

. . . except as otherwise provided by law. . . ." K.S.A. 8-138a provides an exception from registration for nonresident owners of passenger vehicles which are duly registered in the owner's state of residence, if the state of residence grants reciprocal privileges to residents of this state. K.S.A. 8-1,138 defines residency for purposes of these statutes. According to its legislative history, the main thrust of enacting K.S.A. 8-1,138 was to eliminate a loophole which allowed Kansas residents to register their vehicles in other states. See Report to the 1990 Legislature, Proposal No. 54, p. 721 (November 1989); Minutes, Senate Committee on Transportation and Utilities, March 23, 1990; Attorney General Opinion No. 90-116. In view of these provisions, we do not believe K.S.A. 8-129(a) can be read to allow Kansas residents to register vehicles in another state solely because they have a place of business in that other state.

In conclusion, K.S.A. 8-129(a) provides to persons required to register in this state a possible option as to the county in this state with which the person may register. It does not authorize registration of Kansas residents' vehicles in other states where they have places of business.

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