HOUSE BILL No. 2489

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the proud educator license plate.

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

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

- (b) The Kansas educators support foundation may authorize the use of its proud educator logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any royalty payment received pursuant to this section shall be used to support the Kansas educators support foundation. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee annually may apply to the Kansas educators support foundation for the use of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall pay either: (1) An amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 to the Kansas educators support foundation as a logo use royalty payment for each license plate to be issued, upon which the Kansas educators support foundation shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement that shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration; or (2) the logo use royalty payment to the county treasurer for each license plate to be issued.
- (c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such plates not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment established by the Kansas educators support foundation. Application for

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

- (d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be transferable to any other person.
- (e) The director of vehicles may transfer a proud educator license plate 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 subsection (a), 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 either provides to the county treasurer the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the logo use royalty payment as established by the Kansas educators support foundation. If such logo use authorization statement is not presented at the time of registration or faxed by the Kansas educators support foundation, or the annual logo use royalty 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.
 - (g) The Kansas educators support foundation shall:
- (1) Pay the initial cost of design for license plates authorized by this section; and
- (2) provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number or electronic mail address where applicants can contact the Kansas educators support foundation for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application.
- (h) The Kansas educators support foundation, with the approval of the director of vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.
- (i) As a condition of receiving the proud educator license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such plate, the applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, logo use royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type to the Kansas educators support foundation and the state treasurer.
- (j) Annual logo use royalty payments collected by county treasurers under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas educators support foundation royalty fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and

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shall be administered by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the Kansas educators support foundation royalty fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee. Payments from the Kansas educators support foundation royalty fund shall be made on a monthly basis to the Kansas independent college foundation, unless another designee is made by the Kansas educators support foundation.

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