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KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM  
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Amend printed copy of **HB 519/GA**

Starting on page 3, line 6, to page 7, line 5, delete Section 2 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"➔Section 2. KRS 186.531 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "GF" means the general fund;
- (b) "IP" means instruction permit;
- (c) "License Fund" or "LF" means the KYTC photo license account created in KRS 174.056;
- (d) "MC" means motorcycle;
- (e) "MC Fund" or "MCF" means the motorcycle safety education program fund established in KRS 176.5065;
- (f) "OL" means operator's license; and
- (g) "PIDC" means personal identification card.

(2) **Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section,** the fees imposed for voluntary travel ID operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards shall be as follows. The fees received shall be distributed as shown in the table. The fees shown, unless otherwise noted, are for an eight (8) year period:

Card Type	Fee	LF	GF	MCF
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Rep. Sen. Jimmy Higdon

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OL (initial/renewal)	\$48	\$48	\$0	\$0
OL (Under 21) (Up to 4 years)	\$18	\$18	\$0	\$0
Any OL, MC, or combination (duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.25	\$1.75	\$0
Motor vehicle IP (3 years)	\$18	\$16	\$2	\$0
Motorcycle IP (1 year)	\$18	\$13	\$1	\$4
Motorcycle OL (initial/renewal)	\$48	\$38	\$0	\$10
Combination vehicle/MC OL (initial/renewal)	\$58	\$48	\$0	\$10
PIDC (initial/renewal)	\$28	\$25	\$3	\$0
PIDC (duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.50	\$1.50	\$0

- (3) Except as provided in **subsections (9) and (10)**~~[subsection (10)]~~ of this section, the fees imposed for standard operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards shall be as follows and, unless otherwise noted, are for an eight (8) year period:

Card Type	Fee	LF	GF	MCF
OL (initial/renewal)	\$43	\$43	\$0	\$0
OL (Under 21) (Up to 4 years)	\$15	\$15	\$0	\$0
Any OL, MC, or combination (duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.25	\$1.75	\$0
Motor vehicle IP (3 years)	\$15	\$13	\$2	\$0
Motorcycle IP (1 year)	\$15	\$10	\$1	\$4
Motorcycle OL (initial/renewal)	\$43	\$33	\$0	\$10
Combination vehicle/MC OL (initial/renewal)	\$53	\$43	\$0	\$10
PIDC (initial/renewal)	\$23	\$20	\$3	\$0

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PIDC (duplicate/corrected)                      \$15              \$13.50              \$1.50              \$0

PIDC (no fixed address) under

KRS 186.4122(5)/186.4123(5)

(initial, duplicate, or corrected)              \$0              \$0              \$0              \$0

~~(4) [The fee for a four (4) year original or renewal license issued pursuant to KRS 186.4101 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount shown in subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The distribution of fees shown in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall also be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for licenses that are issued for four (4) years.~~

~~(5)~~ Any fee for any identity document applied for using alternative technology under KRS 186.410 and 186.4122 shall be distributed in the same manner as a document applied for in person with the cabinet.

~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ (a) An applicant for an original or renewal operator's license, permit, commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card shall be requested by the cabinet to make a donation to promote an organ donor program.

(b) The donation under this subsection shall be added to the regular fee for an original or renewal motor vehicle operator's license, permit, commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card. One (1) donation may be made per issuance or renewal of a license or any combination thereof.

(c) The fee shall be paid to the cabinet and shall be forwarded by the cabinet on a monthly basis to the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life, and such moneys are hereby appropriated to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting an organ donor program. A donation under this subsection shall be voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of issuance or renewal.

~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ In addition to the fees outlined in this section, the following individuals, upon application for an initial or renewal operator's license, instruction permit, or personal

identification card, shall pay an additional application fee of thirty dollars (\$30), which shall be deposited in the photo license account:

- (a) An applicant who is not a United States citizen or permanent resident and who applies under KRS 186.4121 or 186.4123; or
- (b) An applicant who is applying for a instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card without a photo under KRS 186.4102(9).

~~(7)(8)~~ (a) Except for individuals exempted under paragraph (c) of this subsection, an applicant for relicensing after revocation or suspension shall pay a reinstatement fee of forty dollars (\$40).

(b) The reinstatement fee under this subsection shall be distributed by the State Treasurer as follows:

- 1. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be deposited into the photo license account; and
- 2. Five dollars (\$5) shall be deposited into a trust and agency fund to be used in defraying the costs and expenses of administering a driver improvement program for problem drivers.

(c) This subsection shall not apply to:

- 1. Any person whose license was suspended for failure to meet the conditions set out in KRS 186.411 when, within one (1) year of suspension, the driving privileges of the individual are reinstated; or
- 2. A student who has had his or her license revoked pursuant to KRS 159.051.

~~(8)(9)~~ As payment for any fee identified in this section, the cabinet:

- (a) Shall accept cash and personal checks;
- (b) May accept other methods of payment in accordance with KRS 45.345; and
- (c) May enter into billing agreements with homeless shelters, health care facilities, or social service agencies that serve individuals without an established and fixed

nighttime residence of regular return.

~~(9)~~~~(10)~~ There shall be no fee assessed for the initial, renewal, or duplicate standard personal identification card to an individual, if the individual:

- (a) Does not possess a valid operator's license or a commercial driver's license; and
- (b) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next regular election.

**(10) Subject to subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act, a fee shall not be assessed for the placement or removal of a communication disorder notation on an instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card.**

➔Section 3. KRS 186.410 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, every person not exempted by KRS 186.420 and 186.430 shall, before operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped upon a highway, secure an operator's license as provided in this chapter.
- (2) **(a)** Except as provided in KRS 186.4121, all original, renewal, and duplicate personal identification cards and licenses for the operation of motor vehicles or motorcycles shall be applied for with the Transportation Cabinet, or through alternative technology, and issued by the Transportation Cabinet.~~Subject to the provisions of KRS 186.4101,]~~
  - (b)** Applications for renewal licenses and personal identification cards shall be made every eight (8) years **prior to the expiration date on the document. An individual may renew his or her operator's license or personal identification card at any time within one (1) year of expiration**~~within the birth month of the applicant].~~
  - (c)** A license shall not be issued until the application has been certified by the cabinet and the applicant has, if required under KRS 186.635, successfully completed the examinations required under KRS 186.480.
- (3) All personal identification cards shall be issued under the provisions of KRS 186.4102,

186.4122, and 186.4123.

- (4) A person under the age of eighteen (18) years who applies for an instruction permit shall, at any time between the age of fifteen (15) years and before the person's eighteenth birthday, enroll in one (1) of the following driver training programs:
  - (a) A driver's education course administered by a school district;
  - (b) A driver training school licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 332 which offers a course meeting or exceeding the minimum standards established by the Transportation Cabinet; or
  - (c) State traffic school. The person may seek to enroll in state traffic school before the person's eighteenth birthday. Persons enrolling in state traffic school pursuant to this paragraph shall not be required to pay a fee.
- (5) Any applicant for any initial or renewal instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card under KRS 186.400 to 186.640 may apply for either:
  - (a) A voluntary travel ID document; or
  - (b) A standard document that does not meet standards for federal identification purposes.
- (6) When an automated driving system as defined in KRS 186.760 is installed on a motor vehicle and is engaged, and the motor vehicle is operating as a fully autonomous vehicle as defined in KRS 186.760, the:
  - (a) Owner of the motor vehicle is considered the operator of the fully autonomous vehicle and shall comply with applicable traffic or motor vehicle laws, regardless of whether the owner is physically present in the vehicle while the vehicle is operating; and
  - (b) Automated driving system is considered to be licensed to operate the vehicle and a licensed human operator is not required to operate the motor vehicle.

➔Section 4. KRS 186.535 is amended to read as follows:

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- (1) From the portion of the fee for each eight (8) year original or renewal operator's license which is assigned to the photo license account under KRS 186.531:~~;~~
  - (a) Two dollars (\$2) shall be credited to a special account within the road fund, and shall be used exclusively by the Transportation Cabinet for the purpose of expanding the state driver education program;~~;~~ and
  - (b) Two dollars (\$2) shall be paid to the fiscal court of the county where the operator's~~driver's~~ license holder resides~~is issued~~ to be used by the fiscal court for county road purposes.~~The distribution of fees under this subsection shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for licenses issued for a four (4) year term in accordance with KRS 186.4101.~~
- (2) From the fee for each annual registration of a motorcycle pursuant to KRS 186.050, four dollars (\$4) shall be credited to the motorcycle safety education program fund pursuant to KRS 176.5065 and shall be used exclusively for the purposes outlined in KRS 176.5061 to 176.5069.  
➔Section 5. KRS 186.579 is amended to read as follows:
  - (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue, to an applicant who successfully passes the operator's license examination outlined in KRS 186.578(4), an operator's license with the following restrictions:
    - (a) Required use of a bioptic telescopic device;
    - (b) Restricted to daytime driving upon the recommendation of a vision specialist or upon failure of a nighttime examination administered under KRS 186.578; and
    - (c) Restricted to vehicles with left and right outside mirrors.
  - (2) A restriction to daytime driving in accordance with subsection (1) of this section shall be removed if the applicant or licensed driver:
    - (a) Obtains a recommendation from a vision specialist;

- (b) Successfully completes an evaluation by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's bioptic driving program and training specifically designed for night driving from a certified driver training program; and
  - (c) Passes a comprehensive night driving examination.
- (3) (a) Subject to the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection, an operator's license issued under KRS 186.578 and 186.579 shall be valid for ~~four (4) years or~~ (8) years ~~[at the discretion of the applicant as outlined in KRS 186.4101].~~
- (b) The holder of a license issued in accordance with this section and KRS 186.578 shall submit the results of a comprehensive visual examination to Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation each year before the last day of the birth month of the license holder. An operator's license shall be subject to suspension if the license holder does not submit results of the comprehensive visual examination required under this paragraph.
  - (c) If the vision specialist completing the examination required under paragraph (b) of this subsection certifies that the conditions causing the visual impairment are stable, then the license shall remain valid. If the conditions causing the visual impairment are unstable or deteriorating, the license holder may be required to undergo additional testing as required by the department and may have his or her operator's license suspended if he or she cannot successfully pass the tests.

➔Section 6. The following KRS sections are repealed:

186.4101 Renewal of license -- Reconciliation of four-year and eight-year renewal periods. ";  
and

Renumber subsequent section accordingly.