

2023 Kansas Statutes

8-1,142. Educational institution license plate; procedure; requirements. (a) As used in this section, "educational institution" means:

- (1) Any state educational institution under the control and supervision of the state board of regents;
- (2) any municipal university;
- (3) any not-for-profit independent institution of higher education that is accredited by the north central association of colleges and secondary schools accrediting agency based on its requirements as of April 1, 1985, is operated independently and not controlled or administered by the state or any agency or subdivision thereof, maintains open enrollment and the main campus or principal place of operation of which is located in Kansas;
- (4) any community college organized and operating under the laws of this state; and
- (5) Haskell Indian Nations university.

(b) Any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks registered for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one educational institution license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, plus the payment of an additional fee of \$5 for each plate, and either the payment to the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment established by the alumni association or foundation or the presentation of the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c).

(c) Any educational institution may authorize through its officially recognized alumni association or foundation the use of such institution's official emblems to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used for recognition of academic achievement or excellence subject to the approval of the chancellor or president of the educational institution. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may annually apply to the alumni association or foundation for the use of the institution's emblems. Upon annual application and payment to either: (1) The alumni association or foundation in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 as an emblem use royalty payment for each educational institution license plate to be issued, the alumni association or foundation shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, an emblem use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration; or (2) the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued.

(d) Any applicant for an educational institution license plate may make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the educational institution license plates shall provide either the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment established by the alumni association or foundation. Application for registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(e) No registration or educational institution license plate issued under this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(f) The director of vehicles may transfer educational institution license plates from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(g) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (b), in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to the county treasurer either the annual emblem use authorization statement provided for in subsection (c) or the payment of

the annual emblem use royalty payment established by the alumni association or foundation. If such emblem use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the alumni association or foundations, or the annual emblem use royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the educational institution license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(h) The director of vehicles shall not issue any educational institution license plates for any educational institution, unless such educational institution's alumni association or foundation guarantees the initial issuance of at least 100 license plates.

(i) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of an educational institution's license plate authorized under this section if:

(1) Fewer than 100 educational institution license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for an educational institution by the end of the second year of sales; and

(2) fewer than 50 educational institution license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for an educational institution during any subsequent two-year period.

(j) Each educational institution's alumni association or foundation shall:

(1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for such educational license plates; and

(2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number where applicants can call the alumni association or foundation for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application.

(k) Each educational institution's alumni association or foundation, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a license plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

(l) As a condition of receiving the educational institution license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such plate, the applicant must provide consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, emblem use royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the relevant educational institution and the state treasurer.

(m) Annual royalty payments collected by county treasurers under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. In the case of an educational institution that is a state educational institution as defined by K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the appropriate account of the restricted fees fund of such state educational institution. In the case of an educational institution which is not a state educational institution as defined by K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall remit the entire amount to the educational institutions emblem royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the educational institutions emblem royalty fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the educational institutions emblem royalty fund to the respective educational institutions shall be made on a monthly basis.

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