

186.040 Issuance of certificate of registration -- Plates -- Clerk's fee -- Donations to child care assistance account -- Additional fees and distribution. (Effective January 1, 2027)

- (1)
 - (a) Upon receiving the application and fee, the county clerk shall issue to the owner a certificate of registration containing the information required by subsection (2) of this section and a registration plate.
 - (b) If the cabinet finds that there is a shortage of materials suitable for making plates, or that a substantial saving will result, it may require by an administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A and with the approval of the Governor that the previously issued plates continue to be used for a designated period.
 - (c) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section and in KRS 186.162, for services performed, the owner shall pay the county clerk the fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation under KRS 186.017.
- (2) The certificate of registration shall contain the registration number, the name and post office address of the owner, and such other information as the cabinet may require.
- (3) Thirty dollars (\$30) of the registration fee under KRS 186.050 for a motor vehicle that has a declared gross vehicle weight with any towed unit of forty-four thousand and one (44,001) pounds or greater shall be distributed to the county clerk of the county where the vehicle is registered.
- (4)
 - (a) Any person requesting a certificate of registration or renewal of registration of any type of motor vehicle shall have the opportunity to donate one dollar (\$1) to the child care assistance account.
 - (b) The one dollar (\$1) donation shall be added to the regular fee for vehicle registration.
 - (c) One (1) donation may be made per issuance or renewal of vehicle registration.
 - (d) Donation to the child care assistance account shall be voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of the issuance or renewal of any vehicle registration.
- (5)
 - (a) The county clerk may retain five percent (5%) of fees collected for the child care assistance account under subsection (4) of this section.
 - (b) The remaining funds shall be deposited into a trust and agency account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the exclusive use as follows:
 1. Funds shall be made available to the agencies that administer child care subsidy funds; and
 2. Funds shall be used as determined by the cabinet for working families whose income exceeds the state income eligibility limits for child day care assistance.
- (6)
 - (a) Except as provided in KRS 186.162, in addition to the registration fee provided for county clerks in subsections (1) and (3) of this section, an additional fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation under

KRS 186.017 shall be collected at the time of registration.

- (b) The additional fee established in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
 - 1. One-third (1/3) shall be placed in an agency fund to provide additional funds exclusively for technological improvements or replacement of the AVIS system. The operation and maintenance of AVIS shall remain as currently provided for from the operational budget of the Transportation Cabinet and shall not be reduced below the 2005-2006 funding level;
 - 2. One-third (1/3) shall be placed in an agency trust fund to provide funds for technological improvements to the hardware and software in county clerk offices related to the collection and administration of road fund taxes. The cabinet, in consultation with county clerks, shall allocate funds as necessary from this fund to be used for this exclusive purpose; and
 - 3. One-third (1/3) shall be placed in a trust fund to be maintained by the cabinet to provide an unrestricted revenue supplement, for operations of the office related to the collection and administration of road fund taxes, to county clerk offices in counties containing a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000), as determined by the decennial census, and for no other purpose. Annually, by March 1, the cabinet shall calculate the amount collected in the previous calendar year and distribute the entire fund proportionate to each county that qualifies under this paragraph based on population. This revenue shall be considered current year revenue when paid to the clerk and shall not be identified as excess fees from the previous year.
- (7) Any motor vehicle registration cancelled for nonrenewal shall be subject to the provisions of KRS 186.181.
- (8)
 - (a) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the registration has been cancelled under this section, or revoked under KRS 186A.040(5)(b), shall be subject to a reinstatement fee of forty dollars (\$40), payable to the county clerk.
 - (b) The county clerk shall retain twenty dollars (\$20) of the reinstatement fee and forward the remaining twenty dollars (\$20) to the cabinet.
 - (c) The portion of the reinstatement fee received by the cabinet under this subsection as a result of a revocation under KRS 186A.040(5)(b) shall be placed in an agency fund to provide additional funds exclusively for the establishment, implementation, operation, maintenance, and any necessary improvements or replacement of the accessible online insurance verification system established under KRS 186A.040.

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124, sec. 41, effective July 1, 2003. -- Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 544, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1998. -- Amended 1994 Ky. Acts ch. 428, sec. 3, effective July 15, 1994. -- Amended 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 118, sec. 102, effective July 1, 1987. -- Amended 1984 Ky. Acts ch. 37, sec. 1, effective July 13, 1984. -- Amended 1982 Ky. Acts ch. 375, sec. 3, effective July 15, 1982. -- Amended 1968 Ky. Acts ch. 40, Part IV, sec. 1. -- Amended 1966 Ky. Acts ch. 139, sec. 4, effective January 1, 1967. -- Amended 1964 Ky. Acts ch. 59, sec. 1. -- Amended 1958 Ky. Acts ch. 82, sec. 3, effective January 1, 1960. -- Amended 1942 Ky. Acts ch. 78, secs. 4 and 9. -- Recodified 1942 Ky. Acts ch. 208, sec. 1, effective October 1, 1942, from Ky. Stat. sec. 2739g-10.