AN ACT concerning roads and highways; relating to tolls on turnpike projects; directing the Kansas turnpike authority to establish a toll exemption program for current members of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas.

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

Section 1. (a) The Kansas turnpike authority shall establish a toll exemption program for current members of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas. Such toll exemption program shall exempt current members of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas from all tolls associated with such person's passenger vehicle used on any turnpike project in Kansas where tolls are collected.

(b) The Kansas turnpike authority shall provide an application process for any interested current member of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas to participate in the toll exemption program established by this section. Upon completing an application and providing satisfactory proof to the Kansas turnpike authority that a person is a current member of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas, the Kansas turnpike authority shall authorize such person to register a vehicle that will be exempt from all tolls on any turnpike project. A current member of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas shall only be allowed to register one passenger vehicle for use on turnpike projects that will be subject to the toll exemption.

(c) The Kansas turnpike authority may adopt a concise set of rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Current member of the armed forces" means a person who is currently serving in the army, navy, air force, coast guard, marine corps, space force or any branch of the military reserves of the United States or the Kansas national guard; and

(2) "satisfactory proof" means a copy of the permanent change of station orders for a current member of the armed forces indicating a
permanent place of duty in Kansas, the current member's common access card issued by the United States department of defense and current vehicle registration issued by any state, territory or federally recognized Indian tribe for the passenger vehicle that the current member wants to register in the toll exemption program.

(e) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to K.S.A. 68-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto.

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