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HOUSE BILL No. 2217

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to certain restrictions;
 exclusion from the additional 90-day period for suspended or revoked
 licenses; eligibility for restricted driving privileges; removing and
 delaying payment for fees that apply to individuals for failure to
 comply with a traffic citation; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-262 and
 8-2110 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2020
 Supp. 8-2110b.

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

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-262 is hereby amended to read as 11 follows: 8-262. (a) (1) Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any 12 highway of this state at a time when such person's privilege so to do is 13 canceled, suspended or revoked or while such person's privilege to obtain 14 a driver's license is suspended or revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 8-252a, and 15 amendments thereto, shall be guilty of a class B nonperson misdemeanor on the first conviction and a class A nonperson misdemeanor on the second 16 17 or subsequent conviction.

(2) No person shall be convicted under this section if such person was
entitled at the time of arrest under K.S.A. 8-257, and amendments thereto,
to the return of such person's driver's license.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (a)(4) or (c), every
person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to at least five days'
imprisonment and fined at least \$100 and upon a second conviction shall
not be eligible for parole until completion of five days' imprisonment.

25 (4) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c), if a person: (A) Is 26 convicted of a violation of this section, committed while the person's 27 privilege to drive or privilege to obtain a driver's license was suspended or 28 revoked for a violation of K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments 29 thereto, or any ordinance of any city or resolution of any county or a law 30 of another state, which ordinance or resolution or law prohibits the acts 31 prohibited by those statutes; and (B) is or has been also convicted of a 32 violation of K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto, or any 33 ordinance of any city or resolution of any county or law of another state, 34 which ordinance or resolution or law prohibits the acts prohibited by those 35 statutes, committed while the person's privilege to drive or privilege to 36 obtain a driver's license was so suspended or revoked, the person shall not

be eligible for suspension of sentence, probation or parole until the person
 has served at least 90 days' imprisonment, and any fine imposed on such
 person shall be in addition to such a term of imprisonment.

4 (b) (1) Except as provided by subsection (b)(2), the division, upon 5 receiving a record of the conviction of any person under this section, or 6 any ordinance of any city or resolution of any county or a law of another 7 state which is in substantial conformity with this section, upon a charge of 8 driving a vehicle while the license of such person is revoked or suspended, 9 shall extend the period of such suspension or revocation for an additional 10 period of 90 days.

(2) For any person found guilty of driving a vehicle while the license
of such person is suspended for violating K.S.A. 8-2110, and amendments
thereto, such offense shall not extend the additional period of suspension
pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

(c) (1) The person found guilty of a class A nonperson misdemeanor
on a third or subsequent conviction of this section shall be sentenced to not
less than 90 days' imprisonment and fined not less than \$1,500 if such
person's privilege to drive a motor vehicle is canceled, suspended or
revoked because such person:

(A) Refused to submit and complete any test of blood, breath or urine
requested by law enforcement excluding the preliminary screening test as
set forth in K.S.A. 8-1012, and amendments thereto;

(B) was convicted of violating the provisions of K.S.A. 40-3104, and
 amendments thereto, relating to motor vehicle liability insurance coverage;

(C) was convicted of vehicular homicide, K.S.A. 21-3405, prior to its
repeal, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5406, and amendments thereto,
involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or
drugs, K.S.A. 21-3442, prior to its repeal, or involuntary manslaughter as
defined in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3) and (a)(5), and amendments
thereto, or any other murder or manslaughter crime resulting from the
operation of a motor vehicle; or

32 (D) was convicted of being a habitual violator, K.S.A. 8-287, and 33 amendments thereto.

34 (2) The person convicted shall not be eligible for release on 35 probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole until the person 36 has served at least 90 days' imprisonment. The 90 days' imprisonment 37 mandated by this subsection may be served in a work release program only 38 after such person has served 48 consecutive hours' imprisonment, provided 39 such work release program requires such person to return to confinement 40 at the end of each day in the work release program. The court may place the person convicted under a house arrest program pursuant to K.S.A. 41 42 2020 Supp. 21-6609, and amendments thereto, or any municipal ordinance 43 to serve the remainder of the minimum sentence only after such person has

1 served 48 consecutive hours' imprisonment.

