

## CHAPTER 164

## (SB 135)

AN ACT relating to transportation.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 186.172 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon application to the county clerk of the county of his residence, any **current or retired**~~volunteer~~ member of a **fire department**, volunteer fire department or fire protection district in the Commonwealth shall be issued a **special firefighter**~~five (5) year~~ license plate ~~[in the same form and character as license plates authorized by law to be used upon similar private vehicles registered in Kentucky, except] that~~ ~~[such license plates]~~ shall bear the inscription "**Firefighter**~~Volunteer Fire Fighter~~," a registration number and an appropriate standardized insignia.
- (2) Each initial or renewal application shall be accompanied by proof of current service **or retirement** as a ~~volunteer~~ firefighter as furnished by **the fire chief, or** the mayor or trustee ~~of~~~~in such~~ a city or the county judge/executive in appropriate rural areas, and the payment of **the fees set forth in Section 2 of this Act**.
- (3) **The special firefighter license plate shall be administered in the same manner as other special license plates as prescribed in KRS 186.164. The Kentucky Firefighters Association may petition the Transportation Cabinet to place a voluntary contribution on special firefighter license plates in accordance with KRS 186.164(12) to (14)**~~[a fee of fourteen dollars fifty cents (\$14.50). The Transportation Cabinet shall provide the clerk with a renewal decal to be issued to applicants seeking renewal of a volunteer firefighter license plate if a new registration plate is not issued for the current registration year. The renewal decal shall be affixed to the registration plate by the owner.~~
- ~~(2) Upon the sale, transfer, or termination of lease of a vehicle licensed as authorized by subsection (1) of this section, the owner or lessee shall remove the volunteer firefighter license plate and return it and the certificate of registration to the county clerk. The county clerk shall issue a regular license plate and certificate of registration upon payment of an eleven dollar fifty cent (\$11.50) state fee and a three dollar (\$3) clerk's fee. When the plate has been presented to the clerk, he shall reissue it free from payment to the Transportation Cabinet for use on any other vehicle of the same class and category owned or leased by the same applicant to whom the volunteer firefighter license plate was originally issued.~~
- ~~(3) Upon termination of membership as a volunteer firefighter, an applicant to whom a volunteer firefighter license plate was issued under this section, shall, within thirty (30) days, return the volunteer firefighter plate to the county clerk of the county of his residence.~~
- ~~(4) For the services performed in issuing the volunteer firefighter license plates, in annually issuing a current year renewal decal to be affixed to the volunteer firefighter license plate, the county clerk shall receive from each applicant a fee of three dollars (\$3). A two dollar (\$2) fee shall be charged for the reissuance of the license plate after the sale, transfer, or termination of lease of the vehicle for which it was originally issued.~~
- ~~(5) Any applicant seeking to obtain a license plate according to this section, for a vehicle provided to him pursuant to an occupation shall conform to the requirements set forth in KRS 186.050(14).~~
- ~~(6) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall provide forms necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.~~

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

- (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, and 186.174:
  - (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under KRS 186.240;
  - (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

- (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;
  - (d) "CF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is dedicated for use by a county clerk; and
  - (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular group or organization.
- (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:
- (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the United States Veterans' Administration and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor:
    - 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).
    - 2. Renewal Fee:\$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).
  - (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:
    - 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
    - 2. Renewal Fee:\$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  - (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard:
    - 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) Recipients of the Purple Heart; 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; and disabled veterans who have been declared to be at least fifty percent (50%) service-connected disabled by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, or who receive total service-connected disability rating for compensation on individual unemployability and have not received assistance from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs toward the purchase of a motor vehicle:
    - 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).
    - 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.
  - (h) Members of Congress:

1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- (i) ~~Volunteer~~ Firefighters:
1. Initial Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (j) Emergency management:
1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (k) Fraternal Order of Police:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:
1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- (m) Personalized plates:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (n) Street rods:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (o) Nature plates:
1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
- (p) Amateur radio:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (q) Kentucky General Assembly:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- (r) Kentucky Court of Justice:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$8 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- (s) Masons:

1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (t) Collegiate plates:
1. Initial Fee: \$50 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the plate).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the plate).
- (u) Independent Colleges:
1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
- (v) Child Victims:
1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims' trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the child victims' trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
- (w) Kentucky Horse Council:
1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Horse Council).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky Horse Council).
- (x) Ducks Unlimited:
1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks Unlimited).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks Unlimited).
- (y) Spay neuter:
1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the animal control and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
- (z) Gold Star Mothers:
1. Initial Fee: \$0 \$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee:\$0 \$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).
- (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 Assembly, perpetually produce the following special license plates: military license plates, U.S. Congressional license plates, ~~volunteer~~ firefighter license plates, emergency management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police license plates, Law Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates, nature license plates, amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly license plates, Kentucky Court of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license plates, collegiate license plates, independent college and university license plates, child victims' trust fund license plates, Kentucky Horse Council license plates, Ducks Unlimited license plates, Gold Star Mothers license plates, and spay neuter license plates.
- (2) The design of the plates identified for perpetual production under this section may be revised upon request of a group or organization requesting a design revision under the provisions of KRS 186.164(15).
- (3) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall not include any representation of the word "Kentucky" that is a registered trademark or slogan which appears on a general issue license plate.

➔Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor and salute the military history of Skaggs brothers Carl, Escom, Hurl, Hunter, and Wilbur by naming Kentucky Route 32 in Lawrence County the "Skaggs Brothers Highway." The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Act, erect signs at the locations specified in this section that read "Skaggs Brothers Highway." This designation shall supersede any previous designations for the individuals listed in this section.

**Signed by Governor April 24, 2008.**