.	Initial Fee:	\$43	(\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
5		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$18	(\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
6	(o)	Natı	are plates:		
7		1.	Initial Fee:	\$28	(\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
8			Heritage Land (	Conservatio	n Fund established under KRS 146.570).
9		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
10			Heritage Land (	Conservatio	n Fund established under KRS 146.570).
11	(p)	Ama	ateur radio:		
12		1.	Initial Fee:	\$43	(\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
13		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$18	(\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
14	(q)	Ken	tucky General As	ssembly:	
15		1.	Initial Fee:	\$43	(\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
16		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$23	(\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
17			program trust fu	and establis	hed under KRS 40.460).
18	(r)	Ken	tucky Court of Ju	istice:	
19		1.	Initial Fee:	\$43	(\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
20		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$11	(\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
21			program trust fu	and establis	hed under KRS 40.460).
22	(s)	Mas	ons:		
23		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Masonic
24			Homes of Kent	ucky).	
25		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Masonic
26			Homes of Kentr	ucky).	
27	(t)	Coll	egiate plates:		

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1		1.	Initial Fee:	\$53	(\$37 SF/\$6	6 CF/\$10	EF to	the general
2			scholarship fur	nd of the u	niversity wh	ose name	will be	borne on the
3			plate).		-			
4		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12 SF/\$6	6 CF/\$10	EF to	the general
5			scholarship fun	nd of the u	niversity wh	ose name	will be	borne on the
6			plate).					
7	(u)	Inde	ependent Colleges	s:				
8		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/\$6	CF/\$10 E	F to the	Association of
9			Independent Ke	entucky Col	leges and U	niversities	for dista	ribution to the
10			general scholar	ship funds o	f the Associa	ntion's mer	mbers).	
11		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12 SF/\$6	CF/\$10 E	F to the	Association of
12			Independent Ko	entucky Col	leges and U	niversities	for dista	ribution to the
13			general scholars	ship funds c	f the Associa	ntion's mer	nbers).	
14	(v)	Chi	ld Victims:					
15		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/\$6	CF/\$10 E	F to the	child victims'
16			trust fund estab	lished unde	KRS 41.400	)).		
17		2.	Renewal Fee:	<u>\$28[\$23]</u>	(\$12	SF/\$6 Cl	F/ <u><b>\$10</b>[\$5</u>	EF to the
18			child victims' tr	rust fund est	ablished und	er KRS 41	.400).	
19	(w)	Ken	tucky Horse Cou	ncil:				
20		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/\$6	6 CF/\$10	EF to	the Kentucky
21			Horse Council)					
22		2.	Renewal Fee:	<u>\$28[\$23]</u>	(\$12	SF/\$6 Cl	F/ <u><b>\$10</b>[\$5</u>	EF to the
23			Kentucky Horse	e Council).				
24	(x)	Duc	ks Unlimited:					
25		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/\$6	CF/\$10 E	EF to Ke	entucky Ducks
26			Unlimited).					
27		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12 SF/\$6	CF/\$10 E	EF to Ke	entucky Ducks

