

HOUSE BILL No. 2448

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Proctor

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1 AN ACT concerning driver's licenses; requiring citizenship status be listed
2 on the license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall
8 issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the
9 driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the
10 class or classes of motor vehicles that the licensee is entitled to drive, a
11 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name,
12 *citizenship status*, the date of birth, gender, address of principal residence
13 and a brief description of the licensee, either: (1) A digital color image or
14 photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of the licensee, a facsimile
15 of the signature of the licensee and the statement provided for in
16 subsection (b). No driver's license shall be valid until it has been signed by
17 the licensee. All drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21
18 years shall be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age
19 21 years or older. In addition, all drivers' licenses issued to persons under
20 the age of 18 years shall also be readily distinguishable from licenses
21 issued to persons age 18 years or older. The secretary of revenue shall
22 implement a vertical format to make drivers' licenses issued to persons
23 under the age of 21 more readily distinguishable. Except as otherwise
24 provided, no driver's license issued by the division shall be valid until
25 either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved
26 photograph of such licensee has been taken and verified before being
27 placed on the driver's license. The secretary of revenue shall prescribe a
28 fee of not more than \$8 and upon the payment of such fee, the division
29 shall cause either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-
30 engraved photograph of such applicant to be placed on the driver's license.
31 Upon payment of such fee prescribed by the secretary of revenue, plus
32 payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto, for
33 issuance of a new license, the division shall issue to such licensee a new
34 license containing either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a
35 laser-engraved photograph of such licensee. A driver's license that does not

1 contain the principal address as required may be issued to persons who are
2 program participants pursuant to K.S.A. 75-455, and amendments thereto,
3 upon payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments
4 thereto. All Kansas drivers' licenses and identification cards shall have
5 physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or
6 duplication of the document for fraudulent purposes. The secretary of
7 revenue shall incorporate common machine-readable technology into all
8 Kansas drivers' licenses and identification cards.

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

15 (c) Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing may request that the
16 division issue to such person a driver's license which is readily
17 distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to other drivers and upon such
18 request the division shall issue such license. Drivers' licenses issued to
19 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and under the age of 21 years shall
20 be readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to persons who are
21 deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years of age or older. Upon satisfaction of
22 subsection (a), the division shall issue a receipt of application permitting
23 the operation of a vehicle consistent with the requested class, if there are
24 no other restrictions or limitations, pending the division's verification of
25 the information and production of a driver's license.

26 (d) A driver's license issued to a person required to be registered
27 under K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be assigned a
28 distinguishing number by the division which will readily indicate to law
29 enforcement officers that such person is a registered offender. The division
30 shall develop a numbering system to implement the provisions of this
31 subsection.

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

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

1 under honorable conditions.

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

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

10 (2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition
11 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts
12 in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A.
13 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a
14 person clinically licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory
15 board certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

16 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 is hereby repealed.

17 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
18 publication in the statute book.