

1 AN ACT relating to special license plates and making an appropriation.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.162 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and
5 186.174:

6 (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter
7 to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor
8 vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or
9 organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or
10 organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under
11 KRS 186.240;

12 (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle
13 manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble
14 a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

15 (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
16 plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;

17 (d) "CF" means the county clerk's fee for issuing a motor vehicle registration as
18 established under subsection (1) of Section 2 of this Act~~portion of an initial~~
19 ~~or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is dedicated for use by a~~
20 ~~county clerk~~. If a CF amount is charged for a license plate listed in this
21 section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees identified in KRS
22 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant shall not be required
23 to pay those fees; and

24 (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
25 plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular
26 group or organization.

27 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this

1 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or
2 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount
3 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

4 (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the
5 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the
6 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent
7 (100%) service-connected disabled, and recipients of the Congressional Medal
8 of Honor:

9 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).

10 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).

11 (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:

12 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
13 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

14 2. Renewal Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

15 (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard and recipients of the Purple Heart:

16 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
17 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

18 2. Renewal Fee: \$11 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
19 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

20 (d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxiliary
21 members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast
22 Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and August
23 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, *the Distinguished Flying Cross,*
24 *the Air Medal,* or the Bronze Star Medal ~~awarded for valor~~; persons who
25 wish to receive Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses
26 license plates beyond the two (2) exempted from fees under KRS 186.041(6);
27 individuals eligible for a special military service academy license plate under

1 KRS 186.041(8); and disabled veterans who have been declared to be between
 2 fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine percent (99%) service-connected disabled
 3 by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs:

4 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
 5 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

6 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
 7 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

8 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force
 9 Cross:

10 1. Initial Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

11 2. Renewal Fee: \$6 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

12 (f) Disabled license plates:

13 1. Initial Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

14 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

15 (g) Historic vehicles:

16 1. Initial Fee for two plates: \$56 (\$50 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

17 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.

18 (h) Members of Congress:

19 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

20 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
 21 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

22 (i) Firefighters:

23 1. Initial Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$18]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$0]~~ EF to the
 24 Kentucky Firefighters Association).

25 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$18]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$0]~~ EF to the
 26 Kentucky Firefighters Association).

27 (j) Emergency management:

1 1. Initial Fee: \$31 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

2 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

3 (k) Fraternal Order of Police:

4 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
5 FOP Death Benefit Fund).

6 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
7 FOP Death Benefit Fund).

8 (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:

9 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
10 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).

11 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
12 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).

13 (m) Personalized plates:

14 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

15 2. Renewal Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

16 (n) Street rods:

17 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

18 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

19 (o) Nature plates:

20 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
21 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).

22 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
23 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).

24 (p) Amateur radio:

25 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

26 2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

27 (q) Kentucky General Assembly:

- 1 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 2 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 3 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 4 (r) Kentucky Court of Justice:
- 5 1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
- 6 2. Renewal Fee: \$11 (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 7 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 8 (s) Masons:
- 9 1. Initial Fee: ~~\$41~~~~[\$31]~~ (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$0]~~ EF to the
- 10 Masonic Homes of Kentucky).
- 11 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$18]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$0]~~ EF to the
- 12 Masonic Homes of Kentucky).
- 13 (t) Collegiate plates:
- 14 1. Initial Fee: \$53 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the general
- 15 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the
- 16 plate).
- 17 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the general
- 18 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the
- 19 plate).
- 20 (u) Independent Colleges:
- 21 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
- 22 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
- 23 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
- 24 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
- 25 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
- 26 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
- 27 (v) Child Victims:

- 1 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'
2 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
- 3 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the child victims'
4 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
- 5 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:
- 6 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
7 Horse Council).
- 8 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky
9 Horse Council).
- 10 (x) Ducks Unlimited:
- 11 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
12 Unlimited).
- 13 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
14 Unlimited).
- 15 (y) Spay neuter:
- 16 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control
17 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
- 18 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the animal control
19 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
- 20 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:
- 21 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).
- 22 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).
- 23 3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph
24 free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established
25 in subsection (2)(d) of this section.
- 26 (aa) I Support Veterans:
- 27 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky

