

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2273

By Committee on Veterans and Military

Requested by Rob Leicht on behalf of the Kansas Office of Veterans Services

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans and military; modifying the definition of
2 veteran and disabled veteran; adding a citation to the **code of federal**
3 **register regulations** to definitions of veteran and disabled veteran;
4 amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,221, 8-243, 8-1324, 32-934, 48-3601,
5 50-676, 73-201, 73-230, 73-1239, 73-1244, 75-3740 and 79-4502 and
6 repealing the existing sections.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-160 is hereby amended to read as
10 follows: 8-160. As used in this act, "disabled veteran" means a person
11 who:

12 (a) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including*
13 *those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was
14 discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a
15 general discharge under honorable conditions;

16 (b) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of
17 duty in the active military, naval, air or space service; and

18 (c) has a service-connected evaluation percentage equal to or greater
19 than 50%, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

20 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall
22 issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the
23 driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the
24 class or classes of motor vehicles that the licensee is entitled to drive, a
25 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name, date of
26 birth, gender, address of principal residence and a brief description of the
27 licensee, either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-
28 engraved photograph of the licensee, a facsimile of the signature of the
29 licensee and the statement provided for in subsection (b). No driver's
30 license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee. All drivers'
31 licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 years shall be readily
32 distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 21 years or older. In
33 addition, all drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 18 years
34 shall also be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 18
35 years or older. The secretary of revenue shall implement a vertical format

1 to make drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 more
2 readily distinguishable. Except as otherwise provided, no driver's license
3 issued by the division shall be valid until either: (1) A digital color image
4 or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of such licensee has
5 been taken and verified before being placed on the driver's license. The
6 secretary of revenue shall prescribe a fee of not more than \$8 and upon the
7 payment of such fee, the division shall cause either: (1) A digital color
8 image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of such applicant
9 to be placed on the driver's license. Upon payment of such fee prescribed
10 by the secretary of revenue, plus payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-
11 246, and amendments thereto, for issuance of a new license, the division
12 shall issue to such licensee a new license containing either: (1) A digital
13 color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of such
14 licensee. A driver's license that does not contain the principal address as
15 required may be issued to persons who are program participants pursuant
16 to K.S.A. 75-455, and amendments thereto, upon payment of the fee
17 required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto. All Kansas drivers'
18 licenses and identification cards shall have physical security features
19 designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication of the
20 document for fraudulent purposes. The secretary of revenue shall
21 incorporate common machine-readable technology into all Kansas drivers'
22 licenses and identification cards.

23 (b) A Kansas driver's license issued to any person 16 years of age or
24 older who indicated on the person's application that the person wished to
25 make a gift of all or any part of the body of the licensee in accordance with
26 the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 65-3220 through 65-3244,
27 and amendments thereto, shall have the word "Donor" placed on the front
28 of the licensee's driver's license.

29 (c) Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing may request that the
30 division issue to such person a driver's license which is readily
31 distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to other drivers and upon such
32 request the division shall issue such license. Drivers' licenses issued to
33 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and under the age of 21 years shall
34 be readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to persons who are
35 deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years of age or older. Upon satisfaction of
36 subsection (a), the division shall issue a receipt of application permitting
37 the operation of a vehicle consistent with the requested class, if there are
38 no other restrictions or limitations, pending the division's verification of
39 the information and production of a driver's license.

40 (d) A driver's license issued to a person required to be registered
41 under K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be assigned a
42 distinguishing number by the division which will readily indicate to law
43 enforcement officers that such person is a registered offender. The division

1 shall develop a numbering system to implement the provisions of this
2 subsection.

3 (e) (1) Any person who is a veteran may request that the division
4 issue to such person a driver's license that shall include the designation
5 "VETERAN" displayed on the front of the driver's license at a location to
6 be determined by the secretary of revenue. In order to receive a license
7 described in this subsection, the veteran shall provide a copy of the
8 veteran's DD form 214, NGB form 22 or equivalent discharge document
9 showing character of service as honorable or general under honorable
10 conditions.

11 (2) As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who served
12 in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including those groups
13 and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was discharged or
14 released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a general discharge
15 under honorable conditions.

16 (3) The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations
17 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

18 (f) (1) Any person who submits satisfactory proof to the director of
19 vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs
20 assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with
21 autism spectrum disorder, may request that the division issue to such
22 person a driver's license, that shall note such impairment on the driver's
23 license at a location to be determined by the secretary of revenue.

24 (2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition
25 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts
26 in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A.
27 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a
28 person clinically licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory
29 board certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

30 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,221 is hereby amended to read as
31 follows: 8-1,221. (a) On and after January 1, 2025, any owner or lessee of
32 one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds
33 or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who submits
34 satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles that such person is currently
35 serving in any unit of the 1st infantry division, the Fort Riley garrison or a
36 unit assigned to the Fort Riley garrison or has separated from the United
37 States military, was honorably discharged and served an assignment of at
38 least nine months in any unit of the 1st infantry division, the Fort Riley
39 garrison or any unit assigned to the Fort Riley garrison may be issued one
40 1st infantry division license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or
41 motorcycle. Such license plate shall be issued for the same period of time
42 as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular
43 license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

1 (b) Any person who meets the criteria in subsection (a) may make
2 application for such distinctive license plate, not less than 60 days prior to
3 such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and
4 furnished by the director of vehicles. Any applicant for the distinctive
5 license plate shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall
6 require that the applicant is currently serving in the 1st infantry division or
7 is a retired member or veteran that was assigned to the 1st infantry division
8 or Fort Riley garrison. Application for the registration of a passenger
9 vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate under this
10 section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the
11 director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

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

22 (e) Upon satisfactory proof submitted to the director of vehicles, any
23 person issued a license plate under this section may request that the license
24 plate be printed to indicate that such person is a veteran or retired member
25 of the 1st infantry division or Fort Riley garrison.

