

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 476—ASSEMBLYMAN DINI (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises fee for reinstatement of registration of motor vehicle suspended for lack of insurance. (BDR 43-865)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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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; revising the fee for the reinstatement of the registration of a motor vehicle that was suspended for lack of insurance; 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.** NRS 482.451 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     482.451 1. The department shall, upon receiving an order from a  
3     court to suspend the registration of each motor vehicle that is registered to  
4     or owned by a person pursuant to NRS 484.37975, suspend the registration  
5     of each such motor vehicle for 5 days and require the return to the  
6     department of the license plates of each such motor vehicle.  
7     2. If the registration of a motor vehicle of a person is suspended  
8     pursuant to this section, he shall immediately return the certificate of  
9     registration and the license plates to the department.  
10    3. The period of suspension of the registration of a motor vehicle that  
11    is suspended pursuant to this section begins on the effective date of the  
12    suspension as set forth in the notice thereof.  
13    4. The department shall reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle  
14    that was suspended pursuant to this section and reissue the license plates of  
15    the motor vehicle only upon the payment of the fee for reinstatement of  
16    registration prescribed in subsection ~~404~~ *11* of NRS 482.480.  
17    5. The suspension of the registration of a motor vehicle pursuant to  
18    this section does not prevent the owner of the motor vehicle from selling or  
19    otherwise transferring an interest in the motor vehicle.  
20    **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
21    482.480 There must be paid to the department for the registration or  
22    the transfer or reinstatement of the registration of motor vehicles, trailers  
23    and semitrailers, fees according to the following schedule:



- 1     1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for each stock  
2 passenger car and each reconstructed or specially constructed passenger car  
3 registered to a person, regardless of weight or number of passenger  
4 capacity, a fee for registration of \$33.
- 5     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:
- 6       (a) For each of the fifth and sixth such cars registered to a person, a fee  
7 for registration of \$16.50.
- 8       (b) For each of the seventh and eighth such cars registered to a person, a  
9 fee for registration of \$12.
- 10      (c) For each of the ninth or more such cars registered to a person, a fee  
11 for registration of \$8.
- 12     3. The fees specified in subsection 2 do not apply:
- 13       (a) Unless the person registering the cars presents to the department at  
14 the time of registration the registrations of all of the cars registered to him.
- 15       (b) To cars that are part of a fleet.
- 16     4. For every motorcycle, a fee for registration of \$33 and for each  
17 motorcycle other than a trimobile, an additional fee of \$6 for motorcycle  
18 safety. The additional fee must be deposited in the state highway fund for  
19 credit to the account for the program for the education of motorcycle  
20 riders.
- 21     5. For each transfer of registration, a fee of \$6 in addition to any other  
22 fees.
- 23     6. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle suspended pursuant  
24 to NRS 485.317 ~~+~~:
- 25       ~~(a) A fee of \$250, a reinstatement fee~~ for a registered owner who  
26 failed to have insurance on the date specified in the form for verification  
27 that was mailed by the department pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS  
28 485.317 ~~+~~; ~~or~~
- 29       ~~(b) A fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who~~  
30 ~~canceled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the insurance~~  
31 ~~coverage for that vehicle to expire without first canceling the registration~~  
32 ~~for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 485.320,~~  
33 ~~both~~ of:
- 34       (a) *Fifty dollars, if it is the first occurrence in which the registered*  
35 *owner failed to have insurance on the date specified in the form;*
- 36       (b) *One hundred dollars, if it is the second occurrence in which the*  
37 *registered owner failed to have insurance on the date specified in the*  
38 *form; and*
- 39       (c) *Two hundred fifty dollars, if it is the third or subsequent*  
40 *occurrence in which the registered owner failed to have insurance on the*  
41 *date specified in the form,*
- 42 which must be deposited in the account for verification of insurance which  
43 is hereby created in the state highway fund. Money in the account must be  
44 used to carry out the provisions of NRS 485.313 to 485.318, inclusive.
- 45     7. *To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle suspended*  
46 *pursuant to NRS 485.317 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle*  
47 *who canceled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the*  
48 *insurance coverage for that vehicle to expire without first canceling the*  
49 *registration for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS*



1 *485.320, a reinstatement fee of \$50, which must be deposited in the*  
2 *account for verification of insurance.*

3 8. For every travel trailer, a fee for registration of \$27.

4 ~~18.1~~ 9. For every permit for the operation of a golf cart, an annual fee  
5 of \$10.

6 ~~19.1~~ 10. For every low-speed vehicle, as that term is defined in NRS  
7 484.527, a fee for registration of \$33.

8 ~~110.1~~ 11. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is  
9 suspended pursuant to NRS 482.451, a fee of \$33.

