HOUSE BILL No. 2499

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the masonic lodge license plate.

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

Section 1. On and after January 1, 2013, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one masonic lodge license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. In addition to the license plate, a person issued such license plate may request a decal of various masonic designations, such as previous offices held in the organization and organizational affiliations, as determined by the grand lodge of Kansas. Such license plates shall be issued for the same 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, and the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

- (b) The grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Kansas may authorize the use of their logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall be paid to the grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons and shall be divided to support the Kansas masonic library and museum and other charities through Kansas freemasons charities, inc. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Kansas for use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to the grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Kansas in an amount of not less than \$20 or more than \$100 as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, the grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Kansas shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of the registration.
- (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section 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 such license plates shall provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in

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 subsection (b). Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate 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.

- (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be transferable to any other person.
- (e) Renewals of registration under this section shall be annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b). If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.
- (f) The grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Kansas shall:
- (1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening plates authorized by this section; and
- (2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number where applicants can call the grand lodge of Kansas for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application.
- (g) The grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of Kansas, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to availability of materials and equipment, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.
- (h) A fee, as determined by the grand lodge of Kansas, may be assessed for each decal issued under this section. Such decals shall be affixed to the license plate in the location required by the director of vehicles.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.