

SENATE BILL No. 404

By Committee on Transportation

1-27

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to vehicle registration and
2 license plate procedures; modifying the registration period for
3 personalized license plates from the date such plate was issued;
4 authorizing county treasurers, *the division of vehicles or a contractor*
5 *of the division* to charge *certain* increased fees for vehicle registration
6 transactions; amending K.S.A. 8-145d and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-132
7 and repealing the existing sections *section*.

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

10 Section 1. ~~K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-132 is hereby amended to read as~~
11 ~~follows: 8-132. (a) Subject to the provisions of this section and K.S.A. 8-~~
12 ~~1,125, and amendments thereto, the division of vehicles shall furnish to~~
13 ~~every owner whose vehicle shall be registered one license plate for such~~
14 ~~vehicle. Such license plate shall have displayed on it the registration~~
15 ~~number assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof, the name of the~~
16 ~~state, which may be abbreviated, and the year or years for which it is~~
17 ~~issued. The same type of license plates shall be issued for passenger motor~~
18 ~~vehicles, rented without a driver, as are issued for private passenger~~
19 ~~vehicles.~~

20 (b) ~~During calendar year 1975 commencing on the effective date of~~
21 ~~this act, and during every fifth calendar year thereafter, the division of~~
22 ~~vehicles shall furnish one license plate for any type of vehicle an owner~~
23 ~~registers or has the registration thereof renewed, but during the succeeding~~
24 ~~four-year period following calendar year 1975 and during the succeeding~~
25 ~~four-year period following every fifth calendar year subsequent to 1975,~~
26 ~~the division of vehicles shall not furnish any license plate for the renewal~~
27 ~~of a vehicle's registration. During calendar year 1976 and during each~~
28 ~~calendar year thereafter in which a license plate is not issued for the~~
29 ~~renewal of registration of a vehicle, the division of vehicles shall furnish~~
30 ~~one decal for the license plate issued for a vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-~~
31 ~~134, and amendments thereto, for each registration and renewal of~~
32 ~~registration of such vehicle. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of~~
33 ~~this subsection, whenever, in the discretion of the director of vehicles, it is~~
34 ~~determined that the license plates currently being issued and displayed are~~
35 ~~not deteriorating to the extent that their replacement is warranted, the~~
36 ~~director may adopt rules and regulations to extend the five-year issuancee~~

1 cycle provided for in this subsection by one year at a time, and in the same
2 manner the director may further extend such cycle by one year at a time,
3 successively as the director determines appropriate. If the cycle is
4 extended at the expiration of the extended term, new license plates shall
5 again be issued in the manner and for the term provided in such rules and
6 regulations, except that the owner of a motor vehicle currently registered
7 may continue to display the license plate currently being issued and
8 displayed for a period not to exceed three registration years from the date
9 of the expiration of the extended term. The division shall furnish one decal
10 for each such license plate in accordance with the provisions of this
11 subsection.

12 (e) Any license plate issued pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) may be a
13 personalized license plate subject to the additional fee set forth in
14 subsection (d). The division shall allow an applicant for a personalized
15 license plate to personalize a license plate design established by subsection
16 (a), (b) or (d).

17 (d) One personalized license plate may be issued to any owner or
18 lessee of a passenger vehicle or a truck licensed for a gross weight of not
19 more than 20,000 pounds who makes proper application to the division of
20 vehicles at renewal of registration date. Such application shall be on a
21 form prescribed by the division and accompanied by a fee of \$40, which
22 shall be in addition to any other fee required to renew the registration of
23 such passenger vehicle under the laws of this state. Such personalized
24 license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. One personalized
25 license plate may be issued to any owner of a motorcycle upon proper
26 application in the same manner provided in this subsection for passenger
27 vehicles and trucks. The \$40 fee shall be paid only once during the
28 registration period for which such license plates were issued, and any
29 subsequent renewals during the registration period shall be subject only to
30 the registration fee prescribed by K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.
31 The division shall design distinctive, personalized license plates to be
32 issued that shall contain not more than seven letters or numbers on truck or
33 passenger vehicle license plates and not more than five letters or numbers
34 on motorcycle license plates, or a combination thereof, to be designated by
35 the applicant in lieu of the letters and numbers required by K.S.A. 8-147,
36 and amendments thereto, other than the letters required to designate the
37 county in which such vehicle is registered. Unless the letters or numbers
38 designated by the applicant have been assigned to another vehicle, or
39 unless the letters or numbers designated by the applicant have a profane,
40 vulgar, lewd or indecent meaning or connotation, as determined by the
41 director of vehicles, the division shall assign such letters or numbers to the
42 applicant's vehicle, and the letters or numbers, or combination thereof, so
43 assigned shall be deemed the registration number of such vehicle. Subject

