

1 AN ACT relating to the Transportation Cabinet.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 177.074 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Every road which is part of the state primary system shall be identified by a specific
5 route number. In addition to a route number, the secretary shall direct the placement
6 of signage denoting the honorary naming of a bridge, a road, or a road segment to
7 comply with the provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section.
- 8 (2) The secretary shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request by the
9 commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, name a state road or
10 segment of a state road in memory and honor of Kentucky state troopers killed in
11 the line of duty. The written request shall include the:
- 12 (a) Trooper's name;
 - 13 (b) Date and circumstances of the trooper's death; and
 - 14 (c) Specific segment of state road the Department of Kentucky State Police is
15 requesting be named in honor and memory of the state trooper killed in the
16 line of duty.
- 17 (3) The road or road segment identified in the request shall be either the state road
18 where the trooper was killed, or the state road closest to the deceased trooper's
19 home. The cabinet shall consult with the commissioner of the Department of
20 Kentucky State Police on the design and installation of the road signs naming the
21 state road or road segment in honor and memory of each trooper, and the cabinet
22 shall erect the appropriate highway signs within thirty (30) days of receipt of the
23 written request required under subsection (2) of this section.
- 24 (4) If the road segment identified in the request under subsection (2) of this section has
25 already been named for another individual or organization, the Department of
26 Kentucky State Police and the cabinet shall consult on and determine an alternate
27 location that is acceptable to both agencies.

- 1 (5) Upon direction by joint resolution of the General Assembly, the secretary shall
2 direct the placement of signage denoting:
- 3 (a) The honorary naming of a road, a road segment, or a bridge; or
4 (b) The inclusion of an artist as an honoree on the Country Music Highway on
5 United States Route 23~~[upon direction by joint resolution of the General~~
6 ~~Assembly]~~.
- 7 (6) The placement of the signs installed as a result of a resolution passed by the
8 General Assembly shall be the responsibility of the Department of Highways.
- 9 (7) (a) A school board or the governing body of a city or county may petition the
10 secretary for the installation of temporary signage honoring an individual, a
11 group of individuals, or a team.
- 12 (b) The secretary shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request
13 under this subsection, approve or deny the petition.
- 14 (c) Within thirty (30) days of the approval of a petition, the secretary shall direct
15 the placement of honorary signage under this subsection. The Transportation
16 Cabinet shall be the final arbiter of the location of signage placement under
17 this subsection. Signage installed under this subsection shall remain in place
18 for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of its placement.
- 19 (d) The petitioning body shall bear all costs of signage and installation under this
20 subsection.
- 21 (8) The Transportation Cabinet may adopt administrative regulations to implement the
22 provisions of subsection (7) of this section, including but not limited to basic
23 standards for design and placement of signs and establishing a process to allow the
24 petitioning body to reimburse the Transportation Cabinet for the cost of
25 manufacturing and installing the signs for which a petition has been granted.
- 26 (9) The new proposed truck bypass around Mayfield, Kentucky, shall be named the
27 "Dick Castleman Bypass," after former State Representative Dick Castleman.

1 (10) The bridge on United States Highway 27 over the Kentucky River near Camp
 2 Nelson, between Jessamine and Garrard Counties, shall be named the "Loyd
 3 Murphy Memorial Bridge."

4 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.240 (Effective until January 1, 2024) is amended to read as
 5 follows:

6 (1) It shall be the duty of the cabinet to carry out the provisions of KRS 186.005 to
 7 186.260, and:

8 (a) Provide to the clerk in each county access to all forms provided for in KRS
 9 186.005 to 186.260;

10 (b) Keep a numerical record of all registration numbers issued in the state and
 11 also keep a record of motor or vehicle identification numbers required by
 12 KRS 186.160; and

13 (c) Furnish to each clerk, originally each year upon estimate, and thereafter upon
 14 requisition at all times, a sufficient supply of standard, noncommercial plates
 15 and the supplies necessary to provide evidence of registration for all classes of
 16 vehicles required to be registered.