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1			Unlimited).								
2	(y)	Spay	neuter:								
3		1.	Initial Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$10	EF to	the a	nim	al control
4			and care fund es	stablished u	nder K	RS 25	8.119).				
5		2.	Renewal Fee:	<u>\$28[\$23]</u>		(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/ <u>\$1</u>	<u>0</u> [\$5	<del>]</del> El	F to the
6			animal control a	and care fun	ıd estal	blished	under	KRS 25	58.1	19).	
7	(z)	Gold	l Star Mothers, G	old Star Fa	thers, o	or Gold	Star S	pouses:			
8		1.	Initial Fee:	\$0	(\$0 S	F/\$0 C	F/ \$0 E	EF).			
9		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$0	(\$0 S	F/\$0 C	F/ \$0 E	EF).			
10		3.	A person may re	eceive a ma	ximun	n of two	o (2) pl	ates un	der 1	this p	oaragraph
11			free of charge a	nd may pur	chase	additio	nal plat	tes for f	fees	as es	tablished
12			in subsection (2	)(d) of this	section	1.					
13	(aa)	I Suj	pport Veterans:								
14		1.	Initial Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$1	10 EF	to 1	the 1	Kentucky
15			Department of V	Veterans' A	ffairs).						
16		2.	Renewal Fee:	<u>\$28[\$23]</u>		(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/ <u>\$1</u>	<u>0</u> [\$5	<del>]</del> El	F to the
17			Kentucky Depar	rtment of V	eterans	s' Affai	rs).				
18	(ab)	Gold	l Star Siblings, G	old Star So	ns, or (	Gold St	tar Dau	ghters:			
19		1.	Initial Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$	10 EF	to	the	veterans
20			program trust fu	and establis	hed un	der KR	S 40.40	60).			
21		2.	Renewal Fee:	<u>\$28[\$23]</u>		(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/ <u>\$1</u>	<u>0</u> [\$5	<del>]</del> El	F to the
22			veterans' progra	ım trust fun	d estab	lished	under I	KRS 40	.460	)).	
23	(ac)	POV	V/MIA Awarenes	ss:							
24		1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25	SF/\$6	CF/\$	10 EF	to	the	veterans'
25			program trust fu	ınd establis	hed un	der KR	S 40.40	60).			
26		2.	Renewal Fee:	\$28	(\$12	SF/\$6	CF/\$	10 EF	to	the	veterans'

program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

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1		(ad)	Per:	sonalized plates	for a	recreational	vehicle	that is	required	to be	
2			<u>regi</u>	stered under the	<u>provisio</u>	ns of KRS 18	6.050(11)	<u>:</u>			
3			<u>1.</u>	Initial Fee:	\$51	(\$45 SF/s	\$6 CF/\$0	<i>EF</i> ).			
4			<u>2.</u>	Renewal Fee:	<i>\$51</i>	(\$45 SF/	\$6 CF/\$0	<i>EF</i> ).			
5		<u>(ae)</u>	Spe	cial license plates	establis	hed under KR	S 186.16	4:			
6			1.	Initial Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/S	\$6 CF/\$10	) EF).			
7			2.	Renewal Fee:	\$41	(\$25 SF/S	\$6 CF/\$10	) EF).			
8	(3)	Any	spec	ial license plate r	may be o	combined with	n a persor	nalized li	icense plate	for a	
9		twen	ıty-fi	ve dollar (\$25) s	tate fee	in addition t	o all oth	er fees f	for the part	icular	
10		spec	ial lic	cense plate establi	ished in	this section ar	nd in KRS	186.164	4(3). The tw	venty-	
11		five	dolla	ar (\$25) fee requi	red und	er this subsec	ction shal	l be divi	ded between	en the	
12		cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the									
13		licen	ise pl	late with the cabi	net rece	iving twenty	dollars (\$	(20) and	the county	clerk	
14		recei	iving	five dollars (\$5).							
15	(4)	(a)	A s	sponsoring organ	ization	of any specia	al license	plate is	ssued unde	r this	
16			sect	ion or any specia	al licenso	e plate establi	shed und	er the pr	ovisions of	KRS	
17			186	.164 may petition	n the ca	binet for the	production	on of tha	at special li	icense	
18			plat	e for motorcycles							
19		(b)	Ow	ners and lessees of	of motor	cycles registe	red under	KRS 18	36.050(2) m	ay be	
20			elig	ible to receive	special	license plates	approve	d by th	e cabinet	under	
21			para	ngraph (a) of this	subsect	tion. Applican	ts for a s	pecial li	cense plate	for a	
22			mot	orcycle shall be r	equired	to pay the fee	for a spe	cial plate	e as prescril	bed in	
23			this	section or in K	RS 186	.164. The fee	e paid for	r the sp	ecial plate	for a	
24			mot	orcycle shall be	in lieu	of the regi	stration f	ee requi	ired under	KRS	
25			186	.050(2).							