1 to the foregoing provisions, all license plates issued under this section
2 shall be manufactured in accordance with K.S.A. 8-147, and amendments
3 thereto. Such *personalized* license plates shall be issued for a registration
4 period of five years commencing in 1985 and each five years thereafter.
5 ~~The five-year registration period for personalized license plates shall~~
6 ~~begin on the registration date that the personalized license plate was~~
7 ~~originally issued.~~

8 (e) ~~The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations~~
9 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including, without~~
10 ~~limitation, rules and regulations concerning: (1) The procedure for insuring~~
11 ~~that duplicate license plates are not issued throughout the state; (2) the~~
12 ~~procedure for reserving distinctive license plates for the purpose of~~
13 ~~obtaining the same on each annual renewal of registration; (3) the~~
14 ~~procedure for allowing the transfer of personalized license plates from one~~
15 ~~vehicle to another for which such license plates were originally issued,~~
16 ~~when the title to the original vehicle has not been transferred and the name~~
17 ~~or names of the owner or owners listed on the titles to both vehicles are~~
18 ~~identical; and (4) procedures necessary to coordinate this act with other~~
19 ~~laws of this state governing registration of vehicles. The director of~~
20 ~~vehicles shall remit all moneys received by the division of vehicles under~~
21 ~~this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of~~
22 ~~K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such~~
23 ~~remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state~~
24 ~~treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.~~

25 ~~See—2: Section 1.~~ K.S.A. 8-145d is hereby amended to read as
26 follows: 8-145d. (a) In addition to the annual vehicle registration fees
27 prescribed by K.S.A. 8-143, 8-143b, 8-143c, 8-143g, 8-143h, 8-143i, 8-
28 143l, 8-167, 8-172, 8-195, 8-1,103 and 8-1,108, and amendments thereto,
29 ~~and K.S.A. 8-143l, and amendments thereto,~~ any applicant for vehicle
30 registration or renewal thereof ~~for registration~~ shall pay a service fee in the
31 amount of \$5 to the county treasurer, the division of vehicles or a
32 contractor of the division at the time of making such application. **From**
33 **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, a county treasurer, the division of**
34 **vehicles or a contractor of the division may determine to charge a service**
35 **fee in an amount of not to exceed \$15.** In addition to such service fee, the
36 county treasurer may charge any applicant for vehicle registration or
37 renewal thereof ~~for registration~~, a registration transaction fee as follows:
38 (1) In an amount not to exceed \$5 per vehicle registration or renewal
39 thereof ~~for registration~~, when such application is made at a registration
40 facility in a county with multiple vehicle registration facilities as
41 established by the county treasurer; and (2) in an amount not to exceed
42 \$2.50 per vehicle registration or renewal thereof ~~for registration~~, when
43 such application is made at a registration facility in a county with a single

1 ~~vehicle registration facility as established by the county treasurer in an~~
2 ~~amount of not to exceed \$5.~~

3 (b) The county treasurer, division or contractor shall deposit all
4 amounts received under this section in the special fund created pursuant to
5 K.S.A. 8-145, and amendments thereto, and such amounts shall be used by
6 the county treasurer, division or contractor for all purposes for which such
7 fund has been appropriated by law, and such additional amounts are
8 hereby appropriated as other amounts deposited in such fund.

9 ~~Sec. 3. 2. K.S.A. 8-145d and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-132 are~~ *is* hereby
10 repealed.

11 ~~Sec. 4. 3.~~ This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.