26 (f) *As used in this section, "veteran" means a person who served in*
27 *the active military, naval, air or space service, including those groups and*
28 *individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7.*

29 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1324 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows: 8-1324. (a) Any resident who does not hold a current valid Kansas
31 driver's license may make application to the division of vehicles and be
32 issued one identification card.

33 (b) (1) Each application for an identification card shall include a
34 question asking if the applicant is willing to give such applicant's
35 authorization to be listed as an organ, eye and tissue donor in the Kansas
36 donor registry in accordance with the revised uniform anatomical gift act,
37 K.S.A. 65-3220 through 65-3244, and amendments thereto. The gift would
38 become effective upon the death of the donor.

39 (2) For the purpose of obtaining an identification card, an applicant
40 shall submit, with the application, proof of age, proof of identity and proof
41 of lawful presence. An applicant shall submit with the application a photo
42 identity document, except that a non-photo identity document is acceptable
43 if it includes both the applicant's full legal name and date of birth, and

1 documentation showing the applicant's name, the applicant's address of
2 principal residence and the applicant's social security account number. The
3 applicant's social security number shall remain confidential and shall not
4 be disclosed, except as provided pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2014, and
5 amendments thereto. If the applicant does not have a social security
6 number, the applicant shall provide proof of lawful presence and Kansas
7 residency. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the
8 identification card. Before issuing an identification card to a person, the
9 division shall make reasonable efforts to verify with the issuing agency the
10 issuance, validity and completeness of each document required to be
11 presented by the applicant to prove age, identity and lawful presence.

12 (c) The division shall not issue an identification card to any person
13 who fails to provide proof that the person is lawfully present in the United
14 States. If an applicant provides evidence of lawful presence as set out in
15 K.S.A. 8-240(b)(2)(E) through (2)(I), and amendments thereto, or is an
16 alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under K.S.A. 8-240(b)(2)
17 (B), and amendments thereto, the division may only issue a temporary
18 identification card to the person under the following conditions:

19 (1) A temporary identification card issued pursuant to this
20 subparagraph shall be valid only during the period of time of the
21 applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no definite
22 end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year;

23 (2) a temporary identification card issued pursuant to this
24 subparagraph shall clearly indicate that it is temporary and shall state the
25 date upon which it expires;

26 (3) no temporary identification card issued pursuant to this
27 subparagraph shall be for a longer period of time than the time period
28 permitted by K.S.A. 8-1325, and amendments thereto; and

29 (4) a temporary identification card issued pursuant to this
30 subparagraph may be renewed, subject at the time of renewal, to the same
31 requirements and conditions set forth in this subsection for the issuance of
32 the original temporary identification card.

33 (d) The division shall not issue an identification card to any person
34 who holds a current valid Kansas driver's license unless such driver's
35 license has been physically surrendered pursuant to the provisions of
36 K.S.A. 8-1002(e), and amendments thereto.

37 (e) The division shall refuse to issue an identification card to a person
38 holding a driver's license or identification card issued by another state
39 without confirmation that the person is terminating or has terminated the
40 license or identification card.

41 (f) The parent or guardian of an applicant under 16 years of age shall
42 sign the application for an identification card submitted by such applicant.

43 (g) (1) The division shall require payment of a fee of \$14 at the time

1 application for an identification card is made, except that persons who are
2 65 or more years of age or who are handicapped, as defined in K.S.A. 8-
3 1,124, and amendments thereto, shall be required to pay a fee of only \$10.
4 In addition to the fees prescribed by this subsection, the division shall
5 require payment of the photo fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243, and
6 amendments thereto, for the cost of the photograph to be placed on the
7 identification card.

8 (2) The division shall not require or accept payment of application or
9 photo fees under this subsection for any person 17 years of age or older for
10 purposes of meeting the voter identification requirements of K.S.A. 25-
11 2908, and amendments thereto. Such person shall:

12 (A) Swear under oath that such person desires an identification card
13 in order to vote in an election in Kansas and that such person does not
14 possess any of the forms of identification acceptable under K.S.A. 25-
15 2908, and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall specifically list the
16 acceptable forms of identification under K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments
17 thereto; and

18 (B) produce evidence that such person is registered to vote in Kansas.

19 (3) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations in order
20 to implement the provisions of paragraph (2).

21 (h) All Kansas identification cards shall have physical security
22 features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication for
23 fraudulent purposes.

24 (i) For the purposes of K.S.A. 8-1324 through 8-1328, and
25 amendments thereto, a person shall be deemed to be a resident of the state
26 if the person:

- 27 (1) Owns, leases or rents a place of domicile in this state;
- 28 (2) engages in a trade, business or profession in this state;
- 29 (3) is registered to vote in this state;
- 30 (4) enrolls the person's child in a school in this state; or
- 31 (5) registers the person's motor vehicle in this state.

32 (j) The division shall require that any person applying for an
33 identification card submit to a mandatory facial image capture. The
34 captured facial image shall be displayed on the front of the applicant's
35 identification card by either:

- 36 (1) A digital color image or photograph; or
- 37 (2) a laser-engraved photograph of the licensee.