1 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

2 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky
3 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

4 (ab) Gold Star Siblings, Gold Star Sons, or Gold Star Daughters:

5 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'
6 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

7 2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
8 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

9 (ac) ~~[Special license plates established between June 20, 2005, and June 27, 2019:~~

10 ~~1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).~~

11 ~~2. Renewal Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).~~

12 (ad) ~~]Special license plates established under KRS 186.164[on or after June 27,~~
13 ~~2019]:~~

14 ~~**1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).**~~

15 ~~**2. Renewal Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).**~~

16 ~~[1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$24 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).~~

17 ~~2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).]~~

18 (3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a
19 twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular
20 special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-
21 five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the
22 cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the
23 license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the county clerk
24 receiving five dollars (\$5).

25 (4) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be
26 eligible to receive special license plates issued under this section or established
27 under the provisions of KRS 186.164 after the cabinet has received ~~three hundred~~

1 ~~(300) applications~~ and initial state fees from the sponsoring organization.
2 Applicants for a special license plate for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the
3 fee for a special plate as prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid
4 for the special plate for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required
5 under KRS 186.050(2).

6 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.040 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon receiving the application and fee, the county clerk shall issue to the owner a
8 certificate of registration containing the information required by subsection (2) of
9 this section and a registration plate. If the cabinet finds that there is a shortage of
10 materials suitable for making plates, or that a substantial saving will result, it may
11 require by regulation with the approval of the Governor that previously issued plates
12 continue to be used for a designated period. Except as provided in subsection (3) of
13 this section and in Section 1 of this Act, for services performed, the owner shall
14 pay the county clerk the sum of six dollars (\$6) for each registration, or if the
15 registration exceeds a twelve (12) month period, the clerk shall receive a fee of nine
16 dollars (\$9).

17 (2) The certificate of registration shall contain the registration number, the name and
18 post office address of the owner, and such other information as the cabinet may
19 require.

20 (3) An owner who registers a vehicle under KRS 186.050 that has a declared gross
21 vehicle weight with any towed unit of forty-four thousand and one (44,001) pounds
22 or greater shall pay the county clerk thirty dollars (\$30) for each registration. The
23 clerk shall retain the thirty dollar (\$30) fee for services performed under this
24 subsection.

25 (4) Any person requesting a certificate of registration or renewal of registration of any
26 type of motor vehicle shall have the opportunity to donate one dollar (\$1) to the
27 child care assistance account. The one dollar (\$1) donation shall be added to the

1 regular fee for vehicle registration. One donation may be made per issuance or
2 renewal of vehicle registration. Donation to the child care assistance account shall
3 be voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of the issuance or
4 renewal of any vehicle registration.

5 (5) The county clerk may retain five percent (5%) of fees collected for the child care
6 assistance account under subsection (4) of this section. The remaining funds shall
7 be deposited into a trust and agency account in the State Treasury to the credit of the
8 Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the exclusive use as follows:

9 (a) Funds shall be made available to the agencies that administer child care
10 subsidy funds; and

11 (b) Funds shall be used as determined by the cabinet for working families whose
12 income exceeds the state income eligibility limits for child day care
13 assistance.

14 (6) *Except as provided in Section 1 of this Act* ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of~~
15 ~~law~~, in addition to the registration fee provided for county clerks in subsections (1)
16 and (3) of this section, an additional three dollars (\$3) per registration shall be
17 collected by the county clerk at the time of registration. This additional fee shall be
18 distributed as follows:

19 (a) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in an agency fund to provide additional funds
20 exclusively for technological improvements or replacement of the AVIS
21 system. The operation and maintenance of AVIS shall remain as currently
22 provided for from the operational budget of the Transportation Cabinet and
23 shall not be reduced below the 2005-2006 funding level;

24 (b) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in an agency trust fund to provide funds
25 exclusively for technological improvements to the hardware and software in
26 county clerk offices related to the collection and administration of road fund
27 taxes. The Transportation Cabinet, in consultation with county clerks, shall

1 allocate funds as necessary from this fund to be used for this exclusive
2 purpose; and

