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

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

Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2021, 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 back the blue 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 Kansas association of chiefs of police or the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) The Kansas association of chiefs of police may authorize the use of the organization's 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 Kansas association of chiefs of police. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the Kansas association of chiefs of police for use of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall pay either: (1) An amount of not less than $25 nor more than $100 to the Kansas association of chiefs of police as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be issued, upon which the Kansas association of chiefs of police shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement that shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration; or (2) the logo use royalty payment to the county treasurer for each license plate to be issued.

(c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such license plate 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 Kansas association of chiefs of police. 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 a back the blue license plate
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 provides to
the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement
provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty
payment established by the Kansas association of chiefs of police. If such
statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the
Kansas association of chiefs of police, or the annual royalty payment is not
made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply
with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return
the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.
(g) The Kansas association of chiefs of police shall provide to all
county treasurers an electronic mail address where applicants can contact
the Kansas association of chiefs of police for information concerning the
application process or the status of such applicant's license plate
application.
(h) The Kansas association of chiefs of police, with the approval of
the director of vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the
provisions of this section.
(i) As a condition of receiving the back the blue license plate and any
subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall
consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle
record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty
payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the Kansas association
of chiefs of police and the state treasurer.
(j) Annual 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 Kansas association of chiefs of police
royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be
administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the Kansas
association of chiefs of police 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 Kansas association of chiefs of police royalty fund to the appropriate designee of the Kansas association of chiefs of police 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.