

HOUSE BILL No. 2584

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Representative Turner

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1 AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to contents thereon;
2 permitting a licensee to request that such licensee's mailing address be
3 provided on a driver's license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 and
4 repealing the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 8-243. (a) (1) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall
9 issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the
10 driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the
11 class or classes of motor vehicles that the licensee is entitled to drive, a
12 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name, date of
13 birth, gender, address of principal residence, *or mailing address if*
14 *requested by the licensee,* and a brief description of the licensee, ~~either: (1)~~
15 ~~A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of~~
16 ~~the licensee,~~ a facsimile of the signature of the licensee and the statement
17 provided for in subsection (b). No driver's license shall be valid until it has
18 been signed by the licensee. All drivers' licenses issued to persons under
19 the age of 21 years shall be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to
20 persons age 21 years or older. In addition, all drivers' licenses issued to
21 persons under the age of 18 years shall also be readily distinguishable
22 from licenses issued to persons age 18 years or older. The secretary of
23 revenue shall implement a vertical format to make drivers' licenses issued
24 to persons under the age of 21 more readily distinguishable.

25 (2) (A) Except as otherwise provided, no driver's license issued by the
26 division shall be valid until either:

27 ~~(1)(i)~~ A digital color image or photograph; or

28 ~~(2)(ii)~~ a laser-engraved photograph of such licensee has been taken
29 and verified before being placed on the driver's license.

30 (B) The secretary of revenue shall prescribe a fee of not more than
31 \$8, and upon the payment of such fee, the division shall cause ~~either: (1) A~~
32 ~~digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved~~ the photograph
33 of such applicant to be placed on the driver's license.

34 (3) Upon payment of such fee prescribed by the secretary of revenue,
35 *pursuant to this subsection,* plus payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-

1 246, and amendments thereto, for issuance of a new license, the division
2 shall issue to such licensee a new license ~~containing either: (1) A digital~~
3 ~~color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of such~~
4 ~~licensee.~~

5 (4) A driver's license that does not contain the principal *or mailing*
6 address as required may be issued to persons who are program participants
7 pursuant to K.S.A. 75-455, and amendments thereto, upon payment of the
8 fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto. All Kansas drivers'
9 licenses and identification cards shall have physical security features
10 designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication of the
11 document for fraudulent purposes. The secretary of revenue shall
12 incorporate common machine-readable technology into all Kansas drivers'
13 licenses and identification cards.

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

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

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

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

1 conditions.

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

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

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

15 (2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition
16 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts
17 in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A.
18 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a
19 person clinically licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory
20 board certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

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

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