3 (c) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in a trust fund to be maintained by the
4 Transportation Cabinet to provide an unrestricted revenue supplement, for
5 operations of the office related to the collection and administration of road
6 fund taxes, to county clerk offices in counties containing a population of less
7 than twenty thousand (20,000), as determined by the decennial census, and for
8 no other purpose. Annually, by March 1, the Transportation Cabinet shall
9 calculate the amount collected in the previous calendar year and distribute the
10 entire fund proportionate to each county that qualifies under this paragraph
11 based on population. This revenue shall be considered current year revenue
12 when paid to the clerk and shall not be identified as excess fees from the
13 previous year.

14 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.164 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The SF portion of the fee required under KRS 186.162 shall include the fee to
16 reflectorize all license plates under KRS 186.240. All EF fees required under KRS
17 186.162 shall be collected at the time of an initial or renewal application by the
18 county clerk who shall forward the EF fee to the cabinet. The cabinet shall remit EF
19 fees to the group or organization identified in KRS 186.162 on a quarterly basis.
20 The cabinet may retain any investment income earned from holding EF fees
21 designated to be remitted under this subsection to offset administrative costs
22 incurred by the cabinet in the administration of EF fees.

23 (2) A special license plate shall be the color and design selected by the group or
24 organization identified in subsection (13) of this section, contingent upon the
25 approval of the Transportation Cabinet. In addition to the design selected for a
26 special license plate, the name "Kentucky," an annual renewal decal, and any
27 combination of letters or numerals required by the cabinet in the design shall also

1 appear on the plate.

- 2 (3) An actual metal special license plate shall be issued on the same schedule as regular
3 license plates are issued under KRS 186.240. The cabinet shall have the discretion
4 to extend the time period that will exist between the date a metal special license
5 plate is issued and the date that regular plates are issued under KRS 186.240. A
6 renewal registration decal shall be issued all other years during the owner's or
7 lessee's birth month, except as provided in KRS 186.041(2) and 186.042(5). A
8 person seeking a special license plate for a vehicle provided as part of the person's
9 occupation shall conform to the requirements of KRS 186.050(14).
- 10 (4) (a) If a special license plate issued under this chapter deteriorates to the point that
11 the lettering, numbering, or images on the face of the plate are not legible, the
12 plate shall be replaced free of charge, if the owner or lessee has not transferred
13 the vehicle to which the plate was issued during the current licensing period.
- 14 (b) If a special license plate issued under this chapter is lost, stolen, or damaged in
15 an accident, the county clerk shall issue a new plate upon payment of a three
16 dollar (\$3) county clerk fee, if the owner or lessee has not transferred the
17 vehicle to which the plate was issued during the current licensing period.
- 18 (5) Upon the sale, transfer, or termination of a lease of a vehicle with any special
19 license plate issued under this chapter, the owner or lessee shall remove the special
20 plate and return it and the certificate of registration to the county clerk. The county
21 clerk shall reissue the owner or lessee a regular license plate and a certificate of
22 registration upon payment of a three dollar (\$3) county clerk fee. If the owner or
23 lessee requests, the county clerk shall reissue the special plate upon payment of a
24 three dollar (\$3) county clerk fee for use on any other vehicle of the same
25 classification and category owned, leased, or acquired by the person during the
26 current licensing period. If the owner or lessee has the special plate reissued to a
27 vehicle which has been previously registered in this state, the regular license plate

1 that is being replaced shall be returned to the county clerk who shall forward the
2 plate to the Transportation Cabinet.

3 (6) A special license plate may be issued to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle that
4 is required to be registered under KRS 186.050(1), (3)(a), or (4)(a), except a special
5 license plate shall not be issued to a taxicab, limousine, or U-Drive-It registered and
6 licensed under this chapter or KRS Chapter 281. A person applying for a special
7 license plate shall apply in the office of the county clerk in the county of the
8 person's residence, except as provided in KRS 186.168(3). All special license plates
9 issued under this chapter may be combined with a personalized license plate under
10 the provisions of KRS 186.174. The fee to combine a special license plate with a
11 personalized license plate shall be as established in KRS 186.162(3).

