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1 AN ACT relating to special license plates and making an appropriation.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO

4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 ***(1) Upon application to the county clerk of the county of his or her residence, the***

6 ***owner or lessee of a motor vehicle registered under KRS 186.050(1) or (3)(a) may***

7 ***obtain an I Support Veterans special license plate.***

8 ***(2) Each initial or renewal application for an I Support Veterans special license plate***

9 ***shall be subject to payment of the fees set forth in Section 2 of this Act and the***

10 ***distribution and auditing requirements set forth in KRS 186.164.***

11 ***(3) The EF portion of the fees collected under Section 2 of this Act for an I Support***

12 ***Veterans special license plate shall be distributed to the Kentucky Department of***

13 ***Veterans' Affairs and are hereby appropriated for purposes that support veterans.***

14 ***These funds shall be in addition to any other appropriations or resources***

15 ***available to the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs.***

16 ***(4) The I Support Veterans special license plate shall be administered in the same***

17 ***manner as other special license plates as prescribed in Section 2 of this Act.***

18 ***(5) The printing of the I Support Veterans special license plate shall not be***

19 ***contingent on any minimum number of applications.***

20 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.162 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166,~~[and]~~ 186.174***, and***

22 ***Section 1 of this Act***:

23 (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter

24 to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor

25 vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or

26 organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or

27 organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under

1 KRS 186.240;
2 (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle
3 manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble
4 a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;
5 (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
6 plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;
7 (d) "CF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
8 plate that is dedicated for use by a county clerk; and
9 (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
10 plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular
11 group or organization.
12 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this
13 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or
14 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount
15 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:
16 (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the
17 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the
18 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent
19 (100%) service-connected disabled, and recipients of the Congressional Medal
20 of Honor:
21 1. Initial Fee: $0 ($0 SF/$0 CF/$0 EF).
22 2. Renewal Fee: $0 ($0 SF/$0 CF/$0 EF).
23 (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:
24 1. Initial Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans'
25 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
26 2. Renewal Fee: $3 ($0 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
27 (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard and recipients of the Purple Heart:

1. Initial Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
2. Renewal Fee: $8 ($0 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

(d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxiliary members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and August 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, or the Bronze Star Medal awarded for valor; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2) exempted from fees under KRS 186.041(6); and disabled veterans who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs:

1. Initial Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

(e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross:

1. Initial Fee: $3 ($0 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
2. Renewal Fee: $3 ($0 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).

(f) Disabled license plates:

1. Initial Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
2. Renewal Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).

(g) Historic vehicles:

1. Initial Fee for two plates: $53 ($50 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).

1 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.
2 (h) Members of Congress:
3 1. Initial Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
4 2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans'
5 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
6 (i) Firefighters:
7 1. Initial Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
8 2. Renewal Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
9 (j) Emergency management:
10 1. Initial Fee: $28 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
11 2. Renewal Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
12 (k) Fraternal Order of Police:
13 1. Initial Fee: $45 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the Kentucky FOP
14 Death Benefit Fund).
15 2. Renewal Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Kentucky
16 FOP Death Benefit Fund).
17 (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:
18 1. Initial Fee: $38 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
19 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
20 2. Renewal Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
21 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
22 (m) Personalized plates:
23 1. Initial Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
24 2. Renewal Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
25 (n) Street rods:
26 1. Initial Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
27 2. Renewal Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).

1 (o) Nature plates:
2 1. Initial Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to Kentucky
3 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
4 2. Renewal Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to Kentucky
5 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
6 (p) Amateur radio:
7 1. Initial Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
8 2. Renewal Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
9 (q) Kentucky General Assembly:
10 1. Initial Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
11 2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans'
12 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
13 (r) Kentucky Court of Justice:
14 1. Initial Fee: $40 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
15 2. Renewal Fee: $8 ($0 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the veterans'
16 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
17 (s) Masons:
18 1. Initial Fee: $28 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
19 2. Renewal Fee: $15 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$0 EF).
20 (t) Collegiate plates:
21 1. Initial Fee: $50 ($37 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the general
22 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be bourne on the
23 plate).
24 2. Renewal Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the general
25 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be bourne on the
26 plate).
27 (u) Independent Colleges:

1 1. Initial Fee: $38 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Association of
2 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
3 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
4 2. Renewal Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Association of
5 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
6 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
7 (v) Child Victims:
8 1. Initial Fee: $38 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the child victims'
9 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
10 2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the child victims'
11 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
12 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:
13 1. Initial Fee: $38 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Kentucky
14 Horse Council).
15 2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the Kentucky
16 Horse Council).
17 (x) Ducks Unlimited:
18 1. Initial Fee: $38 ($25 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
19 Unlimited).
20 2. Renewal Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
21 Unlimited).
22 (y) Spay neuter:
23 1. Initial Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the animal control
24 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
25 2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the animal control
26 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
27 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:

1. Initial Fee: $0 ($0 SF/$0 CF/ $0 EF).
2. Renewal Fee: $0 ($0 SF/$0 CF/ $0 EF).
3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established in subsection (2)(d) of this section.

(aa) I Support Veterans:

1. Initial Fee: $25 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$10 EF to the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs).

2. Renewal Fee: $20 ($12 SF/$3 CF/$5 EF to the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs).

(3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a twenty-five dollar ($25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-five dollar ($25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars ($20) and the county clerk receiving five dollars ($5).

(4) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be eligible to receive special license plates issued under this section or established under the provisions of KRS 186.164 after the cabinet has received three hundred (300) applications and initial state fees from the sponsoring organization. Applicants for a special license plate for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the fee for a special plate as prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid for the special plate for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required under KRS 186.050(2).

➔Section 3. KRS 186.166 is amended to read as follows:

(1) The Transportation Cabinet shall, unless directed otherwise by the General

1 Assembly, perpetually produce the following special license plates: military license
2 plates, U.S. Congressional license plates, firefighter license plates, emergency
3 management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police license plates, Law
4 Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates, nature license plates,
5 amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly license plates, Kentucky
6 Court of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license plates, collegiate license
7 plates, independent college and university license plates, child victims' trust fund
8 license plates, Kentucky Horse Council license plates, Ducks Unlimited license
9 plates, Gold Star Mothers license plates, Silver Star Medal license plates, Bronze
10 Star Medal license plates,[~~and~~] spay neuter license plates***, and I Support Veterans***
11 ***license plates***.
12 (2) The design of the plates identified for perpetual production under this section may
13 be revised upon request of a group or organization requesting a design revision
14 under the provisions of KRS 186.164(15).
15 (3) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall not include any representation of the
16 word "Kentucky" that is a registered trademark or slogan which appears on a
17 general issue license plate.
18 ➔Section 4. This Act takes effect on the first day of the month in which the new
19 motor vehicle information system currently under development is operational. The
20 secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall certify to the Reviser of Statutes the date on
21 which the new system will be operational, and the certification shall be received at least
22 30 days prior to the date this Act takes effect.

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date March 9, 2011