

CHAPTER 347

(HB 542)

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle licensing.

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) 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 Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate. Application for a Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate shall be taken to the county clerk and transmitted to the Transportation Cabinet on or before September 1 preceding the year in which the license plate or renewal thereof is to be issued. The application shall include payment of a fifty dollar (\$50) registration fee. In addition, at the time of the application, and with each subsequent annual renewal, a ten dollar (\$10) fee shall be collected and paid to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc., with the funds to be used for the erection and maintenance of a memorial for Kentucky peace officers killed in the line of duty, and for charitable and educational purposes. The application and fee shall be immediately forwarded to the cabinet.*
- (2) The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc., shall develop and submit a design for a Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate to the cabinet for approval. In addition to suitable language and images identifying the plate as honoring Kentucky peace officers killed in the line of duty, 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 the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate may be combined with a request that the plate be a personalized plate. The cabinet shall receive a minimum of nine hundred (900) applications before it shall be required to print the license plate.*
- (3) The cabinet shall send the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate to the county clerk in the county in which the applicant is required to register the applicant's motor vehicle. The clerk shall issue the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate and receive fifteen dollars (\$15), of which three dollars (\$3) shall constitute the clerk's fee and twelve dollars (\$12) shall constitute the cabinet's fee which includes the fifty cents (\$0.50) fee to reflectorize the plate under KRS 186.240(2)(c). Annually thereafter during the applicant's birth month, the clerk shall issue a decal to renew the vehicle's registration upon application as provided in subsection (1) of this section, and upon payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25), three dollars (\$3) of which shall constitute the clerk's fee, twelve dollars (\$12) shall constitute the cabinet's fee which includes the fifty cents (\$0.50) fee to reflectorize the plate under KRS 186.240(2)(c), and ten dollars (\$10) shall be paid to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc. under subsection (1) of this section.*
- (4) (a) Upon the sale, transfer, or termination of a lease of a vehicle bearing the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate, the owner or lessee shall remove the plate and return it and the certificate of title and registration to the county clerk. The county clerk shall issue a regular license plate and certificate of title and*

registration upon payment of a twelve dollar (\$12) fee to the cabinet which includes the fifty cents (\$0.50) fee to reflectorize the plate under KRS 186.240(2)(c), and payment of a three dollar (\$3) fee to the county clerk.

- (b) When the plate has been presented to the county clerk, the clerk shall reissue it upon payment to the clerk of a two dollar (\$2) fee, for use on any other vehicle of the same classification and category owned by the same person purchasing the plate for the current licensing period. The license plate and decal on the other vehicle shall be turned into the county clerk, who shall forward the license plate to the cabinet.*
- (5) If the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial license plate deteriorates, and if the person has not transferred the vehicle during the current licensing period, the person may obtain a regular license plate free of charge.*

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