38 (k) (1) Any person who is a veteran may request that the division
39 issue to such person a nondriver identification card that shall include the
40 designation "VETERAN" displayed on the front of the nondriver
41 identification card at a location to be determined by the secretary of
42 revenue. In order to receive a nondriver identification card described in
43 this subsection, the veteran shall provide a copy of the veteran's DD form

1 214, NGB form 22 or equivalent discharge document showing character of
2 service as honorable or general under honorable conditions.

3 (2) As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who served
4 in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including those groups*
5 *and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was discharged or
6 released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a general discharge
7 under honorable conditions.

8 (3) The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations
9 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

10 (l) The director of vehicles may issue a temporary identification card
11 to an applicant who cannot provide valid documentary evidence as defined
12 by subsection (c), if the applicant provides compelling evidence proving
13 current lawful presence. Any temporary identification card issued pursuant
14 to this subparagraph shall be valid for one year.

15 (m) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to
16 every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act an identification
17 card. Such identification card shall bear a distinguishing number assigned
18 to the cardholder, the full legal name, date of birth, address of principal
19 residence, a brief description of the cardholder, either:

20 (1) A digital color image or photograph; or

21 (2) a laser-engraved photograph of the cardholder, and a facsimile of
22 the signature of the cardholder. An identification card that does not contain
23 the address of principal residence of the cardholder as required may be
24 issued to persons who are program participants pursuant to K.S.A. 75-455,
25 and amendments thereto.

26 (n) An identification card issued to any person who indicated on the
27 application that the person wished to make an anatomical gift in
28 accordance with the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 65-3220
29 through 65-3244, and amendments thereto, shall have the word "Donor"
30 placed on the front of the applicant's identification card.

31 (o) (1) Any person who submits satisfactory proof to the director of
32 vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs
33 assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with
34 autism spectrum disorder, may request that the division issue to such
35 person a nondriver identification card, that shall note such impairment on
36 the nondriver identification card at a location to be determined by the
37 secretary of revenue.

38 (2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition
39 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts
40 in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A.
41 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a
42 person clinically licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory
43 board certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

1 (p) The secretary of revenue shall permit an electronic online renewal
2 of an identification card if the electronic online renewal applicant
3 previously provided documentation of identity, lawful presence and
4 residence to the division for electronic scanning. For purposes of this
5 subsection, the division may rely on the division's most recent, existing
6 color digital image and signature image of the applicant for the nondriver's
7 identification card if the division has such images on file. The
8 determination on whether an electronic online renewal application or
9 equivalent of a nondriver's identification card is permitted shall be made
10 by the director of vehicles or the director's designee. The division shall not
11 renew a nondriver's identification card through an electronic online or
12 equivalent process if the identification card has been previously renewed
13 through an electronic online application in the immediately preceding
14 card's expiration period. No renewal under this subsection shall be granted
15 to any person who is a registered offender pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4901 et
16 seq., and amendments thereto.

17 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 32-934 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows: 32-934. (a) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 32-920, and
19 amendments thereto, the secretary of wildlife and parks or the secretary's
20 designee shall issue, free of charge, a permanent license to hunt and fish to
21 any person residing in the state who submits to the secretary satisfactory
22 proof that the person is a disabled veteran. Any such person hunting or
23 fishing in this state shall be subject to the provisions of all rules and
24 regulations relating to hunting or fishing.

25 (b) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a person who:

26 (1) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including*
27 *those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was
28 discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a
29 general discharge under honorable conditions;

30 (2) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of
31 duty in the active military, naval, air or space service; and

32 (3) has a service-connected evaluation percentage equal to or greater
33 than 30% pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

34 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 48-3601 is hereby amended to read as
35 follows: 48-3601. (a) A current member of the armed forces of the United
36 States or the member's spouse or dependent child who is enrolled or has
37 been accepted for admission at a postsecondary educational institution as a
38 postsecondary student shall be deemed to be a resident of the state for the
39 purpose of tuition and fees for attendance at such postsecondary
40 educational institution.

41 (b) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of
42 higher education at the rates provided for Kansas residents without regard
43 to the length of time the person has resided in the state if the person:

1 (1) (A) Files a letter of intent to establish residence in the state with
2 the postsecondary educational institution at which the person intends to
3 register;

4 (B) lives in the state while attending the postsecondary educational
5 institution; and

6 (C) is eligible for benefits under the federal post-9/11 veterans
7 educational assistance act of 2008, 38 U.S.C. § 3301 et seq., or any other
8 federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans;

9 (2) (A) is a veteran;

10 (B) was stationed in Kansas for at least 11 months during active
11 service in the armed forces or had established residency in Kansas prior to
12 active service in the armed forces; and

13 (C) lives in Kansas at the time of enrollment; or

14 (3) (A) is the spouse or dependent of a veteran who was stationed in
15 Kansas for at least 11 months during such veteran's period of active service
16 in the armed forces or had established residency in Kansas prior to active
17 service in the armed forces; and

18 (B) lives in Kansas at the time of enrollment.

19 (c) As used in this section:

20 (1) "Armed forces" means the army, navy, marine corps, air force,
21 space force, coast guard, Kansas army or air national guard or any
22 component of the military reserves of the United States;

23 (2) "postsecondary educational institution" means the same as defined
24 in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto; and

25 (3) "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval,
26 air or space service, *including those groups and individuals listed under*
27 *38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was discharged or released therefrom under an
28 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

29 (d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to chapter 48 of
30 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

31 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 50-676 is hereby amended to read as
32 follows: 50-676. As used in K.S.A. 50-676 through 50-679, and
33 amendments thereto:

34 (a) "Elder person" means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

35 (b) "Disabled person" means a person who has physical or mental
36 impairment, or both, that substantially limits one or more of such person's
37 major life activities.

