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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 5, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 18

Senate Bill 18 provides for the hunter nation license plate.

SB 18 provides that a vehicle owner may be issued a hunter nation license plate for every vehicle or truck upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fees pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143. Additionally, the applicant for a license plate must pay either the county treasurer the logo use royalty fee established by Hunter Nation, Inc. or present a logo use authorization statement to the county treasurer that was provided to such applicant from Hunter Nation, Inc. upon payment to them of the same fee. The logo use royalty fee established by Hunter Nation, Inc. must be between \$25 and \$100 and is an annual fee.

These license plates, like all distinctive license plates unless exempted, are subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141. Under current law in K.S.A. 8-1,141, distinctive license plates will not be issued until there is an initial issuance of 250 license plates and payment by the sponsoring organization of the initial design costs for the license plates up to \$5,000. Distinctive license plates are also subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132. The sponsoring organization must also provide a design for the license plate and provide a phone number or email address where people can inquire about the license plate.

All logo use royalty payments made to county treasurers are remitted to the State Treasurer and will then be credited to a newly created royalty fund for Hunter Nation, Inc. pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,141(h). Payments from the royalty fund shall be made on a monthly basis to Hunter Nation, Inc.

The provisions of SB 18 become effective July 1, 2025, but applications for the license plate will begin on January 1, 2026.