

**SENATE BILL No. 302**

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; providing  
2 the secretary of revenue authority to determine plate letters and  
3 numerals; eliminating the requirement that license plates be shipped to  
4 county treasurers; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-147 and repealing  
5 the existing section.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-147 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 8-147. As used in this section, "license plate" means the plate  
10 used to externally evidence registration of a vehicle under chapter 8 of  
11 Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*. Prior to November 1  
12 of each year, the director of vehicles shall furnish the secretary of revenue  
13 with complete and detailed specifications for the manufacture of all license  
14 plates and registration decals, together with the number required for  
15 delivery in the succeeding year for use during the following year, and the  
16 state corporation commission shall furnish the secretary of revenue with  
17 complete and detailed specifications for the manufacture of identification  
18 tags together with the number required for delivery in the succeeding year  
19 for use in the following year. The secretary of revenue shall cause to be  
20 manufactured all license plates and registration decals and state  
21 corporation commission identification tags based on such specifications  
22 and estimates. For such purpose, the secretary of revenue shall enter into a  
23 contract for the manufacture of license plates, tags and decals with any  
24 organization or institution designated in K.S.A. 39-1208, and amendments  
25 thereto. Any such contract may provide that the secretary of revenue shall  
26 furnish or cause to be furnished the materials and supplies necessary for  
27 the manufacture and distribution of license plates, tags and decals if, in the  
28 opinion of the secretary of revenue, a reduction in the cost of  
29 manufacturing and distribution of the license plates, tags and decals under  
30 such contract will be achieved. Subject to the foregoing, the cost to the  
31 state for the manufacture of the license plates, tags and decals pursuant to  
32 any contract entered into under this section shall be substantially  
33 equivalent to such costs under prior contracts, with the cost of license  
34 plates increased in the amount of the cost of coating with reflective  
35 material, but any such contract shall not be subject to the provisions of  
36 K.S.A. 75-3739, and amendments thereto. Except as authorized by other

1 provisions of law, license plates, beginning in the year in which new  
2 license plates are issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments  
3 thereto, shall be lettered, numbered and designed as ~~provided in this~~  
4 ~~section. Each license plate shall contain a combination of three letters~~  
5 ~~followed by a combination of three numerals, except that once all~~  
6 ~~allowable combinations of letters and numerals have been used, each~~  
7 ~~license plate shall contain an arrangement of numerals or letters, or both,~~  
8 ~~as shall be assigned *determined* by the secretary of revenue. The~~  
9 ~~arrangement of numerals and letters of license plates shall be uniform~~  
10 ~~throughout each classification of registration.~~ The secretary may provide  
11 for the arrangement of the numerals and letters in groups or otherwise and  
12 for other distinguishing marks on ~~such~~ license plates. The secretary of  
13 revenue shall design decals to be affixed to the license plates to identify  
14 the county by two letters chosen from the name of the county distinctly  
15 indicative of the name of the county in which the vehicle is registered and  
16 the date registration is to expire. The letters and numerals of such license  
17 plates shall be in such contrast of colors to the background of the license  
18 plate as to make such letters and numerals easily read. As new license  
19 plates are issued, the face of every license plate shall be completely coated  
20 with a reflective material. The reflectorized material shall be of such  
21 nature as to provide effective and dependable performance in the  
22 promotion of highway safety and vehicle identification throughout the  
23 service period for which the license plates are issued. The sum of \$.50  
24 shall be added to the cost of each reflectorized license plate. The director  
25 shall change the color of such license plates every time new license plates  
26 are issued under ~~subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-132(b),~~ and amendments  
27 thereto. The quantity of license plates and registration decals to be  
28 furnished *to* each county shall be computed upon the basis of the number  
29 of motor vehicles registered and reregistered in such county for the  
30 preceding year, and additional license plates and decals shall be furnished  
31 as required. ~~Any contract entered into pursuant to this section for the~~  
32 ~~manufacture of license plates and decals shall provide that the license~~  
33 ~~plates and decals, other than prorated license plates and prorated backing~~  
34 ~~plates, shall be shipped directly to the treasurer of the county where they~~  
35 ~~are to be used. Any such contract for the manufacture of state corporation~~  
36 ~~commission identification tags shall provide that such tags shall be~~  
37 ~~shipped directly to the state corporation commission.~~

38 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-147 is hereby repealed.

39 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
40 publication in the statute book.