

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 2149

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;  
2 allowing distinctive license plates to be personalized license plates;  
3 amending K.S.A. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
7 1,141. (a) *(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any new distinctive*  
8 *license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be*  
9 *subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(e)*  
10 **(d)**, and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any  
11 distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

12 *(2) On and after January 1, 2024, any distinctive license plate may*  
13 *be a personalized license plate subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132,*  
14 *and amendments thereto. Any personalized distinctive license plate shall*  
15 *be subject to a fee that is double the amount prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(e)*  
16 **(d)**, and amendments thereto.

17 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license  
18 plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250  
19 license plates.

20 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license  
21 plates issued under the provisions of ~~K.S.A. 8-1,145, and amendments~~  
22 ~~thereto, or~~ K.S.A. 8-177d, ~~8-1,145,~~ 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-  
23 1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-  
24 1,204 or 8-1,205, and amendments thereto, **except that such distinctive**  
25 **license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to**  
26 **subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee**  
27 **prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.**

28 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to distinctive  
29 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146-~~or~~, 8-1,148,  
30 ~~and amendments thereto, or~~ K.S.A. 8-1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-1,161, and  
31 amendments thereto, **except that such distinctive license plates may be**  
32 **personalized license plates pursuant to subsection (a)(2) if an**  
33 **applicant pays the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A.**  
34 **8-132(d), and amendments thereto.**

35 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive  
36 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,160 and 8-1,183,

1 and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay the  
2 manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the  
3 division has received not fewer than 100 orders for such plate, including  
4 payment of the personalized license plate fee required under subsection  
5 (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the director of  
6 accounts and reports that not less than 100 paid orders for such plate have  
7 been received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$4,000  
8 from the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.

9 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license  
10 plate authorized by the legislature shall submit to the division of vehicles a  
11 nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000, to defray the division's cost  
12 for developing such distinctive license plate.

13 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the  
14 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
15 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
16 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in  
17 the state treasury to the credit of the distinctive license plate fund which is  
18 hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive  
19 license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the  
20 purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All  
21 expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be  
22 made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director  
23 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
24 secretary of the department of revenue.

25 (g) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any  
26 distinctive license plate if:

27 (1) Fewer than 250 plates, including annual renewals, are issued for  
28 that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

29 (2) fewer than 125 license plates, including annual renewals, are  
30 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year  
31 period.

32 (h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued and the  
33 corresponding royalty fee may be collected either by the county treasurer  
34 or the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate.  
35 Annual royalty payments collected by the county treasurers shall be  
36 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.  
37 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance  
38 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to  
39 the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall be administered by the  
40 state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty fund shall be made in  
41 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of  
42 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state  
43 treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the royalty fund

1 shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive  
2 license plate on a monthly basis.

3 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive  
4 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a  
5 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the  
6 distinctive license plate.

7 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license  
8 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the  
9 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any  
10 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.  
11 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate  
12 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time  
13 the registration is renewed.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1,141 is hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
16 publication in the statute book.