10 **Sec. 3.** NRS 485.317 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 485.317 1. The department shall, at least monthly, compare the  
12 current registrations of motor vehicles to the information in the database  
13 created pursuant to NRS 485.313 to verify that each motor vehicle:

14 (a) Which is newly registered in this state; or

15 (b) For which a policy of liability insurance has been issued, amended  
16 or terminated,

17 is covered by a policy of liability insurance as required by NRS 485.185. In  
18 identifying a motor vehicle for verification pursuant to this subsection, the  
19 department shall, if the motor vehicle was manufactured during or after  
20 1981, use only the vehicle identification number, in whole or in part.

21 2. The department shall send a form for verification by first-class mail  
22 to each registered owner that it determines has not maintained the  
23 insurance required by NRS 485.185. The owner shall complete the form  
24 with all the information which is requested by the department, including  
25 whether he carries an owner's or operator's policy of liability insurance or  
26 a certificate of self-insurance, and return the completed form within 20  
27 days after the date on which the form was mailed by the department. If the  
28 department does not receive the completed form within 20 days after it  
29 mailed the form to the owner, the department shall send to the owner a  
30 second form for verification by certified mail. The owner shall complete  
31 the form and return it to the department within 15 days after the date on  
32 which it was sent by the department. This subsection does not prohibit an  
33 authorized agent of the owner from providing to the department:

34 (a) The information requested by the department pursuant to this  
35 subsection.

36 (b) Additional information to amend or correct information already  
37 submitted to the department pursuant to this subsection.

38 3. When the department receives a completed form for verification it  
39 shall verify the information on the form.

40 4. The department shall suspend the registration and require the return  
41 to the department of the license plates of any vehicle for which:

42 (a) Neither of the forms for verification set forth in subsection 2 is  
43 returned to the department by the registered owner or his authorized agent  
44 within the period specified in that subsection;

45 (b) Either of the forms for verification set forth in subsection 2 is  
46 returned to the department by the registered owner or his authorized agent  
47 and the department is not able to verify the information on the form; or

48 (c) Either of the forms for verification set forth in subsection 2 is  
49 returned by the registered owner or his authorized agent with an admission



1 of having no insurance or without indicating an insurer or the number of a  
2 motor vehicle liability policy or a certificate of self-insurance.

3 5. If the department suspends a registration pursuant to subsection 4  
4 because:

5 (a) Neither the owner nor his authorized agent returned a form for  
6 verification within the specified period or the owner or his authorized agent  
7 returned a form for verification that was not completed sufficiently, and the  
8 owner or his authorized agent, thereafter:

9 (1) Proves to the satisfaction of the department that there was a  
10 justifiable cause for his failure to do so;

11 (2) Submits a completed form regarding his insurance on the date  
12 stated in the form mailed by the department pursuant to subsection 2; and

13 (3) Presents evidence of current insurance; or

14 (b) The owner or his authorized agent submitted to the department a  
15 form for verification containing information that the department was  
16 unable to verify and, thereafter, the owner or his authorized agent presents  
17 to the department:

18 (1) A corrected form or otherwise verifiable evidence setting forth  
19 that the owner possessed insurance on the date stated in the form; and

20 (2) Evidence of current insurance,  
21 the department shall rescind its suspension of the registration if it is able to  
22 verify the information on the form or the other evidence presented. The  
23 department shall not charge a fee to reinstate a registration, the suspension  
24 of which was rescinded pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of this  
25 subsection, "justifiable cause" may include, but is not limited to, the fact  
26 that the owner did not receive the form mailed by the department pursuant  
27 to subsection 2.

28 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a registered owner  
29 whose registration is suspended pursuant to subsection 4, failed to have  
30 insurance on the date specified in the form for verification, the department  
31 shall reinstate the registration of the vehicle and reissue the license plates  
32 only upon filing by the registered owner of evidence of current insurance  
33 and payment of the fee for reinstatement of registration prescribed in  
34 ~~paragraph (a) of~~ subsection 6 of NRS 482.480.

35 7. If a registered owner proves to the satisfaction of the department  
36 that his vehicle was a dormant vehicle during the period in which the  
37 information provided pursuant to NRS 485.314 indicated that there was no  
38 insurance for the vehicle, the department shall reinstate his registration and,  
39 if applicable, reissue his license plates. If such an owner of a dormant  
40 vehicle failed to cancel the registration for the vehicle in accordance with  
41 subsection 3 of NRS 485.320, the department shall not reinstate his  
42 registration or reissue his license plates unless the owner pays the fee set  
43 forth in ~~paragraph (b) of subsection 6~~ subsection 7 of NRS 482.480.

44 8. For the purposes of verification of insurance by the department  
45 pursuant to this section, a registered owner shall not be deemed to have  
46 failed to maintain liability insurance for a motor vehicle unless the vehicle  
47 is without coverage for a period of more than 7 days.

48 **Sec. 4.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to conduct  
49 that occurred before July 1, 2001.



1     **Sec. 5.**   This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

