

SENATE BILL NO. 379—SENATOR PORTER

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates recognizing service as Seabee in United States Navy. (BDR 43-1253)

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 recognizing service as a Seabee in the United States Navy; 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:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the department, in***
4 ***cooperation with residents of this state who are Seabees, shall design,***
5 ***prepare and issue license plates that recognize service as a Seabee using***
6 ***any colors and designs which the department deems appropriate. The***
7 ***department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it***
8 ***receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.***
9 ***2. If the department receives at least 250 applications for the***
10 ***issuance of license plates that recognize service as a Seabee, the***
11 ***department shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light***
12 ***commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to***
13 ***license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with***
14 ***the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter.***
15 ***A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued***
16 ***pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates that recognize***
17 ***service as a Seabee if that person pays the fees for the personalized***

1 *prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates that*
2 *recognize service as a Seabee pursuant to subsection 4.*

3 *3. An application for the issuance or renewal of license plates that*
4 *recognize service as a Seabee is void unless the application is*
5 *accompanied by documentation which, in the determination of the*
6 *department, provides reasonable proof of the identity of the applicant*
7 *and proof of his status as a Seabee. Such documentation may include,*
8 *without limitation:*

9 *(a) A copy of Department of Defense Form No. 214 (DD 214); or*

10 *(b) Indicia of membership in the Navy Seabee Veterans of America.*
11 *An applicant who has been dishonorably discharged from the United*
12 *States Navy is not eligible to receive license plates that recognize service*
13 *as a Seabee.*

14 *4. The fee for license plates that recognize service as a Seabee is \$35,*
15 *in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and motor*
16 *vehicle privilege taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the*
17 *payment of \$10.*

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

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

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

26 *6. As used in this section, "Seabee" means a person who is serving or*
27 *has served on active or reserve duty in the United States Navy as a*
28 *member of a construction battalion, construction brigade or underwater*
29 *construction team under the occupational rating of builder (BU),*
30 *construction electrician (CE), construction mechanic (CM), engineering*
31 *aide (EA), equipment operator (EO), steel worker (SW) or utilitiesman*
32 *(UT).*

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

34 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department
35 may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

40 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS
41 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new

42 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 ~~H~~, and *section 1 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. 3. 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:

1 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672,
2 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816,
3 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

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

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

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

13 4. As used in this section:

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

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

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