38 (c) "Immediate family member" means parent, child, stepchild or
39 spouse.

40 (d) "Major life activities" includes functions such as caring for one's
41 self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking,
42 breathing, learning and working.

43 (e) "Member of the armed forces" means a person performing active

1 service in the army, navy, marine corps, air force, space force, coast guard
2 or any component of the military reserves of the United States.

3 (f) "Physical or mental impairment" means the following:

4 (1) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement
5 or anatomical loss substantially affecting one or more of the following
6 body systems:

7 (A) Neurological;

8 (B) musculoskeletal;

9 (C) special sense organs;

10 (D) respiratory, including speech organs;

11 (E) cardiovascular;

12 (F) reproductive;

13 (G) digestive;

14 (H) genitourinary;

15 (I) hemic and lymphatic;

16 (J) skin; or

17 (K) endocrine; or

18 (2) any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual
19 disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness and specific
20 learning disabilities.

21 The term "physical or mental impairment" includes, but is not limited to,
22 orthopedic, visual, language and hearing disorders, cerebral palsy,
23 epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease,
24 diabetes, intellectual disability and emotional illness.

25 (g) "Protected consumer" means:

26 (1) An elder person;

27 (2) a disabled person;

28 (3) a veteran;

29 (4) the surviving spouse of a veteran;

30 (5) a member of the armed forces; and

31 (6) an immediate family member of a member of the armed forces.

32 (h) "Substantially limits" means:

33 (1) Unable to perform a major life activity that the average person in
34 the general population can perform; or

35 (2) significantly restricted as to the condition, manner or duration
36 under which an individual can perform a particular major life activity as
37 compared to the condition, manner or duration under which the average
38 person in the general population can perform that same major life activity.
39 Minor temporary ailments or injuries shall not be considered physical or
40 mental impairments that substantially limit a person's major life activities.
41 Minor temporary ailments include, but are not limited to, colds, influenza
42 or sprains or minor injuries.

43 (i) "Veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval,

1 air or space service, *including those groups and individuals listed under*
2 *38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was discharged or released therefrom under an
3 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

4 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 73-201 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows: 73-201. (a) As used in this act:

6 (1) "Veteran" means:

7 (A) A person who served in the active military, naval, air or space
8 service, *including those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. §*
9 *3.7*, and who was discharged or released therefrom under an honorable
10 discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions;

11 (B) any person who has been issued the purple heart by the United
12 States government or who:

13 ~~(i)~~(i) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service,
14 *including those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and
15 who was discharged therefrom under an honorable discharge or a general
16 discharge under honorable conditions;

17 ~~(ii)~~(ii) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line
18 of duty in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including those*
19 *groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*; and

20 ~~(iii)~~(iii) has a disability certified by the ~~Kansas commission on~~
21 ~~veterans affairs office~~ *office of veterans services* as being service-
22 connected, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et
23 seq.;

24 (C) the spouse of a service-connected disabled veteran with a
25 permanent and total combined service-connected evaluation percentage of
26 100%;

27 (D) the surviving spouse of a veteran who died in the line of duty in
28 the active military, naval, air or space service; and

29 (E) the spouse of a prisoner of war, as defined by K.S.A. 75-4364,
30 and amendments thereto.

31 Veteran preference in government employment shall not apply to any
32 person who retired from the active military service with the pay grade of
33 04 or above unless the person retired due to wounds received in combat or
34 is a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability evaluation rating
35 equal to or greater than 10%, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10
36 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

37 (2) "Competent" means a good faith determination that the person is
38 likely to successfully meet the performance standards of the position based
39 on what a reasonable person knowledgeable in the operation of the
40 position would conclude from all information available at the time the
41 determination is made. The basis for such determination shall include
42 experience, training, education, licensure, certification or other factors
43 determined by the decision-making authority as appropriate to determine

1 the applicant's overall qualification and ability to successfully meet the
2 performance standards of the position. The decision-making authority shall
3 document such factors prior to the initiation of the selection process.

4 (3) "Disabled veteran" means a person who:

5 (A) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service,
6 *including those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and
7 was discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a
8 general discharge under honorable conditions;

9 (B) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of
10 duty in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including those*
11 *groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*; and

12 (C) has a service-connected evaluation percentage, pursuant to 38
13 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

14 (b) In grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices and sufferings of
15 veterans who served in the army, navy, air force, coast guard or marine
16 corps of the United States in world war I and world war II, and of persons
17 who have served with the armed forces of the United States during the
18 military, naval and air operations in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan or
19 other places under the flags of the United States and the United Nations or
20 under the flag of the United States alone, and have been honorably
21 discharged therefrom, the provisions of this section are enacted.

22 (c) Veterans shall be preferred for initial employment and first
23 promotion in the state government of Kansas, and in the counties and cities
24 of this state, if competent to perform such services. Any veteran thus
25 preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in such
26 service on account of the veteran's age or by reason of any physical or
27 mental disability as long as such age or disability does not render the
28 veteran incompetent to perform the duties of the position applied for.
29 When any veteran shall apply for appointment to any such position, place,
30 or employment, the officer, board or person whose duty it is or may be to
31 appoint a person to fill such position, place or employment shall, if the
32 applicant be a veteran of good reputation, and can competently perform
33 the duties of the position applied for by the veteran, consider the veteran
34 for appointment to such position, place, or employment. Within 30 days of
35 filling a position, eligible veterans who have applied and are not hired
36 shall be notified by certified mail or personal service that they are not
37 being hired. Such notice also shall advise the veteran of any administrative
38 appeal available.

