

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. 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~~[, and shall not be construed, as determined by the~~
23 ~~cabinet, as an attempt to victimize or intimidate any person due to the~~
24 ~~person's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin];~~

25 2. ~~[The plate shall not represent a political party and shall not have been~~
26 ~~created primarily to promote a specific political belief;~~

27 3. ~~The plate shall not have as its primary purpose the promotion of any~~

- 1 specific faith, religion, or antireligion;
- 2 4. ~~—~~]The plate ***message is the***~~[shall not be the]~~ name of a ***trademarked or***
- 3 ***copyrighted***~~[special]~~ product or brand name~~[, and shall not be construed,~~
- 4 as determined by the cabinet, as promoting a product or brand name];
- 5 ***or***~~[and]~~
- 6 3.~~[5.]~~The plate's lettering or message~~[to be placed on the license plate, if~~
- 7 created, shall not be] ***is*** obscene ***or profane***, as determined by the
- 8 cabinet.
- 9 (c) ~~[The owner or lessee shall submit an application and fee to renew a~~
- 10 personalized license plate pursuant to the provisions of this section. ~~]~~Once an
- 11 applicant obtains a personalized plate, he or she will have first priority on that
- 12 plate for each of the following years that he or she makes timely ***renewal***
- 13 ***payments***~~[and proper application].~~