

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'  
10                          program 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:       \$31           (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).**

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

16          ~~(ae)~~ Special license plates established under KRS 186.164:

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

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

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

26       (4) (a) A sponsoring organization of any special license plate issued under this  
27       section or any special license plate established under the provisions of KRS



1           186.164 may petition the cabinet for the production of that special license  
2           plate for motorcycles.

3           (b) The cabinet shall make all of the special military license plates in this section  
4           available for motorcycles owned or leased by eligible individuals.

5           (c) 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           paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection. Applicants for a special license plate  
8           for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the fee for a special plate as  
9           prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid for the special plate  
10          for a 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 license  
16          plates, emergency management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police license plates,  
17          Law Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates, nature license plates,  
18          amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly license plates, Kentucky Court  
19          of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license plates, collegiate license plates,  
20          independent college and university license plates, child victims' trust fund license plates,  
21          Kentucky Horse Council license plates, Ducks Unlimited license plates, Gold Star  
22          Mothers, Fathers, and Spouses license plates, Gold Star Siblings, Sons, and Daughters  
23          license plates, Silver Star Medal license plates, Bronze Star Medal license plates, Air  
24          Medal license plates, Distinguished Flying Cross license plates, Combat Action Badge  
25          license plates, Combat Infantry Badge license plates, POW/MIA Awareness license  
26          plates, spay neuter license plates, service academy license plates, EMS license plates,  
27          and I Support Veterans license plates.

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

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

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

9 ➔Section 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.