

2021 Kansas Statutes

32-1049a. Failure to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation; penalties; reinstatement fee for license or permit suspension; waiver, military personnel; fee authorized only by legislative enactment. (a)

Failure to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation means failure to:

- (1) Appear before any district court in response to a wildlife, parks and tourism citation and pay in full any fine, court costs, assessments or fees imposed;
- (2) fully pay or satisfy all fines, court costs, assessments or fees imposed as a part of the sentence of any district court for violation of the wildlife, parks and tourism laws of this state; or
- (3) otherwise comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation as provided in K.S.A. 32-1049, and amendments thereto.

Failure to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation is a class C misdemeanor, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation, complaint or charge was originally issued.

(b) The term "citation" means any complaint, summons, notice to appear, ticket, warrant, penalty assessment or other official document issued for the prosecution of the wildlife, parks and tourism laws or rules and regulations of this state.

(c) In addition to penalties of law applicable under subsection (a) when a person fails to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation or sentence for a violation of wildlife, parks and tourism laws or rules and regulations, the district court in which the person should have complied shall mail a notice to the person that if the person does not appear in the district court or pay all fines, court costs, assessments or fees, and any penalties imposed within 30 days from the date of mailing, the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism shall be notified to forfeit or suspend any license, permit, stamp or other issue of the department. Upon receipt of a report of a failure to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation under this section, and amendments thereto, the department shall notify the violator and suspend or forfeit the license, permit, stamp or other issue of the department held by the violator until satisfactory evidence of compliance with the wildlife, parks and tourism citation or sentence of the district court for violation of the wildlife, parks and tourism laws or rules and regulations of this state are furnished to the informing court. Upon receipt of notification of such compliance from the informing court, the department shall terminate the suspension action, unless the violator is otherwise suspended.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), when the district court notifies the department of a failure to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation or failure to comply with a sentence of the district court imposed on violation of a wildlife, parks and tourism law or rule and regulation, the court shall assess a reinstatement fee of \$50 for each charge or sentence on which the person failed to make satisfaction, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation was originally issued. Such reinstatement fee shall be in addition to any fine, court costs and other assessments, fees or penalties. The court shall remit all reinstatement fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall credit such moneys to the state general fund.

(e) The district court shall waive the reinstatement fee provided for in subsection (d), if the failure to comply with a wildlife, parks and tourism citation was the result of such person enlisting in or being drafted into the armed services of the United States of America, being called into service as a member of a reserve component of the military service of the United

States of America, or volunteering for such active duty or being called into service as a member of the Kansas national guard or volunteering for such active duty and being absent from Kansas because of such military service. The state treasurer and the director of accounts and reports shall prescribe procedures for all such reimbursement payments and shall create appropriate accounts, make appropriate accounting entries and issue such appropriate vouchers and warrants as may be required to make such reimbursement payments.

(f) Except as provided further, the reinstatement fee established in subsection (d) shall be the only fee collected or moneys in the nature of a fee collected for such reinstatement. Such fee shall only be established by an act of the legislature and no other authority is established by law or otherwise to collect a fee. On and after July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025, the supreme court may impose an additional charge, not to exceed \$22 per reinstatement fee, to fund the costs of non-judicial personnel.

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