

CHAPTER 335 (HB 118)

AN ACT relating to special license plates for colleges and universities.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.186 TO 186.1867 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Any person who complies with the provisions of KRS 186.186 may apply for an independent collegiate license plate for any independent college or university licensed by the Council on Postsecondary Education.***
- (2) *An independent collegiate license plate shall be the color and design selected by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities and approved by the Transportation Cabinet. The name "Kentucky" and the annual renewal decal shall appear on the plate, along with the logo of the Kentucky Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and a decal bearing the name of the college or university selected by the person purchasing the plate. The Transportation Cabinet may use any combination of numerals or letters as needed in the numbering of the license plate.***
- (3) *In addition to the fees required by KRS 186.186, a person applying for an independent college license plate shall pay a ten dollar (\$10) fee that shall be collected by the county clerk and forwarded by the clerk to the Transportation Cabinet under the provisions of KRS 186.230. When applying for an annual renewal registration decal, a person with an independent college license plate shall pay a ten dollar (\$10) fee, in addition to the renewal fee established in KRS 186.186(2). The additional fees under this subsection shall be collected by the county clerk and forwarded by the clerk to the Transportation Cabinet under the provisions of KRS 186.230.***
- (4) *The ten dollar (\$10) initial fee and the ten dollar (\$10) renewal fee collected under subsection (3) of this section shall be forwarded annually by the Transportation Cabinet to the Kentucky Association of Independent Colleges and Universities for distribution to the general scholarship funds of the Association's members.***

Section 2. KRS 186.185 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle required to be registered under the provisions of KRS 186.050(1) or (3)(a), except taxicabs, airport limousines, and U-Drive-Its, may in addition to registration under KRS 186.050(1) or (3)(a) obtain a five (5) year collegiate license plate. Application for a collegiate license plate shall be taken by the county clerk and transmitted to the Transportation Cabinet on or before September 1 preceding the year in which the plate or renewal thereof is to be issued. The application shall include the payment of a twenty-five dollar (\$25) registration fee. ~~In addition, for the use of the university name or logo, a five dollar (\$5) fee shall be collected and paid to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the plate.~~ The application ~~and appropriate~~ fee shall be immediately forwarded to the cabinet. Collegiate license plates issued under this section shall expire December 31 each year.**
- (2) Collegiate license plates shall be developed for each university in the state university system, except that a minimum of eighteen hundred (1,800) requests for any university shall be received before the cabinet shall be required to print a collegiate license plate for that university. License plates shall be the color and design approved by the cabinet as**

appropriate for each university in the state system. In addition to letters identifying the university, the name "Kentucky" and the expiration date of the plate, the cabinet may use any other combination of letters or numerals needed in the design of the plate, or the application for a collegiate license plate may be combined with a request that the plate be a personalized plate.

- (3) The cabinet shall send the collegiate plate to the county clerk in the county in which the applicant would be required to register his motor vehicle. The county clerk shall issue the collegiate plate and receive ***twenty-five dollars (\$25)***~~fourteen dollars and fifty cents (\$14.50)~~, of which three dollars (\$3) shall constitute the clerk's fee, ***twelve dollars (\$12) shall constitute the cabinet's fee, and ten dollars (\$10) shall be collected and paid to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the plate***~~and eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) shall constitute the cabinet's fee~~. Annually thereafter, upon application as provided, and upon payment of ***twenty-five dollars (\$25)***~~fourteen dollars fifty cents (\$14.50)~~, three dollars (\$3) of which shall constitute the clerk's fee, ***twelve dollars (\$12) shall constitute the cabinet's fee, and ten dollars (\$10) shall be collected and paid to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the plate***, the clerk shall issue a decal to renew the vehicles registration.
- (4)
 - (a) Upon the sale or transfer of the motor vehicle bearing the collegiate license plate, the owner shall remove it and return it and the certificate of title and registration to the county clerk. The clerk shall issue a regular license plate and certificate of title and registration. This vehicle may then be transferred as provided by KRS Chapters 186 and 186A.
 - (b) When the collegiate plate has been presented to the clerk, he shall reissue it upon payment of a two dollar (\$2) clerk's fee, for use on any other vehicle of the same classification and category owned by the same person purchasing the collegiate plate for the current license period. The license plate and decal on this other vehicle shall be turned in to the county clerk, who shall forward the license to Frankfort.
- (5) If a collegiate plate deteriorates, if he has not transferred the vehicle during the current license period, the owner may obtain a regular license plate free of charge.
- (6) The secretary of transportation may promulgate administrative regulations necessary to further the purposes of this section.

Approved April 6, 2000