

2023 Kansas Statutes

8-161. Disabled veterans registration and license plates; free; international symbol of access, printing restrictions; parking privileges; penalties. (a) Any disabled veteran as defined in K.S.A. 8-160, and amendments thereto, who resides in Kansas and who makes application to the director of vehicles on a form furnished by the director for registration of a motor vehicle that is a passenger vehicle, a truck with a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds, or a motorcycle and is owned or leased and used by such veteran may have such motor vehicle registered, and the director shall issue a distinctive license plate for it. Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued. Such registration shall be made and such license plates issued free of charge to the disabled veteran. The director of vehicles shall also issue to the disabled veteran an individual identification card which must be carried by the disabled veteran when the motor vehicle being operated by the disabled veteran or used for the transportation of such disabled veteran is parked in a designated accessible parking space. Such distinctive license plate shall not be printed with the international symbol of access to the physically disabled unless the disabled veteran meets the definition of a person with a disability as defined in K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any Kansas resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle and who is responsible for the transportation of a disabled veteran or any resident disabled veteran desiring a distinctive license plate for a vehicle other than a motor vehicle owned or leased by the veteran may make application to the director of vehicles for such a license plate. Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued. There shall be no fee for such license plates in addition to the regular registration fee. Such license plates shall not be printed with the international symbol of access to the physically disabled unless the applicant is responsible for the transportation of the disabled veteran who meets the definition of a person with a disability as defined in K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments thereto.

(c) (1) The director of vehicles shall design a special license plate to be issued as provided in this act. No registration or license plates issued under this act shall be transferable to any other person. No registration under this act shall be made until the applicant has filed with the director acceptable proof that the applicant is a disabled veteran as defined by K.S.A. 8-160, and amendments thereto, or is responsible for the transportation of such veteran. Any applicant who requests the international symbol of access to be printed on the applicant's distinctive license plate shall provide the director with acceptable proof that the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability as defined in K.S.A. 8-1,124, and amendments thereto.

(2) Motor vehicles displaying the distinctive license plates with the international symbol of access displayed on such license plates shall be permitted to:

(A) Park in any parking space on public or private property which is clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability or persons responsible for the transportation of a person with a disability, except a parking space on private property which is clearly marked as being reserved for the use of a specified person with a disability;

(B) park without charge in any metered zone. Such motor vehicle shall be exempt from any time limitation imposed on parking in any zone designated for parking during the hours in which parking is permitted in any city; or

(C) park without charge in any parking space in a public parking facility or public parking lot if such parking space is clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability or persons responsible for the transportation of a person with a disability and such public parking facility or public parking lot employs persons who are parking attendants and who collect payment. Any parking occurring under the provisions of this subparagraph shall also comply with all regulations and restrictions posted at the entrance of the public parking facility or public parking lot by the management thereof.

(3) Motor vehicles displaying the distinctive license plates without the international symbol of access on such license plates shall be permitted to:

(A) Park without charge in any metered zone. Such motor vehicle shall be exempt from any time limitation imposed on parking in any zone designated for parking during the hours in which parking is permitted in any city; or

(B) park without charge in any parking space in a public parking facility or public parking lot if such parking space is clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability or persons responsible for the transportation of a person with a disability and such public parking facility or public parking lot employs persons who are parking attendants and who collect payment. Any parking occurring under the provisions of this subparagraph shall also comply with all regulations and restrictions posted at the entrance of the public parking facility or public parking lot by the management thereof.

(d) Any person who willfully and falsely represents that such person has the qualifications to obtain the distinctive license plates provided for by this section, or who falsely utilizes the parking privilege accorded by this section, shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.

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