39 (d) The provisions of this act shall not be applicable to any persons
40 classed as conscientious objectors. The provisions of this act shall not be
41 controlling over the provisions of any statute, county resolution or city
42 ordinance relating to retirement or termination on the basis of age, of
43 employees of the state or any county or city. Whenever under any statute,

1 county resolution or city ordinance, retirement or termination on the basis
2 of age of any employee is required at a certain age or is optional with the
3 employer at a certain age, such statute, resolution or ordinance shall be
4 controlling and shall not be limited by this section.

5 (e) (1) All notices of job openings, if any, and all applications for
6 employment, if any, by the state and any city or county in this state shall
7 state that the job is subject to a veteran's preference, how the preference
8 works and how veterans may take advantage of the preference and post a
9 written statement of:

10 (A) The qualifications for such position;

11 (B) any preferred qualifications of such position;

12 (C) performance standards for the position; and

13 (D) the process that will be used for selection.

14 (2) A veteran, veteran's spouse or surviving spouse who qualifies for
15 the veteran's preference, desiring to use a veteran's preference shall
16 provide the hiring authority with a copy of the veteran's DD form 214, DD
17 form 1300, NGB form 22 or other official discharge document recognized
18 by the department of veterans affairs under which the spouse qualifies for
19 the preference.

20 (f) Every employment center of the state and any city or county
21 human resources department, if any, shall openly display documents that
22 indicate that veterans are eligible for a preference in their initial
23 employment and any first promotion within the employment of the
24 governmental entity.

25 (g) Any veteran who alleges that a state agency, city or county has not
26 provided the veterans preference as required by this act, after exhausting
27 any available administrative remedy, may bring an action in the district
28 court.

29 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 73-230 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows: 73-230. (a) In awarding any contract for the performance of any
31 job or service for which moneys appropriated are to be expended, the
32 secretary of administration, or the secretary's designee, shall give a
33 preference to disabled veteran businesses doing business as Kansas firms,
34 corporations or individuals, or that maintain Kansas offices or places of
35 business and shall have the goal of awarding at least 3% of all such
36 contracts to disabled veteran businesses.

37 (b) As used in this section:

38 (1) "Disabled veteran" means a person who:

39 (A) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service,
40 *including those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and
41 who was discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or
42 a general discharge under honorable conditions;

43 (B) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of

1 duty in the active military, naval, air or space service;

2 (C) has a service-connected evaluation percentage equal to or greater
3 than 30% pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

4 (2) "Disabled veteran business" means a business: (A) Not less than
5 51% of which is owned by one or more disabled veterans or, in the case of
6 a publicly owned business, not less than 51% of the stock of which is
7 owned by one or more disabled veterans; and (B) the management and
8 daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more disabled
9 veterans.

10 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 73-1239 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 73-1239. The Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate
12 shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within
13 the United States or in a foreign country. The medallion, medal and the
14 certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was
15 under 18 years of age at the time of entry into active service. For purposes
16 of this section, "veteran" means a person who served in the active military,
17 naval, air or space service, *including those groups and individuals listed*
18 *under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was discharged under an honorable
19 discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. The director
20 of the Kansas office of veterans services shall administer the program and
21 adopt all rules and regulations necessary to administer the program. The
22 agency shall determine as expeditiously as possible the persons who are
23 entitled to a Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate and
24 distribute the medallions, medals and the certificates. Applications for the
25 Vietnam war era medallion, medal and the certificate shall be filed with
26 the director of the Kansas office of veterans services on forms prescribed
27 and furnished by the director of the Kansas office of veterans services. The
28 deputy director of veteran services shall approve all applications that are in
29 order, and shall cause a Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate
30 to be prepared for each approved veteran in the form approved by the
31 director of the Kansas office of veterans services. The deputy director of
32 veteran services shall review applications for the Vietnam war era
33 medallion, medal and a certificate to ensure recipients are enrolled for
34 eligible federal benefits.

35 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 73-1244 is hereby amended to read as
36 follows: 73-1244. (a) As used in this section:

37 (1) "Service-connected disability" means, regarding disability or
38 death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that such death
39 resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in the line of duty in the
40 active military, naval, air or space service; and

41 (2) "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval,
42 air or space service, *including those groups and individuals listed under*
43 *38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and was discharged or released therefrom under conditions

1 other than dishonorable.

2 (b) No state agency or municipality, as defined in K.S.A. 12-105a,
3 and amendments thereto, shall request or demand any other document or
4 improvise an authentication procedure to determine eligibility for any
5 benefit derived from a service-connected disability suffered by a Kansas
6 veteran, except the following:

7 (1) A United States passport as defined in 22 C.F.R. 53.1;

8 (2) an unexpired real I.D. state driver's license as defined in 6 C.F.R.
9 37;

10 (3) a veterans health identity card issued by the United States
11 department of veterans affairs;

12 (4) a veterans identification card issued under the authority of 38
13 U.S.C. § 5706;

14 (5) a common access card issued by the United States department of
15 defense; or

16 (6) any department of defense identity cards listed in 32 C.F.R.
17 161(b).

18 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 75-3740 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows: 75-3740. (a) Except as provided by K.S.A. 75-3740b, and
20 amendments thereto, and subsections (b) and (k), all contracts and
21 purchases made by or under the supervision of the director of purchases or
22 any state agency for which competitive bids are required shall be awarded
23 to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration conformity with
24 the specifications, terms of delivery, and other conditions imposed in the
25 call for bids.

