

1 AN ACT relating to the issuance of a personalized license plate.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.174 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) For purposes of this section, "personalized license plate" means a license plate
5 ***manufactured by the cabinet upon an applicant's request with specific***~~issued~~
6 ~~with personal~~ letters or numbers ***or combinations of letters and numbers***
7 significant to the applicant ~~and it also means a license plate that is issued under this~~
8 ~~section and has been combined with a special license plate~~.
- 9 (2) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle that is required to be registered under the
10 provisions of KRS 186.050(1), (3)(a), or (4)(a), or any owner or lessee of a
11 motorcycle required to be registered under the provisions of KRS 186.050(2) may
12 obtain a personalized license plate by ***submitting an application through a Web***
13 ***site designated by the cabinet.***~~applying for a personalized license plate in the~~
14 ~~office of the county clerk and upon~~ ***The cabinet shall produce the requested***
15 ***license plate upon approval and receipt of the***~~payment of the~~ fee required in
16 ***subsection (4) of this section for a special license plate, or the fee required in***
17 ***KRS 186.162 for a standard issue license plate.***~~A person initially applying for a~~
18 ~~personalized license plate shall submit the application and appropriate SF fee in~~
19 ~~person to the county clerk, but may submit the annual application to renew the~~
20 ~~personalized license plate and entire fee required in KRS 186.162 by mail to the~~
21 ~~county clerk.~~
- 22 (3) Personalized license plates shall expire on the last day of the birth month of the
23 ***person to whom the license plate is registered***~~applicant~~.
- 24 (4) ***(a)*** A personalized license plate shall be replaced on the same schedule as regular
25 issue license plates unless it is damaged or unreadable.~~A county clerk shall~~
26 ~~immediately forward the application and the fee required in KRS 186.162 for~~
27 ~~a personalized license plate to the Transportation Cabinet. The initial fee for a~~

1 ~~personalized license plate that has been combined with special license plate~~
 2 ~~shall be as established in KRS 186.162(3).]~~

3 **(b) A standard issued license plate may be personalized for a forty-three dollar**
 4 **(\$43) fee as provided in KRS 186.162(2)(m), in addition to all other fees**
 5 **established in this section and in KRS 186.050.**

6 **(c) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate**
 7 **for a twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the**
 8 **particular special license plate established in this section and in KRS**
 9 **186.164(3). The twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection**
 10 **shall be divided between the cabinet and the county clerk of the county**
 11 **where the applicant resides with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20)**
 12 **and the county clerk receiving five dollars (\$5).**

13 (5) (a) A personalized plate shall not be issued that would conflict with or duplicate
 14 **any current issued license plate**~~[the alphabetical-numerical system used for~~
 15 ~~regular license plates or any other license plates issued in the Commonwealth,~~
 16 ~~and shall not contain a combination of more than six (6) letters of the alphabet~~
 17 ~~and Arabic numerals, including spaces].~~

18 (b) A personalized plate shall not be issued if the cabinet determines~~[the request~~
 19 ~~fails to comply with the following conditions]:~~

20 1. The message to be placed on the license plate, if created,
 21 **discriminates**~~[shall not discriminate]~~ against **a**~~[any]~~ race, color, religion,
 22 sex, ~~[or]~~ national origin, **or sexual orientation**~~[and shall not be~~
 23 ~~construed, as determined by the cabinet, as an attempt to victimize or~~
 24 ~~intimidate any person due to the person's race, color, religion, sex, or~~
 25 ~~national origin];~~

26 2. The plate **requested**~~[shall not]~~ **represents**~~[represent]~~ a political party and
 27 **promotes**~~[shall not have been created primarily to promote]~~ a specific

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political belief;

3. ~~{The plate shall not have as its primary purpose the promotion of any specific faith, religion, or antireligion;~~

4. ~~—~~ }The plate message~~{shall not be the}~~ represents a name of a special product or brand name, and it is~~{shall not be}~~ construed, as determined by the cabinet, as promoting a product or brand name; or~~{and}~~

4.~~{5.}~~ }The plate's lettering or message~~{ to be placed on the license plate, if created, shall not be}~~ is obscene or profane, as determined by the cabinet.

(c) ~~{The owner or lessee shall submit an application and fee to renew a personalized license plate pursuant to the provisions of this section. }~~Once an applicant obtains a personalized plate, he or she will have first priority on that plate for each of the following years that he or she makes timely renewal payments~~{and proper application}~~.