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SENATE BILL No. 500

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; authorizing certain individuals to be
 eligible for restricted driving privileges; permitting individuals with
 restricted driving privileges to drive to and from dropping off or
 picking up children from school or child care; amending K.S.A. 8-286
 and 8-2110 and repealing the existing sections.

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-286 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-286. 9 Whenever the files and records of the division shall disclose that the 10 record of convictions of any person is such that the person is an habitual 11 violator, as prescribed by K.S.A. 8-285, and amendments thereto, the 12 division promptly shall revoke the person's driving privileges for a period 13 of three years, except as allowed under-subsection (d)(4) of K.S.A. 8-235(d)(3) and 8-2110, and amendments thereto.

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-2110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2110. 16 (a) Failure to comply with a traffic citation means failure either to: (1) Appear before any district or municipal court in response to a traffic 17 citation and pay-in full any fine and court costs imposed as ordered by the 18 19 court; or (2) otherwise comply with a traffic citation as provided in K.S.A. 20 8-2118, and amendments thereto. Failure to comply with a traffic citation 21 is a misdemeanor, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which 22 such citation was originally issued.

23 (b) (1) (A) In addition to penalties of law applicable under subsection 24 (a), when a person fails to comply with a traffic citation, except for illegal 25 parking, standing or stopping, the district or municipal court in which the 26 person should have complied with the citation shall mail notice to the 27 person that if the person does not appear in district or municipal court or 28 pay-all fines, court costs and any penalties as ordered by the court within 29 30 days from the date of mailing notice, the division of vehicles will be 30 notified to suspend the person's driving privileges unless such person is 31 eligible for restricted driving privileges pursuant to subparagraph (B). If the person is eligible for restricted driving privileges, the division of 32 33 vehicles shall restrict such person's driving privileges pursuant to the 34 terms set forth in subparagraph (B). The district or municipal court may 35 charge an additional fee of \$5 for mailing such notice. Upon the person's 36 failure to comply within such 30 days of mailing notice, the district or

municipal court shall electronically notify the division of vehicles. Upon 1 receipt of a report of a failure to comply with a traffic citation under this 2 subsection, pursuant to K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto, the 3 division of vehicles shall notify the violator and suspend the license of the 4 violator until satisfactory evidence of substantial compliance with the 5 6 terms of the traffic citation has been furnished to the informing court 7 unless such person is eligible for restricted driving privileges pursuant to 8 subparagraph (B). If the person is eligible for restricted driving privileges, the division of vehicles shall notify the violator that the person's driving 9 privileges are restricted pursuant to the terms set forth in subparagraph 10 (B). When the court determines the person has complied is in substantial 11 compliance with the terms of the traffic citation, the court shall 12 immediately electronically notify the division of vehicles of such 13 compliance. Upon receipt of notification of such compliance from the 14 15 informing court, the division of vehicles shall terminate the restriction, 16 suspension or suspension action.

17 *(B) (i) When restricted driving privileges are approved pursuant to* 18 *this subsection, the person's driving privileges shall be restricted to* 19 *driving only under the following circumstances:*

20 (a) In going to or returning from the person's place of employment or 21 schooling;

(b) in the course of the person's employment;

(c) in going to or returning from an appointment with a healthcare
 provider or during

25 *a medical emergency;*

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26 *(d) in going to and returning from probation or parole meetings, drug* 27 *or alcohol*

28 counseling or any place the person is required to go by a court; and

(e) in going to or returning from dropping off or picking up one ormore children from

31 school or child care.

(ii) A person shall not qualify for restricted driving privileges pursuant to this subparagraph if such person has been convicted for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license more than three times or if such person is suspended for reasons other than a failure to comply with a traffic citation at the time of application. Restricted driving privileges approved pursuant to this subparagraph shall remain in effect for the lesser of time of either:

(a) 60 days from the date that the division of vehicles mails notice to
 the person of the restricted driving privileges;

41 *(b)* the person enters into an agreement with the court regarding the 42 person's failure to comply; or

43 (c) the rescission of the restricted driving privileges by the division of

1 vehicles.

2 (iii) The division shall rescind restricted driving privileges for any
3 person authorized pursuant to this subparagraph if the person is found
4 guilty of:

5 (a) A violation resulting in a license suspension, revocation or 6 cancellation for reasons other than failure to comply with a traffic 7 citation; or

8 (b) operating a motor vehicle in violation of restrictions provided in 9 clause (i) two or more times.

(iv) A person operating a motor vehicle in violation of restrictions
 provided in clause (i) shall be guilty of operating a vehicle in violation of
 restrictions as provided in K.S.A. 8-291, and amendments thereto.

13 (2) (A) In lieu of suspension under paragraph (1), the driver may 14 submit to the division of vehicles a written request for restricted driving 15 privileges. *The driver may apply and be eligible for restricted driving* 16 *privileges pursuant to this paragraph if such driver has previously been* 17 *approved for restricted driving privileges pursuant to paragraph (1).*

18 (B) (i) A person whose driving privileges have been revoked solely 19 for driving a motor vehicle on any highway as defined in K.S.A. 8-1424, and amendments thereto, of this state at a time when such person's 20 21 privilege to do so was canceled, suspended or revoked for failure to 22 comply with a traffic citation pursuant to this section may submit to the 23 division of vehicles a written request for restricted driving privileges. A person shall not qualify for restricted driving privileges pursuant to this 24 25 section if such person has been convicted for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license more than three times or if such person is 26 27 suspended for reasons other than a failure to comply with a traffic citation 28 at the time of application. Restricted driving privileges approved pursuant 29 to this subparagraph shall remain in effect unless otherwise rescinded for 30 the lesser of time of either:

(a) The remainder of the period of time that such person's driving
 privileges are revoked; or

(b) three years from the date when the restricted driving privilegeswere approved.

(ii) The division shall rescind restricted driving privileges for any
person authorized pursuant to this subparagraph if the person is found
guilty of a violation resulting in a license suspension, revocation or
cancellation for reasons other than failure to comply with a traffic
citation.

40 *(iii)* A person operating a motor vehicle in violation of restrictions 41 provided in subparagraph (D) shall be guilty of operating a vehicle in 42 violation of restrictions as provided in K.S.A. 8-291, and amendments 43 thereto. 1 (*C*) A person whose driver's license has expired during the period 2 when such person's driver's license has been suspended for failure to pay 3 fines for traffic citations, the driver may submit to the division of vehicles 4 a written request for restricted driving privileges. An individual shall not 5 qualify for restricted driving privileges pursuant to this section unless the 6 following conditions are met:

7 (i) The suspended license that expired was issued by the division of 8 vehicles;

9 (ii) the suspended license resulted from the individual's failure to 10 comply with a traffic citation pursuant to subsection (b)(1); and

(iii) the traffic citation that resulted in the failure to comply pursuantto subsection (b)(1) was issued in this state.

13 (C)(D) Upon review and approval of the driver's eligibility, the 14 driving privileges will be restricted by the division of vehicles for a period up to one year for restricted driving privileges issued pursuant to 15 16 subparagraph (A) or (C), for the period of time specified in subparagraph 17 (B) or until the terms of the traffic citation have been substantially complied with and the court shall immediately electronically notify the 18 19 division of vehicles of such compliance. If the driver fails to comply with the traffic citation within the one year restricted period, the driving 20 21 privileges will be suspended by the division of vehicles until the court 22 determines the person has complied with the terms of the traffic citation 23 and the court shall immediately electronically notify the division of vehicles of such compliance. Upon receipt of notification of such 24 25 compliance from the informing court, the division of vehicles shall terminate the suspension action. When restricted driving privileges are 26 approved pursuant to this section, the person's driving privileges shall be 27 28 restricted to driving only under the following circumstances:

(i) In going to or returning from the person's place of employment orschooling;

(ii) in the course of the person's employment;

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(iii) in going to or returning from an appointment with a health care
 provider or during a medical emergency; and

(iv) in going to and returning from probation or parole meetings, drug
 or alcohol counseling or any place the person is required to go by a court;
 and

(v) in going to or returning from dropping off or picking up one or
more children from school or child care.

(c) On and after July 1, 2018, except as provided in subsection (d), when the district or municipal court notifies the division of vehicles of a failure to comply with a traffic citation pursuant to subsection (b), the court shall assess a reinstatement fee of \$100 for each charge on which the person failed to make satisfaction regardless of the disposition of the 1 charge for which such citation was originally issued and regardless of any

2 application for restricted driving privileges. Such reinstatement fee shall 3 be in addition to any fine, restricted driving privilege application fee, 4 district or municipal court costs and other penalties. The court shall remit 5 all reinstatement fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the 6 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of 7 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in 8 the state treasury and shall credit the first \$15 of such reinstatement fee to 9 the state general fund and of the remaining amount, 29.41% of such 10 moneys to the division of vehicles operating fund, 22.06% to the community alcoholism and intoxication programs fund created by K.S.A. 11 41-1126, and amendments thereto, 7.36% to the juvenile alternatives to 12 detention fund created by K.S.A. 79-4803, and amendments thereto, and 13 14 41.17% to the state general fund.

15 (d) The district court or municipal court shall waive the reinstatement 16 fee provided for in subsection (c), if the failure to comply with a traffic 17 citation was the result of such person enlisting in or being drafted into the 18 armed services of the United States, being called into service as a member 19 of a reserve component of the military service of the United States, or 20 volunteering for such active duty, or being called into service as a member 21 of the state of Kansas national guard, or volunteering for such active duty, 22 and being absent from Kansas because of such military service.

(e) (1) A person who is assessed a reinstatement fee pursuant to subsection (c) may petition the court that assessed the fee at any time to waive payment of the fee, any additional charge imposed pursuant to subsection (f), or any portion thereof. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that payment of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the person or the person's immediate family, the court may waive payment of all or part of the amount due or modify the method of payment.

30 (2) A person who is assessed a fine or court costs for a traffic citation 31 may petition the court that assessed the fine or costs at any time to waive 32 payment of the fine or costs, or any portion thereof. If it appears to the 33 satisfaction of the court that payment of the amount due will impose 34 manifest hardship on the person or the person's immediate family, the 35 court may waive payment of all or part of the amount due or modify the 36 method of payment.

37 (3) The clerk of the district court and the clerk of the municipal court
38 shall make forms available to any person seeking to motion the court to
39 waive or reduce traffic fines, court costs or reinstatement fees.

40 (f) Except as provided further, the reinstatement fee established in 41 this section shall be the only fee collected or moneys in the nature of a fee 42 collected for such reinstatement. Such fee shall only be established by an 43 act of the legislature and no other authority is established by law or

otherwise to collect a fee. On and after July 1, 2019, through June 30, 1 2025, the supreme court may impose an additional charge, not to exceed 2

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 \$22 per reinstatement fee, to fund the costs of non-judicial personnel.
 (g) As used in this section, "substantial compliance" or "substantially 4 complied" means the person has followed the orders of the court involving 5 payments of fines, court costs and any penalties and has not failed 6 substantially in making payments or satisfying the terms of the court order. 7 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-286 and 8-2110 are hereby repealed. 8

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 9

publication in the statute book. 10