

HOUSE BILL No. 2476

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing for the silver star medal and bronze star medal distinctive
3 license plates; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 and
4 repealing the existing sections.

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

7 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2023, any owner or lessee
8 of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000
9 pounds or less or motorcycles who is a resident of Kansas and submits
10 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and
11 regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person was
12 awarded a silver star medal by the United States government may be
13 issued one distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck
14 or motorcycle designating such person as a silver star medal recipient.
15 Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other
16 license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license
17 fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

18 (b) Any silver star medal recipient may make application for such
19 distinctive license plate, not less than 60 days prior to such person's
20 renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the
21 director of vehicles. Any applicant for the distinctive license plate shall
22 furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the
23 applicant was a silver star medal recipient. Application for the registration
24 of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and the issuance of the license
25 plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
26 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

27 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the
28 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

29 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made
30 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and
31 amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and
32 amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any
33 applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided
34 in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required
35 to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the
36 distinctive license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

1 New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2023, any owner or lessee of
2 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds
3 or less or motorcycles who is a resident of Kansas and submits satisfactory
4 proof to the director of vehicles, in accordance with rules and regulations
5 adopted by the secretary of revenue, that such person was awarded a
6 bronze star medal by the United States government may be issued one
7 distinctive license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or
8 motorcycle designating such person as a bronze star medal recipient. Such
9 license plate shall be issued for the same period of time as other license
10 plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as
11 provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

12 (b) Any person who is a bronze star medal recipient may make
13 application for such distinctive license plate, not less than 60 days prior to
14 such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and
15 furnished by the director of vehicles. Any applicant for the distinctive
16 license plate shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall
17 require that the applicant was a bronze star medal recipient. Application
18 for the registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and the
19 issuance of the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner
20 or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms
21 furnished by the director.

22 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the
23 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

24 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually
25 upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments
26 thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments
27 thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until
28 such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection
29 (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with
30 K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license
31 plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

32 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as
33 follows: 8-1,141. (a) Any new distinctive license plate authorized for
34 issuance on and after July 1, 1994, shall be subject to the personalized
35 license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto.
36 This section shall not apply to any distinctive license plate authorized prior
37 to July 1, 1994.

38 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license
39 plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250
40 license plates.

41 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license
42 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,145, and amendments
43 thereto, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186,

1 8-1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-1,197, 8-1,198 ~~or~~, 8-1,199,
2 *section 1 or section 2*, and amendments thereto.

3 (d) The provisions of subsection (a); shall not apply to distinctive
4 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146 or 8-1,148,
5 and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-
6 1,161, and amendments thereto.

7 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive
8 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1,160
9 and 8-1,183, and amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay
10 the manufacturing and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the
11 division has received not fewer than 100 orders for such plate, including
12 payment of the personalized license plate fee required under subsection
13 (a). Upon certification by the director of vehicles to the director of
14 accounts and reports that not less than 100 paid orders for such plate have
15 been received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$4,000
16 from the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.

17 (f) (1) Any person or organization sponsoring any distinctive license
18 plate authorized by the legislature shall submit to the division of vehicles a
19 nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000, to defray the division's cost
20 for developing such distinctive license plate.

21 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the
22 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the
23 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of
24 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in
25 the state treasury to the credit of the distinctive license plate fund which is
26 hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive
27 license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the
28 purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All
29 expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be
30 made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director
31 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
32 secretary of the department of revenue.

33 (g) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any
34 distinctive license plate if:

35 (1) Fewer than 250 plates, including annual renewals, are issued for
36 that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and

37 (2) fewer than 125 license plates, including annual renewals, are
38 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year
39 period.

40 (h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued and the
41 corresponding royalty fee may be collected either by the county treasurer
42 or the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate.
43 Annual royalty payments collected by the county treasurers shall be

1 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.
2 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance
3 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to
4 the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall be administered by the
5 state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty fund shall be made in
6 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of
7 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state
8 treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the royalty fund
9 shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive
10 license plate on a monthly basis.

11 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive
12 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a
13 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the
14 distinctive license plate.

15 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license
16 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the
17 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any
18 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.
19 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate
20 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time
21 the registration is renewed.

22 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows: 8-1,147. In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive
24 license plates under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-
25 1,139, 8-1,140, 8-1,145 or 8-1,146 or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-177d, 8-1,163,
26 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-
27 1,197, 8-1,198-~~or~~, 8-1,199, *section 1 or section 2*, and amendments thereto,
28 the surviving spouse or other family member, if there is no surviving
29 spouse, shall be entitled to possession of any such distinctive license
30 plates. Such license plates shall not be displayed on any vehicle unless
31 otherwise authorized by statute.

32 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 are hereby repealed.

33 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.