

## CHAPTER 256

## (HB 5)

AN ACT relating to special agricultural license plates.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1)** *The owner or lessee of a motor vehicle registered under KRS 186.050(1), (3)(a), or (4)(a) may apply for a special agricultural license plate. The owner or lessee shall apply for the special agricultural license plate in the office of the county clerk in the county where the person lives. When the owner or lessee applies for a special agricultural license plate, the county clerk shall inform the owner or lessee that the person's application and state fee shall be sent to Frankfort to the Transportation Cabinet where it will be held for a period not to exceed one (1) year while the cabinet is waiting to receive a total of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) applications under subsection (2) of this section.*
- (2)** *The Transportation Cabinet shall print special agricultural license plates if the cabinet has received one thousand eight hundred (1,800) applications and the accompanying state fee of twenty-two dollars (\$22) within a one (1) year period. If the cabinet has not received one thousand eight hundred (1,800) applications within one (1) year from the date the cabinet receives the first application for a special agricultural license plate, the cabinet shall refund the twenty-two dollar (\$22) state fee to the appropriate applicants.*
- (3)** *Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the initial application fee for the first one thousand eight hundred (1,800) special agricultural license plates printed by the Transportation Cabinet shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). The twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee shall be divided as follows:*

  - (a)** *The Transportation Cabinet shall receive a fee of twenty-two dollars (\$22) which includes the state fee to reflectorize the license plate under KRS 186.240(2)(c); and*
  - (b)** *The county clerk shall receive a fee of three dollars (\$3).*
- (4)** *The initial application fee for every special agricultural license plate printed by the Transportation Cabinet in excess of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) shall be twentyfive dollars (\$25). The twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee shall be divided as follows:*

  - (a)** *The Transportation Cabinet shall receive a fee of twelve dollars (\$12);*
  - (b)** *The county clerk shall receive a fee of three dollars (\$3); and*
  - (c)** *The county clerk shall remit a fee of ten dollars (\$10) to the Division of Marketing within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, or its successor, which shall use the fee exclusively to carry out the provisions of subsection (9) of this section.*
- (5)** *A special agricultural license plate shall annually be issued a renewal registration decal during the owner's or lessee's birth month. The annual renewal fee shall be twenty dollars (\$20) and shall be divided as follows:*

  - (a)** *The Transportation Cabinet shall receive a fee of twelve dollars (\$12), which includes the state fee to reflectorize the license plate under KRS 186.240(2)(c);*
  - (b)** *The county clerk shall receive a fee of three dollars (\$3); and*

- (c) *The county clerk shall remit a fee of five dollars (\$5) to the Division of Marketing within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, or its successor, which shall use the fee exclusively to carry out the provisions of subsection (9) of this section.*
- (6) *Except as provided in this subsection, the special agricultural license plate shall be replaced on the same schedule that regular license plates are replaced by the Transportation Cabinet under KRS 186.240. A special agricultural license plate shall be replaced free of charge if:*
- (a) *The metal plate:*
1. *Is destroyed in an accident;*
  2. *Deteriorates to a point that the lettering, numbering, or images on the face of the plate are not legible; or*
  3. *Is stolen; and*
- (b) *The owner or lessee has not transferred the vehicle issued the plate during the current licensing period.*
- (7) *A person seeking a special agricultural license plate for a vehicle provided as part of his or her occupation shall conform to the requirements of KRS 186.050(14).*
- (8) *Upon the sale, transfer, or termination of a lease of a vehicle licensed under this section, the owner or lessee shall remove the special agricultural license plate and return it and the certificate of registration to the county clerk of the county where the owner or lessee lives. The county clerk shall reissue the owner or lessee a regular license plate and certificate of registration upon payment of a twelve dollar (\$12) state fee, which includes the state fee to reflectorize the license plate under KRS 186.240(2)(c), and a three dollar (\$3) county clerk fee. If the owner or lessee requests, the county clerk shall reissue the special agricultural license plate free of charge for use on any other vehicle of the same classification and category owned by the person during the current licensing period. If the owner or lessee has the special agricultural license plate reissued to another vehicle, the regular license plate that is being replaced shall be returned to the county clerk, who shall forward the plate to Frankfort.*
- (9) *The Division of Marketing within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, or its successor, shall deposit all funds received from the sale of special agricultural license plates issued under subsections (4) and (5) of this section into a special trust and agency account. The account shall be used exclusively for marketing development to promote Kentucky agricultural products in both domestic and international markets.*
- (10) *License plates shall be the color and design selected by the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture. The commissioner may select up to three (3) designs of three (3) colors each. The name "Kentucky" shall appear on the special agricultural license plate. The cabinet may use any combination of letters or numerals as needed in the design. Approved March 31, 2000*

