

SENATE BILL No. 314

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing for the back the blue license plate.

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

5 Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2021, any owner or lessee of
6 one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of
7 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with
8 the provisions of this section, may be issued one back the blue license
9 plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be
10 issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration
11 and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and
12 amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county treasurer of the
13 logo use royalty payment established by the Kansas association of chiefs
14 of police or the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement
15 provided for in subsection (b).

16 (b) The Kansas association of chiefs of police may authorize the use
17 of the organization's logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by
18 this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall be
19 used to support the Kansas association of chiefs of police. Any motor
20 vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the Kansas association of
21 chiefs of police for use of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall pay either:
22 (1) An amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 to the Kansas
23 association of chiefs of police as a logo use royalty payment for each such
24 license plate to be issued, upon which the Kansas association of chiefs of
25 police shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further
26 charge, a logo use authorization statement that shall be presented by the
27 motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration; or (2) the logo
28 use royalty payment to the county treasurer for each license plate to be
29 issued.

30 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may
31 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such
32 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished
33 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall
34 either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in
35 subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment
36 established by the Kansas association of chiefs of police. Application for

1 registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license
2 plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner
3 prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

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

6 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a back the blue license plate
7 from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

8 (f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,
9 upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a), in the manner
10 prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments thereto. No renewal of
11 registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to
12 the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement
13 provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty
14 payment established by the Kansas association of chiefs of police. If such
15 statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the
16 Kansas association of chiefs of police, or the annual royalty payment is not
17 made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply
18 with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return
19 the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

20 (g) The Kansas association of chiefs of police shall provide to all
21 county treasurers an electronic mail address where applicants can contact
22 the Kansas association of chiefs of police for information concerning the
23 application process or the status of such applicant's license plate
24 application.

25 (h) The Kansas association of chiefs of police, with the approval of
26 the director of vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the
27 provisions of this section.

28 (i) As a condition of receiving the back the blue license plate and any
29 subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall
30 consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle
31 record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty
32 payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the Kansas association
33 of chiefs of police and the state treasurer.

34 (j) Annual royalty payments collected by county treasurers under this
35 section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the
36 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of
37 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in
38 the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas association of chiefs of police
39 royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and shall be
40 administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the Kansas
41 association of chiefs of police royalty fund shall be made in accordance
42 with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and
43 reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the

1 state treasurer's designee. Payments from the Kansas association of chiefs
2 of police royalty fund to the appropriate designee of the Kansas
3 association of chiefs of police shall be made on a monthly basis.

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