

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 27—ASSEMBLYWOMAN VON TOBEL

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for support of natural environment of Mount Charleston area. (BDR 43-101)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the issuance of special license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal of such license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department, in cooperation with the division of state lands of the state department of conservation and natural resources, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area using any colors that the department deems appropriate. The design of the license plates must include a depiction of Mount Charleston and its surrounding area. The department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

2. If the department receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area, the department shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license

plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

3. The fee for license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and motor vehicle privilege taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.

4. In addition to all fees for the license, registration and privilege taxes, a person who requests a set of license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 to finance projects for the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area.

5. The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection 4 with the state treasurer for credit to the account for license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area created pursuant to section 3 of this act.

6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, he may retain the plates and:

(a) Affix them to another vehicle that meets the requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees are paid as set out in this chapter; or

(b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle, return them to the department.

Sec. 2. NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

(a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor vehicles he sells and the related fees and taxes;

(b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the requirements of this chapter; and

(c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

(a) Transmit the applications he receives to the department within the period prescribed by the department;

1 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and properly
2 account for them within the period prescribed by the department;

3 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 4; and

4 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue certificates of
5 registration, including any computer hardware or software.

6 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
7 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:

8 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;

9 (b) Receive compensation from the department for the performance of
10 those services;

11 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
12 vehicle; or

13 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the
14 applicant wishes to:

15 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
16 482.3825, inclusive ~~H~~, and *section 1 of this act*; or

17 (2) Claim the exemption from the vehicle privilege tax provided
18 pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

19 4. The director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry
20 out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this
21 subsection must provide for:

22 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by the
23 department; and

24 (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer
25 pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations
26 adopted by the department.

27 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 321 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
28 new section to read as follows:

29 *1. The account for license plates for the support of the natural*
30 *environment of the Mount Charleston area is hereby created in the state*
31 *general fund. The administrator of the division of state lands of the state*
32 *department of conservation and natural resources shall administer the*
33 *account.*

34 *2. The money in the account does not lapse to the state general fund*
35 *at the end of a fiscal year. The interest and income earned on the money*
36 *in the account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited*
37 *to the account.*

38 *3. The money in the account must be used only for the support of*
39 *programs for the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area,*
40 *including, without limitation, programs to improve the wildlife habitat,*
41 *the ecosystem, the forest, public access to the area and its recreational*
42 *use, and must not be used to replace or supplant money available from*
43 *other sources. The administrator may provide grants from the account to*

1 *other public agencies and political subdivisions, including, without*
2 *limitation, unincorporated towns, to carry out the provisions of this*
3 *section.*

4 **Sec. 4.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by limitation on
5 October 1, 2003, if on that date the department of motor vehicles and public
6 safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the issuance of a license
7 plate pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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