

1 AN ACT relating to special license plates.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.162 (Effective January 1, 2024) is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and  
6 186.174:

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

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

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

18 (d) "CF" means the county clerk's fee for issuing a motor vehicle registration as  
19 established under KRS 186.040(1). If a CF amount is charged for a license  
20 plate listed in this section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees  
21 identified in KRS 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant  
22 shall not be required to pay those fees; and

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

26 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this  
27 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or

1 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount  
2 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

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

- 8 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).
- 9 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).

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

- 11 1. Initial Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'  
12 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 13 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$11~~[\$6] (\$0 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$5~~[\$0] EF to the veterans'  
14 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

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  
23 August 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, the Distinguished Flying  
24 Cross, the Air Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge,  
25 or the Bronze Star Medal; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers,  
26 Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2)  
27 exempted from fees under KRS 186.041(6); individuals eligible for a special

1 military service academy license plate under KRS 186.041(8); individuals  
2 eligible for a special military unit license plate under KRS 186.163; and  
3 disabled veterans who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%)  
4 and ninety-nine percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United  
5 States Department of Veterans' Affairs:

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

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

10 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force  
11 Cross:

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

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

14 (f) Disabled license plates:

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

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

17 (g) Historic vehicles:

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

19 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.

20 (h) Members of Congress:

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

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

24 (i) Firefighters:

25 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky  
26 Firefighters Association).

27 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky

1 Firefighters Association).

2 (j) Emergency management:

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

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

5 (k) Fraternal Order of Police:

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

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

10 (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:

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

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

15 (m) Personalized plates:

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

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

18 (n) Street rods:

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

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

21 (o) Nature plates:

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

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

26 (p) Amateur radio:

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

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

1 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).

2 (v) Child Victims:

- 3 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'  
4 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).  
5 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$23]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$5]~~ EF to the child  
6 victims' trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

7 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:

- 8 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky  
9 Horse Council).  
10 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$23]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$5]~~ EF to the Kentucky  
11 Horse Council).

12 (x) Ducks Unlimited:

- 13 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks  
14 Unlimited).  
15 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks  
16 Unlimited).

17 (y) Spay neuter:

- 18 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control  
19 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).  
20 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$23]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$5]~~ EF to the animal  
21 control and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

22 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:

- 23 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).  
24 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).  
25 3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph  
26 free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established  
27 in subsection (2)(d) of this section.

## 1 (aa) I Support Veterans:

2 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky  
3 Department of Veterans' Affairs).4 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$23]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$5]~~ EF to the Kentucky  
5 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

## 6 (ab) Gold Star Siblings, Gold Star Sons, or Gold Star Daughters:

7 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'  
8 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).9 2. Renewal Fee: ~~\$28~~~~[\$23]~~ (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/~~\$10~~~~[\$5]~~ EF to the veterans'  
10 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

## 11 (ac) POW/MIA Awareness:

12 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'  
13 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).14 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'  
15 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

## 16 (ad) Special license plates established under KRS 186.164:

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

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

19 (3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a  
20 twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular  
21 special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-  
22 five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the  
23 cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the  
24 license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the county clerk  
25 receiving five dollars (\$5).26 (4) (a) A sponsoring organization of any special license plate issued under this  
27 section or any special license plate established under the provisions of KRS

- 1           186.164 may petition the cabinet for the production of that special license
- 2           plate for motorcycles.
- 3           (b) The cabinet shall make all of the special military license plates in this section
- 4           available for motorcycles owned or leased by eligible individuals.
- 5           (c) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be
- 6           eligible to receive special license plates approved by the cabinet under
- 7           paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection. Applicants for a special license plate
- 8           for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the fee for a special plate as
- 9           prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid for the special plate
- 10          for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required under KRS
- 11          186.050(2).
- 12          ➔Section 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.