

**186.177 Special license plates bearing amateur radio call letters.**

- (1) Owners and lessees of motor vehicles that are required to be registered under the provisions of KRS 186.050(1) or (3)(a), who are residents of this state and who hold an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station and operator's license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, upon application accompanied by proof of ownership of the amateur radio licenses, and upon complying with all other laws of this state relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon the payment of an additional license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), shall be issued an additional five (5) year license plate upon which shall be inscribed, in lieu of the usual number, the official amateur radio call letters of the station of the applicant as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, and the year for which the plate is issued. This application and a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee shall be received by the Transportation Cabinet on or before September 1 preceding the year in which the plate or renewal thereof is to be issued. Any payments required to be made under this section shall be in the form of certified check, cashier's check, or a money order. The owner or lessee shall make a new application each year he desires to obtain an amateur radio license or renewal decal. The cabinet shall send the amateur radio plate to the county clerk in the county in which the applicant would be required to register his motor vehicle. The county clerk of the county of residence shall issue the amateur radio license plate and receive fourteen dollars fifty cents (\$14.50), of which three dollars (\$3) shall constitute the clerk's fee and eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) shall constitute the cabinet's fee. Annually thereafter, upon application as provided above and after payment of fourteen dollars fifty cents (\$14.50), three dollars (\$3) of which shall constitute the clerk's fee, the clerk shall issue a decal to renew the vehicle's registration. The decal shall be affixed to the five (5) year registration plate. Upon the sale, transfer, or termination of lease of the vehicle bearing the special plate, the owner or lessee shall remove same and return it and certificate of registration to the county clerk. The clerk shall issue a regular license plate and certificate of registration upon payment of an eleven dollar fifty cent (\$11.50) state fee and a three dollar (\$3) clerk's fee. When the amateur radio plate has been presented to the clerk, he shall reissue same for a two dollar (\$2) clerk's fee and free from payment to the Transportation Cabinet for use on any other vehicle owned or leased by the same person purchasing the amateur radio plate for the current license period. The license plate and decal on this other vehicle shall be turned in to the county clerk, who will forward the license plate to Frankfort. This vehicle may then be transferred as provided in KRS Chapter 186.
- (2) Any applicant seeking a license plate according to this section for a vehicle provided to him pursuant to an occupation shall conform to the requirements set forth in KRS 186.050(14).
- (3) If the amateur radio plate, within five (5) years from the date of its issue, deteriorates to the point where the inscriptions thereon are not discernible, the applicant may obtain a replacement plate free of charge.
- (4) Amateur radio registration under this section expires December 31 each year.

- (5) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations as he deems necessary to further the purpose of this section.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note.** This section was amended by 1982 Acts Chapter 203, Section 6 and 1982 Acts Chapter 421, Section 1, which conflicted and could not be compiled together. Pursuant to KRS 446.250, the amendment in Chapter 203, Section 6, prevailed as the later enactment.