

Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2090

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to registration; decals for license plates, serial numbers; apportioned fleet registration, mileage applications, fees and calculations; permanent registration of certain vehicles, annual report; commercial drivers' licenses, endorsements or restrictions; size limitations of certain vehicles, exceptions, forage cutters; amending K.S.A. 8-1,107 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-134, 8-1,134, 8-2,135 and 8-1904 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. On and after July 1, 2015, K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-134 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-134. (a) Every vehicle registration under this act shall expire December 31 of each year, except passenger vehicles and vehicles provided for in K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto. The registration of vehicles to which K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto, applies shall expire in 1982 and thereafter in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c). Registration of vehicles shall be renewed annually upon application by the owner and by payment of the fees required by law. Except vehicles subject to K.S.A. 8-134a, and amendments thereto, and passenger vehicles, the renewal shall take effect on January 1 of each year but the owner of the vehicle shall have until and including the last day of February of each year within which to make application for such renewal. The division shall issue for such vehicles a February month decal to correspond with the statutory grace period. Criminal sanctions provided in K.S.A. 8-142, and amendments thereto, for failure to display any license plate or plates or any registration decal required to be affixed to any such license plate for the current registration year shall not be enforced until March 1 of each year. An owner who has made proper application for renewal of registration of a vehicle prior to January 1, but who has not received the license plate or registration card for the ensuing year, shall be entitled to operate or permit the operation of such vehicle upon the highways upon displaying thereon the license plate issued for the preceding year for such time as the director of vehicles finds necessary for issuance of such new license plate.

(b) Every passenger vehicle required by this act to be registered, except as otherwise provided, shall be registered for a period of 12 consecutive months. The division of vehicles, in order to initiate a system of registering or reregistering passenger vehicles during any month of a calendar year, may register or reregister a passenger vehicle for less than a twelve-month period, prorating the annual registration fee, when in the director's opinion such proration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly registration system.

(c) Passenger vehicle registration, and the authority to legally operate, use, or tow such vehicle on the highway shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the last month of the twelve-month period for which such vehicle was registered, and the owner shall see that such vehicle is reregistered as required by this act. The director of vehicles shall designate the registration period for each passenger vehicle in order to as nearly as feasible equalize registration or reregistration within the 12 months of the year. Any vehicle after having once been registered shall upon reregistration, be registered for the same twelve-month period except when the certificate of title has been transferred as provided by law. In this case, the vehicle shall be registered by the division of vehicles in accordance with the system adopted.

(d) For the purpose of this act, hearses and electrically propelled vehicles shall be classified as passenger vehicles.

(e) Every owner who registers or reregisters a vehicle in a calendar year, and in any calendar year in which a license plate is not issued for the renewal of registration of such vehicle, shall be furnished by the division one decal for the license plate issued for such vehicle and required by K.S.A. 8-133, and amendments thereto, to be affixed to the rear of such vehicle. Such decal shall be affixed to the number plate affixed to the rear of such vehicle and shall contain the letters designating the county in which such vehicle is registered, as provided in K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments thereto, ~~shall be numbered serially in each county~~ *indicate the license plate number for which the decal is to be affixed* and shall indicate the year in which such registration expires. The color of a decal shall be such that it contrasts with the color of the license plate to which it is to be affixed, and the director of vehicles shall change the color of such decals each year, without duplicating the same color in any five-year period or such extended period as the director designates under

~~subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132(b)~~, and amendments thereto. Such decals shall be so constructed that once a decal has been affixed to a license plate it cannot be removed without destroying the decal, and the surface of such decals shall be capable of reflecting light. Consistent with the foregoing, the director of vehicles shall prescribe the size of and material to be used in the production of such decals, and the director of vehicles shall designate the location on a number plate where such decal shall be affixed.

(f) (1) The owner of a vehicle may, at the time of such registration or reregistration, purchase a park and recreation motor vehicle permit. Such permit shall cost \$15 until such time as the amount for such permit is changed by rules and regulations of the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism.

(2) Such permit shall be nontransferable and shall expire on the date of expiration of the vehicle registration.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4), the county treasurer shall remit all such moneys paid to the county treasurer 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 and shall be credited as provided in K.S.A. 32-991, and amendments thereto.

(4) The county treasurer may collect and retain a service charge fee of up to \$.50 for each park and recreation motor vehicle permit issued or sold by the county treasurer.

(5) As a condition of receiving the park and recreation motor vehicle permit, the applicant shall consent to the sharing of information, including, but not limited to, the applicant's name, address, email address and phone number, with the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism by the division of motor vehicles.

(g) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to accomplish the purpose of this act.

Sec. 2. On and after July 1, 2015, K.S.A. 8-1,107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,107. ~~(a) The initial application for apportioned registration of a fleet shall state the in-state miles and total fleet miles with respect to such fleet for the preceding year in this and other jurisdictions. If no operations were conducted with such fleet during the preceding year, the application shall contain a full statement of the proposed method of operation and estimates of annual in-state and total fleet mileage. The director may evaluate and adjust the estimate in the application if the director is not satisfied as to the correctness thereof. The director shall not accept estimated mileage beyond the initial application and registration year for which apportioned fleet registration is sought.~~