12 (7) Within thirty (30) days of termination from election to, appointment to, or
13 membership with any group or organization, an applicant to whom a special license
14 plate was issued under this chapter shall return the special license plate to the
15 county clerk of the county of his or her residence, unless the person is merely
16 changing his or her status with the group or organization to retired.

17 (8) A group wanting to create a special license plate that is not authorized under this
18 chapter on June 27, 2019, shall comply with the following conditions before being
19 eligible to apply for a special license plate:

20 (a) The group shall be nonprofit and based, headquartered, or have a chapter in
21 Kentucky;

22 (b) The group may be organized for, but shall not be restricted to, social, civic, or
23 entertainment purposes;

24 (c) The message to be placed on the license plate, if created, shall not
25 discriminate against any race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and shall
26 not be construed, as determined by the cabinet, as an attempt to victimize or
27 intimidate any person due to the person's race, color, religion, sex, or national

- 1 origin;
- 2 (d) The plate shall not represent a political party and shall not have been created
3 primarily to promote a specific political belief;
- 4 (e) The plate shall not have as its primary purpose the promotion of any specific
5 faith, religion, or antireligion;
- 6 (f) The plate shall not be the name of a special product or brand name, and shall
7 not be construed, as determined by the cabinet, as promoting a product or
8 brand name; and
- 9 (g) The plate's lettering, logo, image, or message to be placed on the license plate,
10 if created, shall not be obscene, as determined by the cabinet.
- 11 (9) If the cabinet denies to issue a group a special license plate based upon the
12 conditions specified in subsection (8) of this section, the cabinet shall, immediately
13 upon denying to issue a group a special license plate, notify in writing the
14 chairperson of both the House and Senate standing committees on transportation of
15 the denial and the reasons upon which the cabinet based the denial.
- 16 (10) If the cabinet approves a request for a special license plate, the cabinet shall begin
17 designing and printing the plate after:
- 18 (a) The group collects a minimum of nine hundred (900) applications with each
19 application being accompanied by a fee as set forth in KRS 186.162. The
20 applications and accompanying fee shall be submitted to the cabinet at one (1)
21 time as a whole and shall not be submitted individually or intermittently; and
- 22 (b) The group submits to the cabinet the programming and production costs for
23 the plate.
- 24 (11) A group that is approved for a special license plate shall maintain a minimum
25 number of five hundred (500) registrations annually for the cabinet to continue
26 production of the plate.
- 27 (12) An initial applicant for, or an applicant renewing, his or her registration for a special

1 license plate shall, at the time of application, make a contribution that the county
2 clerk shall forward to the cabinet as set forth in KRS 186.162. The cabinet shall, on
3 an annual basis, remit the contributions to the appropriate group identified to be
4 used for the declared purpose stated under subsection (13) of this section. The
5 cabinet may retain any investment income earned from holding contributions
6 designated to be remitted under this subsection to offset administrative costs
7 incurred by the cabinet in the administration of the contributions. Any group or
8 organization that receives a mandatory EF fee under KRS 186.162 shall maintain
9 the information required under subsection (13)(a) and (c) of this section with the
10 Transportation Cabinet.

11 (13) The group shall, at the time the nine hundred (900) applications are submitted to the
12 Transportation Cabinet, also submit a notarized affidavit to the cabinet attesting to:

13 (a) The name, address, and telephone number for the group or organization. If the
14 group or organization does not have its headquarters in the Commonwealth,
15 then the name, address, and telephone number for the group or organization's
16 Kentucky state chapter shall be required. The names of the officers of the
17 group or organization shall also be required. If the entity receiving funds
18 under subsection (12) of this section is not a state governmental agency, a
19 program unit within a state governmental agency, or is a group or organization
20 that does not have a statewide chapter, then a donation for use by the group or
21 organization shall be prohibited;

22 (b) The amount of the monetary donation the group wants to receive when a
23 person purchases the group or organization's special license plate; and

24 (c) The purpose for which the donated funds will be used by the group or
25 organization. Donated funds shall not be limited for use by members of the
26 group or organization, and shall not be used for administrative or personnel
27 costs of the group or organization.

