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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 474—ASSEMBLYMEN NOLAN, GIBBONS, MCCLAIN,  
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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning enforcement of registration of motor vehicle by new resident of this state. (BDR 43-1201)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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; requiring the director of the department of motor vehicles and public safety to establish a toll-free telephone number for the reporting of certain violations relating to the registration of a vehicle; requiring the department to notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of violations; making an appropriation; 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 *The director shall:*

4 *1. Establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for persons*  
5 *to report to the department information concerning alleged violations of*  
6 *subsection 3 of NRS 482.385.*

7 *2. Establish procedures pursuant to which employees of the*  
8 *department will receive information reported pursuant to subsection 1*  
9 *and, based upon the information so received, determine the appropriate*  
10 *action to be taken in response to the information.*

11 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 482.385 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS  
13 482.390, a nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to registration  
14 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, owning any vehicle which has  
15 been registered for the current year in the state, country or other place of  
16 which the owner is a resident and which at all times when operated in this  
17 state has displayed upon it the registration license plate issued for the



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1 vehicle in the place of residence of the owner, may operate or permit the  
2 operation of the vehicle within this state without its registration in this state  
3 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and without the payment of any  
4 registration fees to this state.

5 2. This section does not:

6 (a) Prohibit the use of manufacturers', distributors' or dealers' license  
7 plates issued by any state or country by any nonresident in the operation of  
8 any vehicle on the public highways of this state.

9 (b) Require registration of vehicles of a type subject to registration  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter operated by nonresident common  
11 motor carriers of persons or property, contract motor carriers of persons or  
12 property, or private motor carriers of property as stated in NRS 482.390.

13 (c) Require registration of a vehicle operated by a border state  
14 employee.

15 3. When a person, formerly a nonresident, becomes a resident of this  
16 state, he shall:

17 (a) Within 30 days after becoming a resident; or

18 (b) At the time he obtains his driver's license,  
19 whichever occurs earlier, apply for the registration of any vehicle which he  
20 owns and which is operated in this state. *If a person fails to register a  
21 vehicle within 10 days after the last day allowed for timely registration  
22 pursuant to this subsection, the department shall notify the appropriate  
23 local law enforcement agency that the person is in violation of this  
24 subsection.*

25 4. Any resident operating a motor vehicle upon a highway of this state  
26 which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to the resident  
27 operator for his continuous use within this state, shall cause that vehicle to  
28 be registered within 30 days after beginning its operation within this state.

29 5. A person registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of  
30 subsection 3, 4 or 6 ~~of this section~~ or pursuant to NRS 482.390 must be  
31 assessed the registration fees and governmental services tax, as required by  
32 the provisions of this chapter and chapter 371 of NRS. He must not be  
33 allowed credit on those taxes and fees for the unused months of his  
34 previous registration.

35 6. If a vehicle is used in this state for a gainful purpose, the owner  
36 shall immediately apply to the department for registration, except as  
37 otherwise provided in NRS 482.390, 482.395 and 706.801 to 706.861,  
38 inclusive.

39 7. An owner registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of this  
40 section shall surrender the existing nonresident license plates and  
41 registration certificates to the department for cancellation.

42 8. A vehicle may be cited for a violation of this section regardless of  
43 whether it is in operation or is parked on a highway, in a public parking lot  
44 or on private property which is open to the public if, after communicating  
45 with the owner or operator of the vehicle, the peace officer issuing the  
46 citation determines that:

47 (a) The owner of the vehicle is a resident of this state; or

48 (b) The vehicle is used in this state for a gainful purpose.



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1     **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state highway fund  
2 to the department of motor vehicles and public safety the sum of \$109,000  
3 for the purchase of equipment to establish and maintain the toll-free  
4 telephone number pursuant to section 1 of this act and for the costs related  
5 to a multimedia advertising campaign to inform the public about the toll-  
6 free telephone number and its purpose.

7     2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1  
8 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to  
9 the state highway fund as soon as all payments of money committed have  
10 been made.

11    **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 3 of this act become  
12 effective on July 1, 2001.

13    2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on  
14 July 1, 2001.

