

Senate Bill No. 339—Senators Rhoads, Jacobsen,

McGinness, Amodei and James

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the issuance of special license plates indicating support for the promotion of agriculture within this state, including support for the programs and activities of the Future Farmers of America within the State of Nevada; 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 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department, in cooperation with the division of agriculture of the department of business and industry and the Nevada Future Farmers of America Foundation, shall design, prepare and issue license plates which indicate support for the promotion of agriculture within this state, including, without limitation, support for the programs and activities of the Future Farmers of America within this state, using any colors that the department deems appropriate. The design of the license plates must include the phrase “People Grow Things Here!” and an identifying symbol furnished by the Nevada Future Farmers of America Foundation. 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 which indicate support for the promotion of agriculture within this state, 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 which indicate support for the promotion of agriculture within this state if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates which indicate support for the promotion of agriculture within this state pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

3. The fee for license plates which indicate support for the promotion of agriculture within this state 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 which indicate support for the promotion of agriculture within this state 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 be distributed in accordance with subsection 5.

5. The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection 4 with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund. The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this section in the following manner:

(a) Remit one-half of the fees to the Nevada Future Farmers of America Foundation for the support of programs and activities of the Future Farmers of America within this state.

(b) Deposit one-half of the fees for credit to the account for license plates for the promotion of agriculture within this state created pursuant to section 7 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. 3. 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 6 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. 4. 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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3825, inclusive ~~§1~~, *and section 3 of this act*; or

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

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

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

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

Sec. 5. NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be paid:

For a certificate of registration	\$5.00
For every substitute number plate or set of plates	5.00
For every duplicate number plate or set of plates	10.00
For every decal displaying a county name	50
For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab	5.00

2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

(a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816, inclusive, ~~and~~ section 1 of *Senate Bill No. 204 of this ~~act~~ session and section 2 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

(b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

(c) For any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the director for the issuance of those plates.

3. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and decals displaying county names must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the motor vehicle fund and allocated to the department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his registration using the same code.

(b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the code of the previously issued plate or set.

Sec. 6. Chapter 321 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

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

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

3. The money in the account must be used only for the support of programs for the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area, including, without limitation, programs to improve the wildlife habitat, the ecosystem, the forest, public access to the area and its recreational use, and must not be used to replace or supplant money available from other sources. The administrator may provide grants from the account to other public agencies and political subdivisions, including, without limitation, unincorporated towns, to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 7. Chapter 561 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The account for license plates for the promotion of agriculture within this state is hereby created in the state general fund. The administrator shall administer the account.

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

3. The money in the account must be used only for the promotion of agriculture within this state and must not be used to replace or supplant money available from other sources. The administrator may provide grants from the account to other public agencies to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. 1. This section and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 and 7 of this act become effective on October 1, 1999.

2. Section 5 of this act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 1999.

3. The amendatory provisions of sections 2, 5 and 7 of this act expire by limitation on October 1, 2003, if on that date the department of motor vehicles and public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the issuance of a license plate pursuant to section 2 of this act.

4. The amendatory provisions of sections 3, 4 and 6 of this act expire by limitation on October 1, 2003, if on that date the department of motor vehicles and public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the issuance of a license plate pursuant to section 3 of this act.

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