HOUSE BILL No. 2117

By Committee on Transportation

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the knights of Columbus distinctive license plate.

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

Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2020, 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 knights of Columbus 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 the knights of Columbus Kansas state council or the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) The knights of Columbus Kansas state council may authorize the use of 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 the knights of Columbus Kansas state council. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the knights of Columbus Kansas state council for the use of such logo. Upon annual application and payment to either: (1) The knights of Columbus Kansas state council 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 knights of Columbus Kansas state council 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 knights of Columbus Kansas state council.
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 the knights of Columbus 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 either the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the logo use royalty payment as established by the knights of Columbus Kansas state council. If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the knights of Columbus Kansas state council, 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 knights of Columbus Kansas state council shall:

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

(2) provide to all county treasurers an electronic mail address or toll-free telephone number where applicants can call the knights of Columbus Kansas state council for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application.

(h) The knights of Columbus Kansas state council, 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 knights of Columbus 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 knights of Columbus Kansas state council 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 knights of Columbus royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be
administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the knights of
Columbus 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 knights of Columbus royalty fund to the
appropriate designee of the knights of Columbus Kansas state council shall
be made on a monthly basis.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.