(d) For the purposes of determining whether a conviction is a first,
second, third or subsequent conviction in sentencing under this section,
"conviction" includes a conviction of a violation of any ordinance of any
city or resolution of any county or a law of another state-which that is in
substantial conformity with this section.

7 K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2110 is hereby amended to read as Sec. 2. 8 follows: 8-2110. (a) Failure to comply with a traffic citation means failure 9 either to: (1) Appear before any district or municipal court in response to a 10 traffic citation and pay in full any fine and court costs imposed; or (2) otherwise comply with a traffic citation as provided in K.S.A. 8-2118, and 11 12 amendments thereto. Failure to comply with a traffic citation is a 13 misdemeanor, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation was originally issued. 14

15 (b) (1) In addition to penalties of law applicable under subsection (a), when a person fails to comply with a traffic citation, except for illegal 16 17 parking, standing or stopping, the district or municipal court in which the person should have complied with the citation shall mail notice to the 18 19 person that if the person does not appear in district or municipal court or 20 pay all fines, court costs and any penalties within 30 days from the date of 21 mailing notice, the division of vehicles will be notified to suspend the 22 person's driving privileges. The district or municipal court may charge an 23 additional fee of \$5 for mailing such notice. Upon the person's failure to 24 comply within such 30 days of mailing notice, the district or municipal 25 court shall electronically notify the division of vehicles. Upon receipt of a report of a failure to comply with a traffic citation under this subsection. 26 27 pursuant to K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto, the division of 28 vehicles shall notify the violator and suspend the license of the violator 29 until satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of the traffic 30 citation has been furnished to the informing court. When the court 31 determines the person has complied with the terms of the traffic citation, 32 the court shall immediately electronically notify the division of vehicles of 33 such compliance. Upon receipt of notification of such compliance from the 34 informing court, the division of vehicles shall terminate the suspension or 35 suspension action.

36 (2) (A) In lieu of suspension under paragraph (1), the driver may 37 submit to the division of vehicles a written request for restricted driving 38 privileges, with a non-refundable \$25 application fee, to be applied by the 39 division of vehicles for additional administrative costs to implement-40 restricted driving privileges. The division shall remit all restricted driving 41 privilege application fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the-42 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of 43 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in

1 the state treasury to the credit of the division of vehicles operating fund.

2 No application fee shall be collected in connection with such written 3 request.

4 (B) A person whose driver's license has expired during the period 5 when such person's driver's license has been suspended for failure to pay 6 fines for traffic citations, the driver may submit to the division of vehicles 7 a written request for restricted driving privileges, with a non-refundable 8 \$25 application fee, to be applied by the division of vehicles for additional 9 administrative costs to implement restricted driving privileges. Thedivision shall remit all restricted driving privilege application fees to the 10 state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and 11 12 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the statetreasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit 13 14 of the division of vehicles operating fund. No application fee shall be 15 collected in connection with such request.

16 (C) An individual shall not qualify for restricted driving privileges pursuant to this section subsection (b)(2)(A) or (b)(2)(B) unless the 17 18 following conditions are met: (i) The suspended license-that expired was issued by the division of vehicles; (ii) the suspended license resulted from 19 the individual's failure to comply with a traffic citation pursuant to 20 21 subsection (b)(1) and there is no other basis for the license suspension or 22 cancellation except for violations of this section; and (iii) the traffic 23 citation that resulted in the failure to comply pursuant to subsection (b)(1)was issued in this state; and (iv) the individual has not previously received 24 25 a staved suspension as a result of a driving while suspended conviction.

26 (C)(D) Upon review and approval of the driver's eligibility, the 27 driving privileges will be restricted by the division of vehicles for a period 28 up to one year or until the terms of the traffic citation have been complied 29 with and the court shall immediately electronically notify the division of vehicles of such compliance. If the driver fails to comply with the traffic 30 31 citation within the one year restricted period, the driving privileges will be 32 suspended by the division of vehicles until the court determines the person 33 has complied with the terms of the traffic citation and the court shall 34 immediately electronically notify the division of vehicles of such 35 compliance. Upon receipt of notification of such compliance from the 36 informing court, the division of vehicles shall terminate the suspension 37 action. When restricted driving privileges are approved pursuant to this 38 section, the person's driving privileges shall be restricted to driving only 39 under the following circumstances: (i) In going to or returning from the 40 person's place of employment or schooling; (ii) in the course of the 41 person's employment; (iii) in going to or returning from an appointment 42 with a health care provider or during a medical emergency; and (iv) in 43 going to and returning from probation or parole meetings, drug or alcohol

1 counseling or any place the person is required to go by a court.

