

HOUSE BILL No. 2599

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the special olympics Kansas, the choose life, the city of Wichita, Korean war, operation desert storm, operation Iraqi freedom and operation enduring freedom license plates; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, 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 special olympics Kansas license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. 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 either the payment to the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment established by special olympics Kansas or the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) Special olympics 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 used to support special olympics Kansas. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to special olympics Kansas for the use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to either: (1) Special olympics Kansas in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, special olympics 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 registration; or (2) the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued.

(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 plate shall either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment established by special olympics Kansas. 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) The director of vehicles may transfer special olympics Kansas license plates from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 either provides to the county treasurer the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the logo use royalty payment as established by special olympics Kansas. If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by special olympics Kansas, or the annual logo use royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer 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.

(g) Special olympics Kansas shall:

(1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for license plates authorized by this section; and

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

(h) Special olympics Kansas, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

(i) As a condition of receiving the special olympics Kansas 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, logo use royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to special olympics Kansas and the state treasurer.

(j) Annual logo use 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. Upon receipt of each such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the special olympics Kansas royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the special olympics Kansas 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 special olympics Kansas royalty fund to the appropriate designee of special olympics Kansas shall be made on a monthly basis.

New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, motorcycles or travel trailers, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, may apply for and be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck, motorcycle or travel trailer, a choose life license plate. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any person may make application for such distinctive license 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. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle, truck, motorcycle or travel trailer 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.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(e) The choose life license plate shall have a background design, an emblem or colors that designate the license plate as a choose life license plate.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by ~~subsection (c) of~~ K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

(b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1995, unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, or K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163 ~~or~~, 8-1,166, *section 5, 6, 7 or 8*, and amendments thereto.

(d) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-1,161, and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,160 *and section 2*, and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay the manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the division has received not less than 1,000 orders for such plate, including payment of the personalized license plate fee required under subsection (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the direc-

tor of accounts and reports that not less than 1,000 paid orders for such plate have been received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$40,000 from the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.

(f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license plate authorized by the legislature on and after July 1, 2004, shall submit to the division of vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$20,000, to defray the division's cost for developing such distinctive license plate.

(2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, 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 distinctive license plate fund which is hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee 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 secretary of the department of revenue.

(g) (1) Except for educational institution license plates issued under K.S.A. 8-1,142, and amendments thereto, the director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 2004, and which is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) if:

(A) Less than 500 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate by July 1, 2006; and

(B) less than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year period after July 1, 2006.

(2) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate authorized on and after July 1, 2004, if:

(A) Less than 500 plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

(B) less than 250 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year period.

(h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued after December 31, 2012, and the corresponding royalty fee may be collected either by the county treasurer or the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate. Annual royalty payments collected by the county treasurers shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, 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 a segregated royalty fund which shall be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the 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 royalty fund shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate on a monthly basis.

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

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

New Sec. 4. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, 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 city of Wichita license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registra-

tion and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment established by the city of Wichita or the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) The city of Wichita may authorize the use of its flag image as its logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall be used to support physical assets identified by the Wichita parks foundation and license plate administrative costs incurred by the Wichita parks foundation. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the city of Wichita for the use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to either: (1) The city of Wichita in an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, the city of Wichita 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 registration; or (2) the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued.

(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 plate shall either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment established by the city of Wichita. 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) The director of vehicles may transfer city of Wichita license plates from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 either provides to the county treasurer the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the logo use royalty payment as established by the city of Wichita. If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the city of Wichita, or the annual logo use royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer 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.

(g) The city of Wichita shall:

(1) Pay the initial cost of silk-screening for license plates authorized by this section; and

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

(h) The city of Wichita, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

(i) As a condition of receiving the city of Wichita 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, logo use royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the city of Wichita and the state treasurer.

(j) Annual logo use 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. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the city of Wichita royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the city of Wichita 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 city of Wichita royalty fund to the appropriate designee of the city of Wichita shall be made on a monthly basis. A change of the city's designee shall occur only by mutual agreement of the city of Wichita and the Wichita parks foundation.

New Sec. 5. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a veteran of the Korean war, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such person as a veteran of the Korean war. 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.

(b) Any person who is a veteran of the Korean war may make application for such distinctive license 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 distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a veteran of the Korean war. Application for the 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.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

New Sec. 6. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a veteran of operation desert storm, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such person as a veteran of operation desert storm. 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.

(b) Any person who is a veteran of operation desert storm may make application for such distinctive license 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 distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a veteran of operation desert storm. Application for the 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.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not

filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

New Sec. 7. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a veteran of operation Iraqi freedom, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such person as a veteran of operation Iraqi freedom. 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.

(b) Any person who is a veteran of operation Iraqi freedom may make application for such distinctive license 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 distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a veteran of operation Iraqi freedom. Application for the 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.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

New Sec. 8. (a) On and after January 1, 2019, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a veteran of operation enduring freedom, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle designating such person as a veteran of operation enduring freedom. 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.

(b) Any person who is a veteran of operation enduring freedom may make application for such distinctive license 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 distinctive license plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a veteran of operation enduring freedom. Application for the 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.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), 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 has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,147. In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive license plates under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-1,139, 8-1,140, 8-1,145 or 8-1,146 or K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163 ~~or~~, 8-1,166, *section 5, 6, 7, or 8*, and amendments thereto, the surviving spouse or other family member, if there is no surviving spouse, shall be entitled to possession of any such distinctive license plates. Such license plates shall not be displayed on any vehicle unless otherwise authorized by statute.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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HOUSE concurred in  
SENATE amendments \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE  
as amended \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*