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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 9, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2015

HB 2015 creates distinctive license plates for current and veteran members of five branches of the United States military (army, navy, marine corps, air force, and coast guard).

Sections 1 through 5 outline the procedures to apply for and obtain the distinctive license plate for each branch of the military. Members requesting such license plates will be required to submit satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles that they are a current or veteran member of the branch for which the license plate is being requested. The applicant must either be currently serving in a military branch or separated from the military branch and was honorably discharged. License plates issued pursuant to these sections are not transferrable to any other person.

Section 6 amends K.S.A 8-1,141 to exempt the license plates in sections 1 through 5 from the personalized license plate fee in K.S.A. 8-132(c) as well as the requirement for a guaranteed initial issuance of at least 500 license plates.

Section 7 amends K.S.A. 8-1,147 to provide that in the event of the death of any person issued a distinctive license plate under sections 1 through 5, the surviving spouse or other family member shall be entitled to keep possession of the distinctive license plate, but not display on any vehicle.