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HOUSE BILL No. 2346

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; 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, 2024, 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 the provisions of this section, may be issued one back the blue license 8 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 payment to the county treasurer of the law 13 enforcement training support fee as provided for in subsection (b).

(b) Any applicant or renewal of registration for a back the blue license plate authorized by this section shall make payment of a law enforcement training support fee to the county treasurer of \$30 for each license plate to be issued. Any law enforcement training support fee payment received pursuant to this section shall be used to support the purposes of the local law enforcement training reimbursement fund established in K.S.A. 74-5620, and amendments thereto.

21 (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may 22 make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such 23 person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished 24 by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall 25 pay to the county treasurer the law enforcement training support fee as 26 provided for in subsection (b). Application for registration of a passenger 27 vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate under this section shall be 28 made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of 29 vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

30 (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be31 transferable to any other person.

32 (e) The director of vehicles may transfer back the blue license plates33 from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually,
upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments
thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132(b), and amendments

thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant pays the law enforcement training support fee to the county treasurer as provided for in subsection (b). If the annual law enforcement training support fee payment is not made to the county treasurer at the time of registration, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

8 (g) The back the blue license plate shall have a background design, an 9 emblem or colors that designate the license plate as a back the blue license 10 plate.

(h) As a condition of receiving the back the blue license plate and any
subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall
provide consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor
vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, law
enforcement training support fee payment amount, plate number and
vehicle type to the state treasurer.

17 (i) Annual law enforcement training support fee payments collected 18 by county treasurers under this section shall be remitted to the state 19 treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state 20 21 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit 22 of the local law enforcement training reimbursement fund established in 23 K.S.A. 74-5620, and amendments thereto. All expenditures from the local 24 law enforcement training reimbursement fund shall be made in accordance 25 with K.S.A. 74-5620, and amendments thereto.

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