

186A.127 Permanent fleet registration plates -- Fees and taxes -- Delinquency penalty -- Annual reconciliation -- Administrative regulations.

- (1) The cabinet shall establish procedures whereby an owner or lessee of fleet vehicles may be issued permanent fleet registration plates for vehicles in its fleet.
- (2) The owner of a fleet of motor vehicles shall, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed and upon approval by the department, payment of ad valorem taxes under KRS Chapter 132, and registration fees under KRS 186.040 or 186.050, be issued permanent fleet license plates. Except for U-Drive-It vehicles described in subsection (3)(b) of this section, vehicles with a fleet license plate shall have the company's name or logo and unit number displayed on the vehicle so that they are readily identifiable.
- (3)
 - (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, fleet plates, which shall be of a distinctive color, shall have the word "Fleet" appearing at the bottom, and the word "Kentucky" appearing at the top. In all other respects, fleet plates shall conform to the provisions of KRS 186.240.
 - (b) U-Drive-It vehicles owned by a motor vehicle renting company as defined by KRS 281.687 shall be issued regular standard issue license plates. Fleet vehicles under this paragraph shall be issued a decal by the cabinet to denote the permanent registration status of the vehicle.
- (4) In addition to the registration fee prescribed by KRS 186.050 for initial and renewal registrations, an annual fleet management fee of two dollars (\$2) per vehicle shall be charged. A one-time license plate manufacturing fee of four dollars (\$4) shall be charged for plates issued for the established number of vehicles in the fleet. All fees collected under this section shall be deposited into the road fund.
- (5) Payment of ad valorem taxes and registration fees shall be made annually and shall be evidenced only by the issuance of a single receipt by the cabinet. The provisions of KRS 186.170 requiring a registration receipt to be kept in the vehicle shall not apply and no annual registration decal shall be required for vehicles registered in accordance with this section.
- (6) If a recipient of fleet license plates fails to pay all annual registration fees and ad valorem taxes on vehicles in its fleet properly and in a timely manner, the cabinet may impose a delinquency penalty of:
 - (a) Ten percent (10%) of the delinquent taxes and fees due, if the failure is for not more than thirty (30) days; and
 - (b) An additional ten percent (10%) penalty for each additional thirty (30) days, or fraction thereof, that the failure continues, not to exceed a total penalty of one hundred percent (100%) in the aggregate.
- (7) All recipients of fleet license plates authorized by this section shall provide the department with an annual vehicle reconciliation and shall annually surrender all unassigned license plates. Failure to comply with this subsection may result in fines of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each occurrence or in suspension or termination from the fleet program.
- (8) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to set forth procedures for:

- (a) Fleet vehicle owners to apply to the cabinet for permanent registration for their fleet vehicles in accordance with this section; and
- (b) Fleet vehicle owners who qualify as approved entities under KRS 186A.005 to access the electronic title application and registration system for registration renewal and payment of annual fees and taxes on permanent registrations.

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