26 (b) A contract shall be awarded to a certified business or disabled
27 veteran business which is also a responsible bidder, whose total bid cost is
28 not more than 10% higher than the lowest competitive bid. Such contract
29 shall contain a promise by the certified business that the percentage of
30 employees that are individuals with disabilities will be maintained
31 throughout the contract term and a condition that the certified business
32 shall not subcontract for goods or services in an aggregate amount of more
33 than 25% of the total bid cost.

34 (c) The director of purchases shall have power to decide as to the
35 lowest responsible bidder for all purchases, but if:

36 (1) (A) A responsible bidder purchases from a qualified vendor goods
37 or services on the list certified by the director of purchases pursuant to
38 K.S.A. 75-3317 et seq., and amendments thereto, the dollar amount of
39 such purchases made during the previous fiscal year shall be deducted
40 from the original bid received from such bidder for the purpose of
41 determining the lowest responsible bid, except that such deduction shall
42 not exceed 10% of the original bid received from such bidder; or

43 (B) a responsible bidder purchases from a certified business the dollar

1 amount of such purchases made during the previous fiscal year shall be
2 deducted from the original bid received from such bidder for the purpose
3 of determining the lowest responsible bid, except that such deduction shall
4 not exceed 10% of the original bid received from such bidder;

5 (2) the dollar amount of the bid received from the lowest responsible
6 bidder from within the state is identical to the dollar amount of the bid
7 received from the lowest responsible bidder from without the state, the
8 contract shall be awarded to the bidder from within the state; and

9 (3) in the case of bids for paper products specified in K.S.A. 75-
10 3740b, and amendments thereto, the dollar amounts of the bids received
11 from two or more lowest responsible bidders are identical, the contract
12 shall be awarded to the bidder whose bid is for those paper products
13 containing the highest percentage of recycled materials.

14 (d) (1) Any or all bids may be rejected, and a bid shall be rejected if it
15 contains any material alteration or erasure made after the bid is opened.
16 The director of purchases may reject the bid of any bidder who is in
17 arrears on taxes due the state, who is not properly registered to collect and
18 remit taxes due the state or who has failed to perform satisfactorily on a
19 previous contract with the state. The secretary of revenue is hereby
20 authorized to exchange such information with the director of purchases as
21 is necessary to effectuate the preceding sentence notwithstanding any other
22 provision of law prohibiting disclosure of the contents of taxpayer records
23 or information. Prior to determining the lowest responsible bidder on
24 contracts for construction of buildings or for major repairs or
25 improvements to buildings for state agencies, the director of purchases
26 shall consider the:

27 (A) Criteria and information developed by the secretary of
28 administration, with the advice of the state building advisory commission
29 to rate contractors on the basis of their performance under similar contracts
30 with the state, local governmental entities and private entities, in addition
31 to other criteria and information available; and

32 (B) recommendations of the project architect, or, if there is no project
33 architect, the recommendations of the secretary of administration or the
34 agency architect for the project as provided in K.S.A. 75-1254, and
35 amendments thereto.

36 (2) In any case where competitive bids are required and where all
37 bids are rejected, new bids shall be called for as in the first instance, unless
38 otherwise expressly provided by law or the state agency elects not to
39 proceed with the procurement.

40 (e) Before the awarding of any contract for construction of a building
41 or the making of repairs or improvements upon any building for a state
42 agency, the director of purchases shall receive written approval from the
43 state agency for which the building construction project has been

1 approved, that the bids generally conform with the plans and specifications
2 prepared by the project architect, by the secretary of administration or by
3 the agency architect for the project, as the case may be, so as to avoid error
4 and mistake on the part of the contractors. In all cases where material
5 described in a contract can be obtained from any state institution, the
6 director of purchases shall exclude the same from the contract.

7 (f) All bids with the names of the bidders and the amounts thereof,
8 together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract, shall be
9 made a part of a file or record and retained by the director of purchases for
10 five years, unless reproduced as provided in K.S.A. 75-3737, and
11 amendments thereto, and shall be open to public inspection at all
12 reasonable times.

13 (g) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Certified business" means any business certified as provided by
15 subsection (1) by the department of administration that is a sole
16 proprietorship, partnership, association or corporation domiciled in
17 Kansas, or any corporation, even if a wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign
18 corporation, that:

19 (A) Does business primarily in Kansas or substantially all of its
20 production in Kansas;

21 (B) employs at least 10% of its employees who are individuals with
22 disabilities and reside in Kansas;

23 (C) offers to contribute at least 75% of the premium cost for
24 individual health insurance coverage for each employee. The department
25 of administration shall require a certification of these facts as a condition
26 to the certified business being awarded a contract pursuant to subsection
27 (b); and

28 (D) does not employ individuals under a certificate issued by the
29 United States secretary of labor under 29 U.S.C. § 214(c);

30 (2) "individuals with disabilities" or "individual with a disability"
31 means any individual who:

32 (A) Is certified by the Kansas department for aging and disability
33 services or by the Kansas department for children and families which
34 administers the rehabilitation services program as having a physical or
35 mental impairment that constitutes a substantial barrier to employment;

36 (B) works a minimum number of hours per week for a certified
37 business necessary to qualify for health insurance coverage offered
38 pursuant to subsection (g)(1); and

39 (C) (i) is receiving services, has received services or is eligible to
40 receive services under a home and community based services program, as
41 defined by K.S.A. 39-7,100, and amendments thereto;

42 (ii) is employed by a charitable organization domiciled in the state of
43 Kansas and exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section

