

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 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 KRS 186.040(1). If a CF amount is charged for a license
19 plate listed in this section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees
20 identified in KRS 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant
21 shall not be required to pay those fees; and

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

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

1 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 plate under KRS 186.041(8); individuals eligible for a special military unit
2 license plate under KRS 186.163; and disabled veterans who have been
3 declared to be between fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine percent (99%)
4 service-connected disabled by the United States Department of Veterans'
5 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 for a motor vehicle that is required to be registered under
16 the provisions of KRS 186.050(1), (3)(a), or (4)(a), or a motorcycle required
17 to be registered under the provisions of KRS 186.050(2):

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

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

20 (n) Street rods:

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

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

23 (o) Nature plates:

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

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

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

- 1 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
2 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
3 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).
- 4 (v) Child Victims:
- 5 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'
6 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
- 7 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'
8 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).
- 9 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:
- 10 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
11 Horse Council).
- 12 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
13 Horse Council).
- 14 (x) Ducks Unlimited:
- 15 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
16 Unlimited).
- 17 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
18 Unlimited).
- 19 (y) Spay neuter:
- 20 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control
21 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
- 22 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control
23 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).
- 24 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:
- 25 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).
- 26 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).
- 27 3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph

1 free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established
2 in subsection (2)(d) of this section.

3 (aa) I Support Veterans:

4 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
5 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

6 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
7 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

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

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

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

13 (ac) POW/MIA Awareness:

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

16 2. Renewal Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'
17 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

18 (ad) Personalized plates for a recreational vehicle that is required to be registered
19 under the provisions of KRS 186.050(11):

20 1. Initial Fee: \$51 (\$45 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

21 2. Renewal Fee: \$51 (\$45 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

22 (ae) **Friends of Kentucky Agriculture:**

23 **1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF to the agricultural**
24 **program trust fund established under KRS 246.247).**

25 **2. Renewal Fee: \$23 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$5 EF to the agricultural**
26 **program trust fund established under KRS 246.247).**

27 (af) Special license plates established under KRS 186.164:

- 1 1. Initial Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).
- 2 2. Renewal Fee: \$41 (\$25 SF/\$6 CF/\$10 EF).
- 3 (3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a
4 twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular
5 special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-
6 five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the
7 cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the
8 license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the county clerk
9 receiving five dollars (\$5).
- 10 (4) (a) A sponsoring organization of any special license plate issued under this
11 section or any special license plate established under the provisions of KRS
12 186.164 may petition the cabinet for the production of that special license
13 plate for motorcycles.
- 14 (b) The cabinet shall make all of the special military license plates in this section
15 available for motorcycles owned or leased by eligible individuals.
- 16 (c) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be
17 eligible to receive special license plates approved by the cabinet under
18 paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection. Applicants for a special license plate
19 for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the fee for a special plate as
20 prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid for the special plate
21 for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required under KRS
22 186.050(2).
- 23 (5) The Transportation Cabinet shall:
- 24 (a) Identify the cost of issuing a child victims' trust fund special license plate
25 under subsection (2)(v) of this section; and
- 26 (b) Transfer any revenue received from the initial or renewal SF fee that is in
27 excess of the cost identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection to the child

1 victims' trust fund established under KRS 41.400.

2 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.166 is amended to read as follows:

- 3 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall, unless directed otherwise by the General
4 Assembly, perpetually produce the following special license plates: military license
5 plates, military unit license plates, U.S. Congressional license plates, firefighter
6 license plates, emergency management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police
7 license plates, Law Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates,
8 nature license plates, amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly
9 license plates, Kentucky Court of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license
10 plates, collegiate license plates, independent college and university license plates,
11 child victims' trust fund license plates, Kentucky Horse Council license plates,
12 Ducks Unlimited license plates, Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Spouses license
13 plates, Gold Star Siblings, Sons, and Daughters license plates, Silver Star Medal
14 license plates, Legion of Merit Medal license plates, Bronze Star Medal license
15 plates, Air Medal license plates, Distinguished Flying Cross license plates, Combat
16 Action Badge license plates, Combat Infantry Badge license plates, POW/MIA
17 Awareness license plates, spay neuter license plates, service academy license plates,
18 *Friends of Kentucky Agriculture license plates*, and I Support Veterans license
19 plates.
- 20 (2) The design of the plates identified for perpetual production under this section may
21 be revised upon request of a group or organization requesting a design revision
22 under the provisions of KRS 186.164(15).
- 23 (3) (a) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall not include any representation
24 of the word "Kentucky" that is a registered trademark or slogan which appears
25 on a general issue license plate.
- 26 (b) The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall include a representation of the
27 Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded."