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MEMORANDUM

To: Division of Vehicles Stakeholders
From: David N. Harper, Director of Vehicles
Date: November 30, 2017
RE: Division of Vehicles Notifications for Law Enforcement 2017

VEHICLE SERVICES UPDATES:

HOUSE BILL 2174 (4 parts) Effective 1/1/2018

1. Autism Awareness Plate

An autism awareness plate was passed by the legislature under this bill but is not yet ready for issuance. We will update all concerned when issuance is near.

2. Kansas 4-H

A Kansas 4-H plate may be issued to any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas. This plate will be available in January of 2018.

3. Wheelchair Emblem Decal

Wheelchair Emblem Decals shall be issued by the Division to applicants who have provided satisfactory proof of permanent disability, condition or impairment to be affixed to any distinctive license plates. Permanent Disabled customer may have a disabled plate and a placard, a placard and a wheelchair emblem decal for a distinctive plate or they may have 2 placards. Distinctive plates bearing the Wheelchair Emblem are granted the same parking privileges as provided by a placard or disabled plate.

4. New Military Decals

Any person who has made application to the Division or authorized agent and provided satisfactory proof of award by the U.S. Government of an army of occupation medal or navy occupation medal can be issued a decal to be displayed on a distinctive military plate.

GENERAL ISSUE PLATES

The Kansas Division of Vehicles has two (2) different valid standard license plates in use/displayed for passenger vehicles, trucks, heavy trucks, trailers, motorcycles and motorized bicycles. They are the “Dome/State Capitol” plate and the “Ad Astra” plate.

DISPLAYING EXPIRED PLATE KSA 8-133

No expired (old) Kansas license plate shall appear on the front (or rear) of a vehicle. Kansas no longer issues a front plate on a personalized license plate, therefore **no Personalized Plate** is to be displayed on the front of any type of vehicle.

EXCEPTIONS:

- i)** A special antique reproduction plate may be attached to the front of an antique vehicle.
- ii)** Special antique plates are eligible for display on antique registered vehicles.
- iii)** Truck tractor (semi-truck) will attach the valid/current plate on the front of the vehicle.

VEHICLES ASSIGNED A STAGGERED MONTH EXPIRATION REGISTRATION (Passenger Vehicles, Trucks and Buses at 12M, Motorcycles, Motorized Bikes and Trailers that are Recreational Vehicles)

KSA 8-134 and 8-134a

The new expiration decals rely more on color than text to denote the expiration year. Staggered registration plates expiring in **2019 have red decals** and plates expiring in **2018 will have yellow decals**. The text on the decal will be black. Expired registration enforcement is the first day of the month following the month of expiration.

TRUCK AND TRAILER REGISTRATIONS over 12M registered as Non-Commercial and Non-recreational vehicles KSA 8-134

Registration expiration for these vehicle types is 12/31/2017. These registrations, by statute, renew after expiration and have a grace period until the end of February for renewal.

These vehicle types will be issued a new red month/year expiration decal for '19', beginning January 2nd, 2018. These vehicles *must* display a new “19” expiration decal **before March 1st, 2018**.

Exceptions: IRP Trucks and trailers, CMV trucks and trailers and Recreational Vehicles displaying an “RV” decal on the license plate.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION KSA 8-143 (M)

Commercial Vehicle Registration is for power units only. Registration shall be considered to **be valid registration through March 1, 2018**. The commercial plates are purple lettering on white background

There are also “local” and “6,000 mile Commercial” registrations. The plates will be the same and will also be labeled with a decal stating one of the two designations listed above. All power units will receive new cab cards for the 2018 registration year.

TRUCKS AND TRAILERS WITH IRP REGISTRATION KSA 8-1,102(a)

Trucks and trailers displaying the IRP truck and trailer plates shall be considered to **have valid registration through March 1, 2018**. The IRP plates are red on white background.

DRIVE AWAY PLATE KSA 8-143

During the year 2018, a new purple on white background Drive Away plate will be issued. A black on white decal with expiration of "18" will be displayed in the upper right hand corner.

DEALER LICENSE PLATE KSA 8-134 & 8-2404(d)

On or after February 28, 2018, a purple on white dealer license plate must be displayed with a new month/year expiration decal-'**December 18**' black on white background in the upper right corner.

On or after February 28, 2018, Full Use “Ad Astra” Dealer plate must display a new white month/year expiration decal for '**December 18**'.

A letter of authorization issued by the Kansas Division of Vehicles may be displayed while the dealer’s plates are being manufactured.

Note this year we have reverted back to decaling dealer plates with the statutory expiration date of 12/31/18 rather than extending through February, so dealer plates will no longer be decaled to expire in February.

ACCESSIBLE (DISABLED) PARKING PLACARDS KSA 8-1,125

Accessible Parking Placards are issued in two colors, white on blue background for permanent and white on red background for temporary. Temporary (red) placards can be issued for a maximum of six months. Permanent (blue) placards are valid for *five years*. The enforcement date will be the first day of the month following the month of expiration on the decals.

Commercial, City/County/School District and Official State Vehicles may apply for a Disabled Parking decal to be attached to the license plate through the

Director of Vehicles Office. Contact Darlene in the Division of Vehicles at 785-296-7958 for the TR-159d form.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION UTILITY 5 YEAR REGISTRATION KSA 8-1,134(d)

Vehicles used by political subdivisions for utility purposes are registered on a five (5) year basis. The month/year expiration decal will have the year “18”, “19”, “20”, “21”, “22” or “23”. The decal color corresponds to the decal stock assigned in the calendar year that the registration was issued.

PERMANENT TRAILERS KSA 8-1,165

The Division of Vehicles issues permanent registration license plates for trailers used in combination with county registered vehicles with a gross weight of 54,000 pounds or more. The license plate is red on white background and will not have a year displayed.

TINY HOUSE TRAILERS KSA 79-5118, 8-143(9)

Many Tiny House Trailers do not meet the definition of an RV. The Division’s policy will be to title and register these as a non-RV trailer with the correct weight. The customer will be required to list this property with their county appraiser’s office so the correct personal property tax may be assessed on the vehicle.

To assist the County Appraiser’s office in determining the correct tax code, the policy will be to select **Tiny House Trailer** in the **Model** section. For example, the make of the trailer will be **EZ Built Trailer**; model will be **Tiny House Trailer**. The year and VIN # will be determined by the MSO of the trailer on which the tiny house was built.

EXCEPTION:

Tiny homes may qualify as RVs, but to do so they must be built as vehicles in compliance with NHTSA regulations (see the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards – also referred to as the FMVSS – which can be found at Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations). They must also comply with the NFPA 1192 RV Standard.

SPECIAL KANSAS LICENSE PLATES

The State of Kansas issues many other “special” or “distinctive” license plates. Most have the same decal requirements as noted for standard license plates. Please refer to the attached Kansas License Plate Reference Guide.

PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES

Vehicles displaying a personalized plate are registered on a staggered month of registration system with the exception of 16M and 20M heavy trucks. The Personalized Plate design is a gold background with a stylized sunflower on the

left side. The word “Kansas” is at the top of the plate and the words “Sunflower State” appear between the screw holes on the bottom of the plate. Lettering is black. This plate type expires on the year and month indicated on the decal. The enforcement date will be the first day of the month following the date of expiration.

Personalized plates must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

RECEIPT IN LIEU OF DECAL K.S.A. 8-143

Kansas motorists who desire to renew their vehicle registration online near the end of their expiration month will have a 10 day grace period to allow Treasurer’s motor vehicle offices time to process and mail a new registration receipt and decal. A person shall not be charged with failing to display a registration decal on a vehicle up to and including the 10th day following the expiration of the registration if the person is able payment receipt, printed or electronic, for the current 12 month period.

A driver of a Kansas Covered Farm Vehicle would have to possess both the CFV Designation Certificate and the correct class of license for the vehicle they are operating. The vehicle must have a valid license plate, and if fuel tax registration is required, a valid International Fuel Tax Agreement registration.

DRIVER SERVICES UPDATES:

DRIVER LICENSE

FYI – A driver’s license for a hearing impaired driver may have a white background instead of the blue background in the picture. This is an option, not mandatory, for the driver to choose to help identify they are hearing impaired for law enforcement.

NOTE: Please see the separate attachment titled “NEW KANSAS DRIVERS LICENSE AND ID CARD BEGINNING AUG 1, 2017” for recent updates to the Driver’s License credential.

DRIVER SOLUTIONS

With the implementation of our new KanLicense system in 2018, the driving record codes currently being used are changing. Driver Solutions will be sending out an updated code sheet for your reference before we “go-live”.

The “**Officer Referral Form**” may be found on our website at www.ksreveue.org/dovforms.html. This is to be used by law enforcement whenever they observe a driver having issues they feel should be reported. This does not have to be tied to a traffic stop or accident.

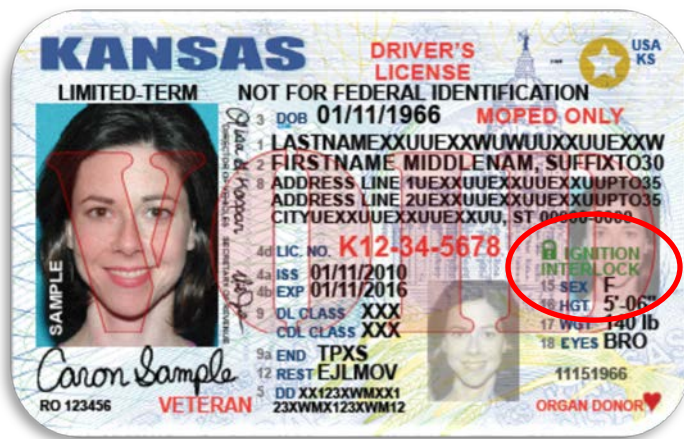
Please direct concerned citizens, such as loved ones, etc., to submit a “Letter of Concern” found on our website at www.ksrevenue.org/dovforms.html . The letter of concern is always anonymous and confidential and the preferred way for a concerned family member to approach a loved one indirectly.

The Kansas Division of Vehicles began issuing Driver’s License credentials that have an “Ignition Interlock” indicator in February 2016. We have issued over 5,000 of these licenses so far.

Here are a few facts about our newest credential:

- All DUIs in Kansas require an interlock for at least 6 months.
- The Ignition Interlock credential is required for all Ignition Interlock restrictions.
- Any driver who had a restriction issued prior to February 2016 will have the **option** to obtain this credential.
- The credential will not display the driver’s restriction duration as the time varies depending on date of installation.
- The Division of Vehicles will still issue the mandatory restriction notice as this credential simply helps to identify the Ignition Interlock requirement.

Below is a sample of our Ignition Interlock indicator:



KANSAS USA KS
LIMITED-TERM
DRIVER'S LICENSE
NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION
MOPED ONLY

11151995
LIC. NO. **K12-34-5679**
IGNITION INTERLOCK

16 HG 6'02"
17 WGT 170 lb
18 EYES BRO

NOT 21 UNTIL 11/15/2016
ISS 01/11/2010
EXP 01/11/2016

Nick Sample
RO 123456 **VETERAN**

9 DL CLASS XXX CDL CLASS XXX
9a END TPXS 12 REST EJLMOV

3 DOB 01/11/1995

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