

8-177c. Prisoner of war license plates; surviving spouse; no fee or charge; rules and regulations.

(a) As used in this section, "prisoner of war" means any person who was held as a prisoner of war while serving in the army, navy, coast guard, air force or marine corps of the United States in World War I or World War II or while serving with the armed forces of the United States during the military, naval and air operations in Korea, Vietnam or other places under the flags of the United States and the United Nations or under the flag of the United States alone. "Prisoner of war" shall also include any civilian who was held as a prisoner of war.

(b) Any owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck of gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person is a former prisoner of war or is the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war, may, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, be issued one distinctive license plate designating such person as a prisoner of war. The license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates are issued upon proper registration without payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. Only one distinctive license plate may be issued to any prisoner of war or surviving spouse of a prisoner of war, to be displayed on such a vehicle owned or leased by such person.

(c) Any prisoner of war or surviving spouse of a prisoner of war may make application for the distinctive 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 the distinctive license plate shall furnish the director with such proof as the director shall require that the applicant was a prisoner of war or is the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the distinctive license plate under the provisions of this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon the appropriate form furnished by the director.

(d) Any registration or distinctive license plate issued under the authority of this section shall not be transferable to any other person, except to the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war.

(e) Renewals of registration hereunder shall be made annually, without charge, in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until the applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (c). If the form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to register the motor vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the county treasurer.

(f) The rights of the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war under this section shall terminate upon remarriage of such person.

(g) Nothing in this section shall authorize the surviving spouse of a prisoner of war to be issued a distinctive license plate under this section, unless the deceased prisoner of war had already been issued such distinctive license plate.

History: L. 1983, ch. 30, § 2; L. 1985, ch. 43, § 13; L. 1993, ch. 252, § 2; L. 1999, ch. 125, § 7; L. 2005, ch. 123, § 4; July 1.