~~(b) If an owner desires to apportion the registration of a fleet with a jurisdiction after an initial application has been filed or for a subsequent registration year after the initial registration year, and such owner did not conduct operations in such jurisdiction during the preceding year, such owner may apportion the registration of a fleet in such jurisdiction by filing an affidavit with the division of vehicles upon a form provided by the division, which form shall provide a full statement of the proposed method of operation and an estimate of mileage in such jurisdiction. The division of vehicles shall compute the apportioned registration fee for such estimated mileage jurisdiction as follows: (1) Add the estimated mileage to the total fleet mileage reported or adjusted by audit for a registration year, (2) divide the estimated in-state miles for the jurisdiction by the adjusted total fleet mileage as determined under paragraph (1); (3) determine the total amount of fees necessary under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, to register each and every vehicle of a fleet for which apportioned registration is sought, based on the regular annual fees for the unexpired portion of a registration year, (4) multiply the sum obtained under paragraph (3) by the percentage factor obtained under paragraph (2). Mileage applications and fees shall be charged according to the international registration plan. All mileage calculations shall comply with the rules of the international registration plan.~~

Sec. 3. On and after July 1, 2015, K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1,134 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,134. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d): (1) Each motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer owned or leased by any city, county, township or school district of this state or by any agency or

instrumentality of any city, county or township and used exclusively for governmental or school district purposes and not for any private purposes, which is not otherwise exempt from registration; or (2) each truck tractor, trailer or semitrailer leased by a community college or technical college and used exclusively for a truck driver training program, which is not otherwise exempt from registration, shall be registered for a fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, except that such fee shall not exceed the actual cost of such registration. Such registration shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with a vehicle for the duration of the life span of the vehicle, the duration of the lease or until the title is transferred to an owner who is not a city, county, township, school district, community college or technical college.

(b) License plates issued for city, county, township, school district, community college or technical college vehicles shall be distinctive and shall contain the words city, county, township, school district, community college or technical college, as applicable and there shall be no year date thereon.

~~(c) Each city, county, township, school district, community college or technical college shall file an annual report with the division of vehicles identifying such vehicle registered under this section.~~

~~(d)~~—Vehicles registered under this section which are used for utility purposes shall be issued license plates as prescribed by subsection (b), except that such license plates shall be issued for periods of five years, but shall be required to pay all license fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, as though such vehicles were registered annually. The secretary of revenue shall design decals to be affixed to such license plates containing the word utility and the date the registration is to expire.

~~(e)~~-(d) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. On and after July 1, 2015, K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-2,135 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2,135. (a) The commercial driver's license shall be marked "commercial driver's license" or "CDL," and must be, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof. It shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) The requirements set out in K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto;

(2) a number or identifier deemed appropriate by the state licensing authority;

(3) the class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles which the person is authorized to drive together with any endorsements or restriction;

(4) the name of this state; and

(5) the dates between which the license is valid.

(b) Commercial drivers' licenses issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto, may be issued with the following endorsements or restrictions; and the holder of a valid commercial driver's license may drive all vehicles in the class for which that license is issued, and all lesser classes of vehicles, except motorcycles and vehicles which require an endorsement, unless the proper endorsement appears on the license;

(1) "H"—authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle transporting hazardous materials;

(2) "L"—restricts the driver to vehicles not equipped with airbrakes;

(3) "T"—authorizes driving double and triple trailers;

(4) "P"—authorizes driving vehicles carrying passengers;

(5) "N"—authorizes driving tank vehicles;

(6) "X"—represents a combination of hazardous materials and tank vehicle endorsements;

(7) "S"—authorizes driving school buses;

(8) "E"—no manual transmission in CMV;

(9) "O"—no tractor-trailer;

(10) "M"—no class A passenger vehicle;

(11) "N"—no class A or B passenger vehicle;

(12) "Z"—no full air brake in CMV;

(13) "K"—for intrastate only;

(14) "V"—for medical variance.

(c) Before issuing a commercial driver's license, the division must obtain driving record information through the commercial driver license information system, the national driver register and from each state in which the person has been licensed.

(d) Within 10 days after issuing a commercial driver's license, the division shall notify the commercial driver license information system of that fact, providing all information required to ensure identification of the person.

(e) All original licenses issued after April 1, 1992, shall expire on the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application. All renewals thereof shall expire on every fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee. No driver's license shall expire in the same calendar year in which the original license or renewal license is issued, except that if the foregoing provisions of this section shall require the issuance of a renewal license or an original license for a period of less than six calendar months, the license issued to the applicant shall expire at midnight on every fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the applicant. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of a person's license, the division shall mail a notice of expiration or renewal application to such person at the address shown on the license.

(f) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver's license, the applicant must complete the test required in ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-247(e)~~, and amendments thereto, and the application form required by ~~subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-2,134(b)~~, and amendments thereto, providing updated information and required certifications and if the applicant wishes to retain a hazardous materials endorsement, the applicant must take and pass the test for such endorsement.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped bales of hay as authorized by ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1902(e)~~, and amendments thereto, may be loaded with such bales secured to a height not exceeding 14½ feet. Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any overpass or other obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all damages resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt rules and regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically shaped bales of hay.

(b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rear bumpers, except as provided in subsection (d).

(c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), no combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of 65 feet.

(d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a truck tractor shall exceed 59½ feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer which is being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall exceed 28½ feet in length.

(e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall be unlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or designee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night

transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.

(f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles consisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.

(g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, *forage cutter or combine header* to be engaged in farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in ~~subsection (d) of~~ K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto. A stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter or one truck and one trailer vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, *forage cutter or combine header* to be engaged in farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in ~~subsection (d) of~~ K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto, shall not exceed an overall length limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.

(h) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to drive-away saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination. A drive-away saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination shall not exceed an extreme overall dimension of 97 feet.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. On and after July 1, 2015, K.S.A. 8-1,107 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-134, 8-1,134 and 8-2,135 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

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Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

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