

SESSION OF 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2498**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2498 would authorize issuance of a First City of Kansas distinctive license plate on and after January 1, 2025, to a vehicle owner or lessee for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of no more than 20,000 pounds.

The bill would require the vehicle owner or lessee to annually apply to the Leavenworth County Historical Society (Society) for use of its logo on this license plate and pay a logo use royalty payment of between \$25 and \$100 (as determined by the Society) to the Society or to the county treasurer at registration. The bill would require the application for use of the logo to be made not less than 60 days prior to the person's renewal of registration date.

The bill would require the Society to design the plate, with the approval of the Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), and to provide to all county treasurers an email address for contacting the Society about the application process or the status of an application for the plate.

The bill would require the applicant to consent to the release of certain information by the Division of Vehicles, KDOR, including applicant name, address, royalty payment amount, plate number, and vehicle type, to the Society and the State Treasurer.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The bill would state the license plate and registration would not be transferable to any other person. The bill would authorize the Director of Vehicles to transfer the plate from a leased to a purchased vehicle.

Continuing law requires royalty fee payments collected by a county treasurer to be remitted to the State Treasurer and paid monthly to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate. Continuing law also states a new distinctive license plate will not be issued unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250 license plates and authorizes a motorcycle version of the plate upon sponsor organization request.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Proctor.

### ***House Committee on Transportation***

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Leavenworth County Historical Society provided **proponent** testimony. She stated the city of Leavenworth had been settled in 1854, listed some of the notable people associated with and attractions of the city, and noted letters of support from commissioners for the proposed license plate, which the Society hopes will increase awareness of the city. No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDOR estimates enactment of the bill would increase its expenditures by \$2,340 in FY 2025 for administrative costs related to designing and manufacturing the new license plate. Under continuing law, KDOR would collect up to \$5,000 from the sponsor of the new distinctive

license plate to defray the cost to develop the new plate. KDOR also indicates the plate would be subject to a \$40 personalized plate application fee if the applicant chose to personalize the license plate. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

License plate; vehicle; Director of Vehicles; Leavenworth County Historical Society