17 (d) Prescribe a **standard** plate of practical form and size for police identification
 18 purposes that shall contain:

19 1. The registration identifier;

20 2. An indication that Kentucky is the issuing jurisdiction;

21 3. **At the discretion of the cabinet, any combination of the following**
 22 **phrases:**

23 **a. "Bluegrass State"; or**

24 **b. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall";**

25 **4.** For standard plates for noncommercial vehicles:~~[-]~~

26 **a.** The county in which the plate is issued; **and**

27 **b. At the discretion of the person to whom the vehicle is registered,**

1 *the phrase "In God We Trust"; and*

2 ~~5. [4.]~~ For plates for commercial vehicles, the year the license expires and
 3 words or information the Department of Vehicle Regulation may
 4 prescribe by administrative regulation, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A;
 5 ~~and~~

6 ~~5. — At the discretion of the cabinet, a state slogan].~~

7 (2) License plates issued pursuant to this chapter shall conform to the provisions of
 8 subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this section. The Transportation Cabinet shall provide
 9 for the issuance of reflectorized plates for all motor vehicles, and shall collect a fee,
 10 in addition to the fee set out in KRS Chapter 186 and KRS 281.631, of fifty cents
 11 (\$0.50). The fifty cents (\$0.50) fee to reflectorize license plates shall be used by the
 12 cabinet as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

13 (3) The reflectorized license plate program fund is established in the state road fund
 14 and appropriated on a continual basis to the cabinet to administer the moneys as
 15 provided in this subsection. The fifty cents (\$0.50) fee collected by the cabinet to
 16 reflectorize license plates shall be deposited into the program fund and used to issue
 17 reflectorized license plates. If at the end of a fiscal year, money remains in the
 18 program fund, it shall be retained in the fund and shall not revert to the state road
 19 fund. The interest and income earned on money in the program fund shall also be
 20 retained in the program fund to carry out the provisions of this subsection. The
 21 Transportation Cabinet shall issue reflectorized license plates under the provisions
 22 of this subsection on a schedule to be determined at the discretion of the cabinet.

23 (4) Except as directed under subsection (3) of this section, the Transportation Cabinet
 24 shall receive all moneys forwarded by the clerk in each county and turn it over to
 25 the State Treasurer for the benefit of the state road fund.

26 (5) The Transportation Cabinet shall require an accounting by the clerk in each county
 27 for any moneys received by *the clerk*~~[him]~~ under the provisions of this chapter,

1 after the deduction of the clerk's~~his~~ fees under this chapter, and for all receipts,
2 forms, plates, and insignia consigned to the clerk~~him~~. The Auditor of Public
3 Accounts, pursuant to KRS 43.071, shall annually audit each county clerk
4 concerning the clerk's~~his~~ responsibilities for the collection of various fees and
5 taxes associated with motor vehicles. The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet,
6 with the advice, consultation, and approval of the Auditor, shall develop and
7 implement an inventory and accounting system which shall insure that the audits
8 mandated in KRS 43.071 are performed in accordance with generally accepted
9 auditing standards. The Transportation Cabinet shall pay for the audits mandated by
10 KRS 43.071.

11 (6) When applied for under KRS 186.060 or 186.061, motor or vehicle numbers
12 assigned shall be distinctive to show that they were designated by the cabinet.

13 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.240 (Effective January 1, 2024) is amended to read as
14 follows:

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16 186.260, and:

17 (a) Provide to the clerk in each county access to all forms provided for in KRS
18 186.005 to 186.260;

19 (b) Keep a numerical record of all registration numbers issued in the state and
20 also keep a record of motor or vehicle identification numbers required by
21 KRS 186.160;

22 (c) Furnish to each clerk, originally each year upon estimate, and thereafter upon
23 requisition at all times, a sufficient supply of standard, noncommercial plates
24 and the supplies necessary to provide evidence of registration for all classes of
25 vehicles required to be registered; and

26 (d) Prescribe a standard plate of practical form and size for police identification
27 purposes that shall contain:

- 1 1. The registration identifier;
- 2 2. An indication that Kentucky is the issuing jurisdiction;
- 3 3. *At the discretion of the cabinet, any combination of the following*
- 4 *phrases:*
- 5 *a. "Bluegrass State"; or*
- 6 *b. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall";*
- 7 4. For standard plates for noncommercial vehicles;~~;~~
- 8 *a. The county in which the plate is issued; and*
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- 11 5.~~[4.]~~ For plates for commercial vehicles, the year the license expires and
- 12 words or information the Department of Vehicle Regulation may
- 13 prescribe by administrative regulation, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A~~;~~
- 14 ~~and~~
- 15 5.~~— At the discretion of the cabinet, a state slogan].~~
- 16 (2) Except as provided in KRS 186A.127, license plates issued pursuant to this chapter
- 17 shall conform to the provisions of subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this section. The
- 18 Transportation Cabinet shall provide for the issuance of reflectorized plates for all
- 19 motor vehicles, and shall collect a fee, in addition to the fee set out in KRS Chapter
- 20 186 and KRS 281.631, of fifty cents (\$0.50). The fifty cents (\$0.50) fee to
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- 22 of this section.
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