

SENATE BILL No. 459

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates;
2 providing for the order of the eastern star 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, 2023, 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 order of the eastern star
9 license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate
10 shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper
11 registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-
12 143, and amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county
13 treasurer of the logo use royalty payment or the presentation of the annual
14 logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

15 (b) The order of the eastern star may authorize the use of the
16 organization's logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this
17 section. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to the
18 order of the eastern star for use of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall
19 pay an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 to the order of the
20 eastern star as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be
21 issued. The logo use royalty payment shall be paid to either:

22 (1) The order of the eastern star, which shall issue to the motor
23 vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization
24 statement that shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at
25 the time of registration; or

26 (2) the county treasurer.

27 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may
28 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such
29 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished
30 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall
31 either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in
32 subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment.
33 Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of
34 the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in
35 a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by
36 the director.

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

3 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer an order of the eastern star
4 license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

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

16 (g) The order of the eastern star shall provide to all county treasurers
17 an electronic mail address where applicants can contact the order of the
18 eastern star for information concerning the application process or the
19 status of such applicant's license plate application.

20 (h) The order of the eastern star, with the approval of the director of
21 vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this
22 section.

23 (i) As a condition of receiving the order of the eastern star license
24 plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the
25 applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of
26 motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address,
27 royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type, to the order of the
28 eastern star and the state treasurer.

29 (j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the
30 county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h),
31 and amendments thereto.

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