1 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended; or

2 (iii) is an individual with a disability pursuant to the disability
3 standards established by the social security administration as determined
4 by the Kansas disability determination services under the Kansas
5 department for children and families;

6 (3) "physical or mental impairment" means:

7 (A) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement
8 or anatomical loss substantially affecting one or more of the following
9 body systems:

10 (i) Neurological;

11 (ii) musculoskeletal;

12 (iii) special sense organs;

13 (iv) respiratory, including speech organs;

14 (v) cardiovascular;

15 (vi) reproductive;

16 (vii) digestive;

17 (viii) genitourinary;

18 (ix) hemic and lymphatic;

19 (x) skin; or

20 (xi) endocrine; or

21 (B) any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual
22 disability, organic brain syndrome, mental illness and specific learning
23 disabilities. "Physical or mental impairment" includes, but is not limited
24 to, orthopedic, visual, language and hearing disorders, cerebral palsy,
25 epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and intellectual disability;

26 (4) "project architect" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 75-1251,
27 and amendments thereto;

28 (5) "disabled veteran" means a person who:

29 (A) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service,
30 *including those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and
31 who was discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or
32 a general discharge under honorable conditions;

33 (B) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of
34 duty in the active military, naval, air or space service; and

35 (C) has a service-connected evaluation percentage equal to or greater
36 than 10% pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.;

37 and
38 (6) "disabled veteran business" means a business certified annually
39 by the department of administration that is a sole proprietorship,
40 partnership, association or corporation domiciled in Kansas, or any
41 corporation, even if a wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign corporation,
42 and is verified by the Kansas office of veterans services that:

43 (A) Not less than 51% of such business is owned by one or more

1 disabled veterans or, in the case of a publicly owned business, not less than
2 51% of the stock is owned by one or more disabled veterans;

3 (B) the management and daily business operations of such business
4 are controlled by one or more disabled veterans; and

5 (C) such business maintains the requirements of subparagraphs (A)
6 and (B) during the entire contract term.

7 (h) Any state agency authorized by the director of purchases to make
8 purchases pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3739(e), and amendments thereto, shall
9 consider any unsolicited proposal for goods or services under this section.

10 (i) The secretary of administration and the secretary for aging and
11 disability services, jointly, shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary to
12 effectuate the purpose of this section.

13 (j) At the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the
14 secretary of administration and the secretary for aging and disability
15 services shall submit to the social services budget committee of the house
16 of representatives and the appropriate subcommittee of the committee on
17 ways and means of the senate, a written report on the number of:

18 (1) Certified businesses certified by the department of administration
19 during the previous fiscal year;

20 (2) certified businesses awarded contracts pursuant to subsection (b)
21 during the previous fiscal year;

22 (3) contracts awarded pursuant to subsection (b) to each certified
23 business during the previous fiscal year;

24 (4) individuals with disabilities removed from, reinstated to or not
25 reinstated to home and community based services or other medicaid
26 program services during the previous fiscal year as a result of employment
27 with a certified business;

28 (5) individuals employed by each certified business during the
29 previous fiscal year; and

30 (6) individuals with disabilities employed by each certified business
31 during the previous fiscal year.

32 (k) When a state agency is receiving bids to purchase passenger
33 motor vehicles, such agency shall follow the procedures prescribed in
34 subsection (c)(2), except in the case where one of the responsible bidders
35 offers motor vehicles that are assembled in Kansas. In such a case, 3% of
36 the bid of the responsible bidder that offers motor vehicles assembled in
37 Kansas shall be subtracted from the bid amount, and that amount shall be
38 used to determine the lowest bid pursuant to subsection (c)(2). This
39 subsection shall only apply to bids that match the exact motor vehicle
40 specifications of the agency purchasing passenger motor vehicles.

41 (l) The secretary of administration shall certify that a business meets
42 the requirements for a certified business as defined in subsection (g), and
43 shall recertify such business as having met such requirements every three

1 years thereafter.

2 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-4502 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows: 79-4502. As used in this act, unless the context clearly indicates
4 otherwise:

5 (a) "Income" means the sum of adjusted gross income under the
6 Kansas income tax act effective for tax year 2013 and thereafter without
7 regard to any modifications pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,117(b)(xx) through
8 (xxiii) and (c)(xx), and amendments thereto, maintenance, support money,
9 cash public assistance and relief, not including any refund granted under
10 this act, the gross amount of any pension or annuity, including all
11 monetary retirement benefits from whatever source derived, including but
12 not limited to, all payments received under the railroad retirement act,
13 except disability payments, payments received under the federal social
14 security act, except that for determination of what constitutes income such
15 amount shall not exceed 50% of any such social security payments and
16 shall not include any social security payments to a claimant who prior to
17 attaining full retirement age had been receiving disability payments under
18 the federal social security act in an amount not to exceed the amount of
19 such disability payments or 50% of any such social security payments,
20 whichever is greater, all dividends and interest from whatever source
21 derived not included in adjusted gross income, workers compensation and
22 the gross amount of "loss of time" insurance. Income does not include gifts
23 from nongovernmental sources or surplus food or other relief in kind
24 supplied by a governmental agency, nor shall net operating losses and net
25 capital losses be considered in the determination of income. Income does
26 not include veterans disability compensation. Income does not include
27 disability payments received under the federal social security act.

28 (b) "Household" means a claimant, a claimant and spouse who
29 occupy the homestead or a claimant and one or more individuals not
30 related as husband and wife who together occupy a homestead.

31 (c) "Household income" means all income received by all persons of
32 a household in a calendar year while members of such household.

