

## HOUSE BILL No. 2482

By Representative Dodson

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; providing  
2 for the 1<sup>st</sup> infantry division distinctive license plate; amending K.S.A.  
3 8-1,147 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing  
4 sections.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2025, any owner or lessee  
8 of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000  
9 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of Kansas, and who  
10 submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles that such person is  
11 currently serving in any unit of the 1<sup>st</sup> infantry division, the Fort Riley  
12 garrison or a unit assigned to the Fort Riley garrison or has separated from  
13 the United States military, was honorably discharged and served an  
14 assignment of at least nine months in any unit of the 1st infantry division,  
15 the Fort Riley garrison or any unit assigned to the Fort Riley garrison may  
16 be issued one 1<sup>st</sup> infantry division license plate for each such passenger  
17 vehicle, truck or motorcycle. Such license plate shall be issued for the  
18 same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and  
19 payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and  
20 amendments thereto.

21 (b) Any person who meets the criteria in subsection (a) may make  
22 application for such distinctive license plate, not less than 60 days prior to  
23 such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and  
24 furnished by the director of vehicles. Any applicant for the distinctive  
25 license plate shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall  
26 require that the applicant is currently serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> infantry division or  
27 is a retired member or veteran that was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> infantry division  
28 or Fort Riley garrison. Application for the registration of a passenger  
29 vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plate under this  
30 section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the  
31 director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

32 (c) No registration or distinctive license plate issued under the  
33 authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

34 (d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made  
35 annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (a) and in the  
36 manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal

1 of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant has filed  
2 with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not  
3 filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and  
4 amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plate to the county  
5 treasurer of such person's residence.

6 (e) Upon satisfactory proof submitted to the director of vehicles, any  
7 person issued a license plate under this section may request that the license  
8 plate be printed to indicate that such person is a veteran or retired member  
9 of the 1<sup>st</sup> infantry division or Fort Riley garrison.

10 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,141 is hereby amended to read as  
11 follows: 8-1,141. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any new  
12 distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994,  
13 shall be subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A.  
14 8-132(d), and amendments thereto. This section shall not apply to any  
15 distinctive license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1994.

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

21 (b) The director of vehicles shall not issue any new distinctive license  
22 plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250  
23 license plates.

24 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive license  
25 plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-177d, 8-1,145, 8-1,163, 8-  
26 1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187, 8-1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-  
27 1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-1,204 or 8-1,205, and amendments thereto, *or*  
28 *section 1, and amendments thereto*, except that such distinctive license  
29 plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to subsection (a)(2) if  
30 an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee prescribed by K.S.A.  
31 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

32 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to distinctive  
33 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,146, 8-1,148, 8-  
34 1,153, 8-1,158 or 8-1,161, and amendments thereto, except that such  
35 distinctive license plates may be personalized license plates pursuant to  
36 subsection (a)(2) if an applicant pays the personalized license plate fee  
37 prescribed by K.S.A. 8-132(d), and amendments thereto.

38 (e) The provisions of subsection (f) shall not apply to distinctive  
39 license plates issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,160; *and* 8-1,183,  
40 *and amendments thereto*, and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,211, and amendments  
41 thereto, except that the division shall delay the manufacturing and issuance  
42 of such distinctive license plate until the division has received not fewer  
43 than 100 orders for such plate, including payment of the personalized

1 license plate fee required under subsection (a). Upon certification by the  
2 director of vehicles to the director of accounts and reports that not less  
3 than 100 paid orders for such plate have been received, the director of  
4 accounts and reports shall transfer \$4,000 from the state highway fund to  
5 the distinctive license plate fund.

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

10 (2) All moneys received under this subsection shall be remitted by the  
11 secretary of revenue to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
12 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
13 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in  
14 the state treasury to the credit of the distinctive license plate fund which is  
15 hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the distinctive  
16 license plate fund shall be used by the department of revenue only for the  
17 purpose associated with the development of distinctive license plates. All  
18 expenditures from the distinctive license plate application fee fund shall be  
19 made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director  
20 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
21 secretary of the department of revenue.

22 (g) The director of vehicles shall discontinue the issuance of any  
23 distinctive license plate if:

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

26 (2) fewer than 125 license plates, including annual renewals, are  
27 issued for that distinctive license plate during any subsequent two-year  
28 period.

29 (h) An application for any distinctive license plate issued and the  
30 corresponding royalty fee may be collected either by the county treasurer  
31 or the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive license plate.  
32 Annual royalty payments collected by the county treasurers shall be  
33 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.  
34 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance  
35 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to  
36 the credit of a segregated royalty fund which shall be administered by the  
37 state treasurer. All expenditures from the royalty fund shall be made in  
38 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of  
39 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state  
40 treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the royalty fund  
41 shall be made to the entity benefiting from the issuance of the distinctive  
42 license plate on a monthly basis.

43 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any distinctive

1 license plate, the division shall produce such distinctive license plate for a  
2 motorcycle upon request to the division by the organization sponsoring the  
3 distinctive license plate.

4 (j) In addition to any residency requirements for all distinctive license  
5 plates, any person not a resident of Kansas, serving as a member of the  
6 armed forces stationed in this state shall be eligible to apply for any  
7 distinctive license plate as if the individual was a resident of this state.  
8 Such person shall be eligible to renew the distinctive license plate  
9 registration as long as the person is still stationed in this state at the time  
10 the registration is renewed.

11 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1,147 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,147.  
12 In the event of the death of any person issued distinctive license plates  
13 under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-161, 8-177a, 8-177c, 8-1,139, 8-1,140, 8-  
14 1,145 or 8-1,146 or 8-177d, 8-1,163, 8-1,166, 8-1,185, 8-1,186, 8-1,187, 8-  
15 1,188, 8-1,194, 8-1,195, 8-1,196, 8-1,197, 8-1,198, 8-1,199, 8-1,204 or 8-  
16 1,205, and amendments thereto, *or section 1, and amendments thereto*, the  
17 surviving spouse or other family member, if there is no surviving spouse,  
18 shall be entitled to possession of any such distinctive license plates. Such  
19 license plates shall not be displayed on any vehicle unless otherwise  
20 authorized by statute.

21 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1,147 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 8-1,141 are hereby  
22 repealed.

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