2 (c) (1) Prior to July 1, 2018, except as provided in subsection (d), 3 when the district or municipal court notifies the division of vehicles of a 4 failure to comply with a traffic citation pursuant to subsection (b), the-5 court shall assess a reinstatement fee of \$59 for each charge on which the 6 person failed to make satisfaction regardless of the disposition of the-7 charge for which such citation was originally issued and regardless of any 8 application for restricted driving privileges. Such reinstatement fee shall-9 be in addition to any fine, restricted driving privilege application fee,district or municipal court costs and other penalties. The court shall remit 10 all reinstatement fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the-11 12 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of 13 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in 14 the state treasury and shall credit 42.37% of such moneys to the division of 15 vehicles operating fund, 31.78% to the community alcoholism and 16 intoxication programs fund created by K.S.A. 41-1126, and amendments 17 thereto, 10.59% to the juvenile alternatives to detention fund created by 18 K.S.A. 79-4803, and amendments thereto, and 15.26% to the judicial-19 branch nonjudicial salary adjustment fund created by K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 20 20-1a15, and amendments thereto.

21 (2) On and after July 1, 2018, Except as provided in subsection (d), 22 when the district or municipal court notifies the division of vehicles of a 23 failure to comply with a traffic citation issued on and after July 1, 2021, 24 pursuant to subsection (b), the court shall assess a reinstatement fee of 25 \$100 for each charge on which the person failed to make satisfaction 26 regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation was 27 originally issued and regardless of any application for restricted driving-28 privileges for each case. Such reinstatement fee shall be in addition to any fine. restricted driving privilege application fee, district or municipal court 29 costs and other penalties and shall only be collected after a person has 30 31 been determined to be eligible for reinstatement. The court shall remit all 32 reinstatement fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions 33 of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such 34 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state 35 treasury and shall credit the first \$15 of such reinstatement fee to the 36 judicial branch nonjudicial salary adjustment fund and of the remaining 37 amount, 29.41% of such moneys to the division of vehicles operating fund, 38 22.06% to the community alcoholism and intoxication programs fund 39 created by K.S.A. 41-1126, and amendments thereto, 7.36% to the juvenile 40 alternatives to detention fund created by K.S.A. 79-4803, and amendments thereto, and 41.17% to the judicial branch nonjudicial salary adjustment 41 fund created by K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 20-1a15, and amendments thereto. 42

43 (d) The district court or municipal court shall waive the reinstatement

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1 fee provided for in subsection (c), if the failure to comply with a traffic citation was the result of such person enlisting in or being drafted into the armed services of the United States, being called into service as a member of a reserve component of the military service of the United States, or volunteering for such active duty, or being called into service as a member of the state of Kansas national guard, or volunteering for such active duty, and being absent from Kansas because of such military service.

8 (e) A person who is assessed a reinstatement fee pursuant to 9 subsection (c) may petition the court that assessed the fee at any time to 10 waive payment of the fee, any additional charge imposed pursuant to 11 subsection (f), or any portion thereof. If it appears to the satisfaction of the 12 court that payment of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the 13 person or the person's immediate family, the court may waive payment of 14 all or part of the amount due or modify the method of payment.

15 (f) Except as provided further, the reinstatement fee established in 16 this section shall be the only fee collected or moneys in the nature of a fee collected for such reinstatement. Such fee shall only be established by an 17 18 act of the legislature and no other authority is established by law or 19 otherwise to collect a fee. On and after-July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019 July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025, the supreme court may impose 20 21 an additional charge, not to exceed \$22 per reinstatement fee, to fund the 22 costs of non-judicial personnel.

23 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-262, 8-2110 and 8-2110b are hereby 24 repealed.

25 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 26 publication in the statute book.