- 1 (14) All funds received by a group or organization under subsection (12) of this section
2 shall be deposited into an account separate from all other accounts the group or
3 organization may have, and the account shall be audited yearly at the expense of the
4 group or organization. The completed audit shall be forwarded to the Transportation
5 Cabinet in Frankfort. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds received by a group
6 or organization under subsection (12) of this section shall be used for the express
7 purpose identified by the group in subsection (13) of this section. Any group or
8 organization that receives a mandatory EF fee under KRS 186.162 shall comply
9 with the provisions of this subsection.
- 10 (15) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative
11 regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to establish additional rules to implement the
12 issuance of special license plates issued under this chapter, including but not limited
13 to:
- 14 (a) Documentation that will be required to accompany an application for a special
15 license plate to provide proof of:
- 16 1. Election to the United States Congress or the Kentucky General
17 Assembly;
 - 18 2. Election or appointment to the Kentucky Court of Justice;
 - 19 3. Membership in a Masonic Order, Fraternal Order of Police, or
20 emergency management organization;
 - 21 4. Eligibility for membership in the Gold Star Mothers of America;
 - 22 5. Eligibility as a father for associate membership in the Gold Star Mothers
23 of America;
 - 24 6. Eligibility for membership in the Gold Star Wives of America;
 - 25 7. Ownership of an amateur radio operator license;
 - 26 8. Receipt of the Silver Star Medal;
 - 27 9. Receipt of the Bronze Star Medal~~[awarded for valor]~~;

- 1 10. *Receipt of the Air Medal;*
- 2 *11. Receipt of the Distinguished Flying Cross;*
- 3 *12.* Eligibility for a Gold Star Siblings license plate for a person whose
- 4 sibling died while serving the country in the United States Armed
- 5 Forces. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "sibling" means a sibling
- 6 by blood, a sibling by half-blood, a sibling by adoption, or a stepsibling;
- 7 or
- 8 ~~13.111.~~ Eligibility for a Gold Star Sons or Gold Star Daughters license
- 9 plate for a person whose parent or stepparent died while serving the
- 10 country in the United States Armed Forces;
- 11 (b) The time schedule permissible for a group or organization to request a design
- 12 change for the special license plate; and
- 13 (c) The procedures for review of proposed license plates and the standards by
- 14 which proposed special license plates are approved or rejected in accordance
- 15 with subsection (10) of this section.
- 16 (16) Any individual, group, or organization that fails to audit any funds received under
- 17 this chapter, or that intentionally uses any funds received in any way other than
- 18 attested to under subsection (13) of this section or for administrative or personnel
- 19 costs in violation of subsection (13) of this section, shall be guilty of a Class D
- 20 felony and upon conviction shall, in addition to being subject to criminal penalties,
- 21 be assessed a mandatory five thousand dollar (\$5,000) fine.
- 22 ➔Section 4. KRS 186.166 is amended to read as follows:
- 23 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall, unless directed otherwise by the General
- 24 Assembly, perpetually produce the following special license plates: military license
- 25 plates, U.S. Congressional license plates, firefighter license plates, emergency
- 26 management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police license plates, Law
- 27 Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates, nature license plates,

1 amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly license plates, Kentucky
2 Court of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license plates, collegiate license
3 plates, independent college and university license plates, child victims' trust fund
4 license plates, Kentucky Horse Council license plates, Ducks Unlimited license
5 plates, Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Spouses license plates, Gold Star Siblings,
6 Sons, and Daughters license plates, Silver Star Medal license plates, Bronze Star
7 Medal license plates, *Air Medal license plates, Distinguished Flying Cross license*
8 *plates*, spay neuter license plates, service academy license plates, and I Support
9 Veterans license plates.

10 (2) The design of the plates identified for perpetual production under this section may
11 be revised upon request of a group or organization requesting a design revision
12 under the provisions of KRS 186.164(15).

13 (3) (a) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall not include any representation
14 of the word "Kentucky" that is a registered trademark or slogan which appears
15 on a general issue license plate.

16 (b) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall include a representation of the
17 Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded."