

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 643—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for antique trucks and truck-tractors and authorizes owner or operator of motor vehicle displaying special license plates for disabled veteran to park in space designated for handicapped persons under certain circumstances. (BDR 43-1019)

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; providing for the issuance of special license plates for antique trucks and truck-tractors; authorizing under certain circumstances the owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying special license plates for a disabled veteran to park in a parking space designated for handicapped persons; 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 subsection, the department*
4 *may design, prepare and issue special license plates and registration*
5 *certificates to residents of Nevada for an antique truck or truck-tractor*
6 *pursuant to this section. The department shall not design, prepare or*
7 *issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the*
8 *issuance of those plates. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,*
9 *the antique truck or truck-tractor must not be used for general*
10 *transportation, but may be used for antique truck shows, exhibitions,*
11 *parades or similar activities.*
12 2. *In lieu of the annual registration and fees required by this*
13 *chapter, and of the governmental services tax imposed by chapter 371 of*
14 *NRS, the owner of an antique truck or truck-tractor may submit:*
15 (a) *An affidavit to the department indicating that the antique truck or*
16 *truck-tractor:*
17 (1) *Will be used only for the purposes enumerated in subsection 1;*
18 (2) *Has been inspected and found safe to be operated on the*
19 *highways of this state;*



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- 1 (3) Will be at least 25 years old on the date on which the owner of
2 the antique truck or truck-tractor applies for license plates pursuant to
3 this section; and
4 (4) Has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of more than 1
5 ton.
6 (b) The following fees for the issuance of license plates pursuant to
7 this section:
8 (1) For the first issuance..... \$15
9 (2) For a renewal sticker..... 5
10 3. If the owner elects to use the antique truck or truck-tractor as
11 general transportation, he shall pay the regular annual registration and
12 fees prescribed by law and the governmental services tax imposed by
13 chapter 371 of NRS.
14 4. License plates issued pursuant to this section must bear the
15 inscription "Antique Truck," and the plates must be numbered
16 consecutively.
17 5. The cost of the die and the modifications necessary for the
18 issuance of a license plate pursuant to this section must be paid from
19 private sources without any expense to the State of Nevada.
20 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued
21 pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which
22 the plates are affixed, the holder shall:
23 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets the
24 requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees are paid
25 as set out in this chapter; or
26 (b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle, return
27 them to the department.
28 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:
29 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department
30 may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:
31 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor vehicles he
32 sells and the related fees and taxes;
33 (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the
34 requirements of this chapter; and
35 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS
36 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new
37 vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.
38 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
39 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:
40 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the department within the
41 period prescribed by the department;
42 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and properly
43 account for them within the period prescribed by the department;
44 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 4; and
45 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue certificates
46 of registration, including any computer hardware or software.
47 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
48 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:
49 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;



- 1 (b) Receive compensation from the department for the performance of
2 those services;
- 3 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
4 vehicle; or
- 5 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the
6 applicant wishes to:
- 7 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
8 482.3825, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or
- 9 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided
10 pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.
- 11 4. The director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry
12 out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this
13 subsection must provide for:
- 14 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by
15 the department; and
- 16 (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer
17 pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations
18 adopted by the department.
- 19 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 20 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
21 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
22 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be
23 paid:
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| 25 | For a certificate of registration | \$5.00 |
| 26 | For every substitute number plate or set of plates | 5.00 |
| 27 | For every duplicate number plate or set of plates..... | 10.00 |
| 28 | For every decal displaying a county name | .50 |
| 29 | For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab | 5.00 |
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- 31 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or set of
32 plates issued for the following special license plates:
- 33 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672,
34 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816,
35 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.
- 36 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765,
37 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.
- 38 (c) For any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or
39 sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that
40 established by the director for the issuance of those plates.
- 41 3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute decal
42 requested pursuant to NRS 482.37635.
- 43 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and decals
44 displaying county names must be deposited with the state treasurer for
45 credit to the motor vehicle fund and allocated to the department to defray
46 the costs of duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.
- 47 5. As used in this section:
- 48 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of license
49 plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of a plate or set of



1 plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his registration using the
2 same code.

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

7 **Sec. 4.** NRS 484.407 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 484.407 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~12.1~~ 3, an
9 owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a special parking placard,
10 a special parking sticker, a temporary parking placard, a temporary parking
11 sticker or special plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.384, or special plates
12 for a disabled veteran issued pursuant to NRS 482.377, may park the motor
13 vehicle for not more than 4 hours at any one time in a parking zone
14 restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted, without penalty,
15 removal or impoundment of the vehicle if the parking is otherwise
16 consistent with public safety and is done by a person with a disability
17 which limits or impairs the ability to walk, a disabled veteran or a person
18 transporting such a person.

19 2. *An owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying special plates*
20 *for a disabled veteran issued pursuant to NRS 482.377 may, without*
21 *displaying a special license plate, placard or sticker issued pursuant to*
22 *NRS 482.384, park in a parking space designated for the handicapped if:*

23 (a) *The parking is done by a disabled veteran; or*

24 (b) *A disabled veteran is a passenger in the motor vehicle being*
25 *parked.*

26 3. This section does not authorize the parking of a motor vehicle in any
27 privately or municipally owned facility for parking off the highway without
28 paying the required fee for the time during which the vehicle is so parked.

29 **Sec. 5.** NRS 484.408 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 484.408 1. Any parking space designated for the handicapped must
31 be indicated by a sign:

32 (a) Bearing the international symbol of access with or without the words
33 "Parking," "Handicapped Parking," "Handicapped Parking Only," or
34 "Reserved for the Handicapped," or any other word or combination of
35 words indicating that the space is designated for the handicapped;

36 (b) Stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for use by others" or equivalent
37 words; and

38 (c) The bottom of which must be not less than 4 feet above the ground.

39 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, a parking space
40 designated for the handicapped which:

41 (a) Is designed for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-loading
42 wheelchair lift; and

43 (b) Is located in a parking lot with 60 or more parking
44 spaces,

45 must be indicated by a sign using a combination of words to state that the
46 space is for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair
47 lift.

48 3. If a parking space is designed for the use of a vehicle with a side-
49 loading wheelchair lift, the space which is immediately adjacent and



- 1 intended for use in the loading and unloading of a wheelchair into or out of
2 such a vehicle must be indicated by a sign:
- 3 (a) Stating "No Parking" or similar words which indicate that parking in
4 such a space is prohibited;
- 5 (b) Stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for violation" or similar words
6 indicating that the minimum fine for parking in such a space is \$100; and
7 (c) The bottom of which must not be less than 4 feet above the ground.
- 8 4. A person shall not park a vehicle in a space designated for the
9 handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 1, whether
10 on public or privately owned property, unless he is eligible to do so and the
11 vehicle displays:
- 12 (a) Special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.384;
13 (b) A special or temporary parking placard issued pursuant to NRS
14 482.384;
15 (c) A special or temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to NRS
16 482.384;
17 (d) Special license plates, a special or temporary parking sticker, or a
18 special or temporary parking placard displaying the international symbol of
19 access issued by another state or a foreign country; or
20 (e) Special license plates for a disabled veteran ~~and a special parking~~
21 ~~placard~~ issued pursuant to NRS ~~482.384~~ 482.377.
- 22 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person shall not
23 park a vehicle in a space that is reserved for the exclusive use of a vehicle
24 with a side-loading wheelchair lift and is designated for the handicapped
25 by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 2, whether on public or
26 privately owned property, unless:
- 27 (a) He is eligible to do so;
28 (b) The vehicle displays the special license plates or placard set forth in
29 subsection 4; and
30 (c) The vehicle is equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift.
- 31 A person who meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) may park a
32 vehicle that is not equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift in such a
33 parking space if the space is in a parking lot with fewer than 60 parking
34 spaces.
- 35 6. A person shall not park in a space which:
- 36 (a) Is immediately adjacent to a space designed for use by a vehicle
37 with a side-loading wheelchair lift; and
38 (b) Is designated as a space in which parking is prohibited by a sign that
39 meets the requirements of subsection 3,
40 whether on public or privately owned property.
- 41 7. A person shall not use a plate, sticker or placard set forth in
42 subsection 4 to park in a space designated for the handicapped unless he is
43 a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, a
44 disabled veteran or the driver of a vehicle in which such a person is a
45 passenger.
- 46 8. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a
47 misdemeanor and shall be punished:
- 48 (a) Upon the first offense, by a fine of \$100.



1 (b) Upon the second offense, by a fine of \$250 and not less than 8
2 hours, but not more than 50 hours, of community service.

3 (c) Upon the third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than \$500,
4 but not more than \$1,000 and not less than 25 hours, but not more than 100
5 hours, of community service.

6 **Sec. 6.** On or before October 1, 2005, the department of motor
7 vehicles and public safety shall determine and publicly declare the number
8 of applications that it has received for the issuance of license plates
9 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of this act.

10 **Sec. 7.** The amendatory provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act
11 expire by limitation on October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of
12 motor vehicles and public safety has received fewer than 250 applications
13 for the issuance of license plates pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of
14 this act.

15 **Sec. 8.** The amendatory provisions of sections 4 and 5 of this act do
16 not apply to the parking of a motor vehicle that occurred before July 1,
17 2001.

18 **Sec. 9.** 1. This section and sections 4, 5 and 8 become effective on
19 July 1, 2001.

20 2. Sections 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 become effective on October 1, 2001.