33 (d) "Homestead" means the dwelling, or any part thereof, owned and
34 occupied as a residence by the household and so much of the land
35 surrounding it, as defined as a home site for ad valorem tax purposes, and
36 may consist of a part of a multi-dwelling or multi-purpose building and a
37 part of the land upon which it is built or a manufactured home or mobile
38 home and the land upon which it is situated. "Owned" includes a vendee in
39 possession under a land contract, a life tenant, a beneficiary under a trust
40 and one or more joint tenants or tenants in common.

41 (e) "Claimant" means a person who has filed a claim under the
42 provisions of this act and was, during the entire calendar year preceding
43 the year in which such claim was filed for refund under this act, except as

1 provided in K.S.A. 79-4503, and amendments thereto, both domiciled in
2 this state and was:

3 (1) For purposes of a claim under K.S.A. 79-4508, and amendments
4 thereto:

5 (A) A person having a disability;

6 (B) a person who is 55 years of age or older;

7 (C) a disabled veteran;

8 (D) the surviving spouse of a deceased member of the armed forces
9 who died in the line of duty during a period of active service; or

10 (E) a person other than a person included under subparagraph (A),
11 (B), (C) or (D) having one or more dependent children under 18 years of
12 age residing at the person's homestead during the calendar year
13 immediately preceding the year in which a claim is filed under this act; or

14 (2) for purposes of a claim under K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-4508a, and
15 amendments thereto:

16 (A) A person who is 65 years of age or older; or

17 (B) a disabled veteran.

18 The surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who was receiving benefits
19 pursuant to subsection (e)(1)(C) at the time of the veterans' death, shall be
20 eligible to continue to receive benefits until such time the surviving spouse
21 remarries.

22 When a homestead is occupied by two or more individuals and more
23 than one of the individuals is able to qualify as a claimant, the individuals
24 may determine between them as to whom the claimant will be. If they are
25 unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the secretary of revenue
26 whose decision shall be final.

27 (f) "Property taxes accrued" means property taxes, exclusive of
28 special assessments, delinquent interest and charges for service, levied on
29 a claimant's homestead in 1979 or any calendar year thereafter by the state
30 of Kansas and the political and taxing subdivisions of the state. When a
31 homestead is owned by two or more persons or entities as joint tenants or
32 tenants in common and one or more of the persons or entities is not a
33 member of claimant's household, "property taxes accrued" is that part of
34 property taxes levied on the homestead that reflects the ownership
35 percentage of the claimant's household. For purposes of this act, property
36 taxes are "levied" when the tax roll is delivered to the local treasurer with
37 the treasurer's warrant for collection. When a claimant and household own
38 their homestead part of a calendar year, "property taxes accrued" means
39 only taxes levied on the homestead when both owned and occupied as a
40 homestead by the claimant's household at the time of the levy, multiplied
41 by the percentage of 12 months that the property was owned and occupied
42 by the household as its homestead in the year. When a household owns and
43 occupies two or more different homesteads in the same calendar year,

1 property taxes accrued shall be the sum of the taxes allocable to those
2 several properties while occupied by the household as its homestead
3 during the year. Whenever a homestead is an integral part of a larger unit
4 such as a multi-purpose or multi-dwelling building, property taxes accrued
5 shall be that percentage of the total property taxes accrued as the value of
6 the homestead is of the total value. For the purpose of this act, the word
7 "unit" refers to that parcel of property covered by a single tax statement of
8 which the homestead is a part.

9 (g) "Disability" means:

10 (1) Inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of
11 any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be
12 expected to result in death or has lasted or can be expected to last for a
13 continuous period of not less than 12 months, and an individual shall be
14 determined to be under a disability only if the physical or mental
15 impairment or impairments are of such severity that the individual is not
16 only unable to do the individual's previous work but cannot, considering
17 age, education and work experience, engage in any other kind of
18 substantial gainful work which exists in the national economy, regardless
19 of whether such work exists in the immediate area in which the individual
20 lives or whether a specific job vacancy exists for the individual, or whether
21 the individual would be hired if application was made for work. For
22 purposes of the preceding sentence (with respect to any individual), "work
23 which exists in the national economy" means work which exists in
24 significant numbers either in the region where the individual lives or in
25 several regions of the country; for purposes of this subsection, a "physical
26 or mental impairment" is an impairment that results from anatomical,
27 physiological or psychological abnormalities which are demonstrable by
28 medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques; or

29 (2) blindness and inability by reason of blindness to engage in
30 substantial gainful activity requiring skills or abilities comparable to those
31 of any gainful activity in which the individual has previously engaged with
32 some regularity and over a substantial period of time.

33 (h) "Blindness" means central visual acuity of $20/200$ or less in the
34 better eye with the use of a correcting lens. An eye which is accompanied
35 by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the
36 visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be
37 considered for the purpose of this paragraph as having a central visual
38 acuity of $20/200$ or less.

39 (i) "Disabled veteran" means a person who is a resident of Kansas
40 and who:

41 (1) Served in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including*
42 *those groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*, and who was
43 discharged or released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a

1 general discharge under honorable conditions;

2 (2) received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of
3 duty in the active military, naval, air or space service, *including those*
4 *groups and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7*; and

5 (3) has a service-connected evaluation percentage equal to or greater
6 than 50%, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

7 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-160, 8-1,221, 8-243, 8-1324, 32-934,
8 48-3601, 50-676, 73-201, 73-230, 73-1239, 73-1244, 75-3740 and 79-
9 4502 are hereby repealed.

10 Sec. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
11 publication in the statute book.