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SENATE BILL No. 18

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing for the hunter nation distinctive license plate; ~~decreasing the~~
3 ~~guarantee number of distinctive plates required for production;~~
4 ~~amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing~~
5 ~~section; also repealing K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141a.~~

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

8 ~~New~~ Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2026, any owner or lessee
9 of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight
10 of 20,000 pounds or less who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance
11 with the provisions of this section, may be issued one hunter nation license
12 plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate shall be
13 issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration
14 and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and
15 amendments thereto, and the payment to the county treasurer of the logo
16 use royalty payment.

17 (b) Hunter nation, inc., may authorize the use of the organization's
18 logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any motor
19 vehicle owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than \$25 nor more
20 than \$100, as determined by hunter nation, inc., as a logo use royalty
21 payment for each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty
22 payment shall be paid to the county treasurer.

23 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may
24 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such
25 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished
26 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall
27 pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment. Application for
28 registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license
29 plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
30 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

31 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be
32 transferable to any other person.

1 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a hunter nation license plate
2 from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

3 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,
4 upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments
5 thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments
6 thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until
7 such applicant provides to the county treasurer the annual royalty payment.
8 If such annual royalty payment is not made to the county treasurer, the
9 applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143,
10 and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county
11 treasurer of such person's residence.

12 (g) Hunter nation, inc., with the approval of the director of vehicles,
13 shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

14 (h) As a condition of receiving the hunter nation license plate and any
15 subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall
16 consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle
17 record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty
18 payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to hunter nation, inc., and
19 the state treasurer.

20 (i) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the
21 county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h),
22 and amendments thereto; **except that payments from the hunter nation**
23 **license plate royalty fund shall be made on a monthly basis to hunter**
24 **nation foundation, inc.**

25 Sec. 2.—K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows: 8-1,141. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any new
27 distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994,
28 shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A.
29 8-132(d), and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any
30 distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

31 (2) On and after January 1, 2025, any distinctive license plate may be
32 a personalized license plate subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and
33 amendments thereto. Any personalized distinctive license plate shall be
34 subject to a fee that is double the amount prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d),
35 and amendments thereto.

36 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license
37 plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250 ~~100~~
38 license plates.

39 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license
40 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-177d, 8-1,145, 8-1,163, 8-
41 1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-
42 1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-1,204 or 8-1,205, and amendments thereto, ~~or~~
43 ~~K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,221 or 8-1,222, and amendments thereto, except~~

1 that such distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates
2 pursuant to subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license
3 plate fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

4 (d) ~~The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to distinctive~~
5 ~~license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146, 8-1,148, 8-~~
6 ~~1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-1,161, and amendments thereto, except that such~~
7 ~~distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to~~
8 ~~subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee~~
9 ~~prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.~~

10 (e) ~~The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive~~
11 ~~license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,160, and 8-1,183,~~
12 ~~and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,211 and 8-1,219, and~~
13 ~~amendments thereto, except that the division shall delay the manufacturing~~
14 ~~and issuance of such distinctive license plate until the division has~~
15 ~~received not fewer than 100 orders for such plate, including payment of~~
16 ~~the personalized license plate fee required under subsection (a). Upon~~
17 ~~certification by the director of vehicles to the director of accounts and~~
18 ~~reports that not less than 100 paid orders for such plate have been~~
19 ~~received, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$4,000 from~~
20 ~~the state highway fund to the distinctive license plate fund.~~

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

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

37 (g) ~~The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any~~
38 ~~distinctive license plate if:~~

39 (1) ~~Fewer than 250 100 plates, including annual renewals, are issued~~
40 ~~for that distinctive license plate by the end of the second year of sales; and~~

41 (2) ~~fewer than 125 50 license plates, including annual renewals, are~~
42 ~~issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year~~
43 ~~period.~~

1 ~~(h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued and the~~
2 ~~corresponding royalty fee may be collected either by the county treasurer~~
3 ~~or the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate.~~
4 ~~Annual royalty payments collected by the county treasurers shall be~~
5 ~~remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.~~
6 ~~75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance~~
7 ~~the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to~~
8 ~~the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall be administered by the~~
9 ~~state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty fund shall be made in~~
10 ~~accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of~~
11 ~~accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state~~
12 ~~treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the royalty fund~~
13 ~~shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive~~
14 ~~license plate on a monthly basis.~~

15 ~~(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive~~
16 ~~license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a~~
17 ~~motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the~~
18 ~~distinctive license plate.~~

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

26 ~~Sec. 3.—K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,141a are hereby repealed.~~

27 ~~Sec. 4. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its~~
28 ~~publication in the statute book.~~