

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 643—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions governing issuance and use of special license plates. (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 the support of the preservation of the history of atomic testing in Nevada; providing for the issuance of special license plates to support preserving the federal lands surrounding Las Vegas; 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
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*
4 *department, in cooperation with the Nevada Test Site Historical*
5 *Foundation or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue license*
6 *plates for the support of the preservation of the history of atomic testing*
7 *in Nevada, using any colors and designs that the department deems*
8 *appropriate. The department shall not design, prepare or issue the*
9 *license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance*
10 *of those plates.*

11 *2. If the department receives at least 250 applications for the*
12 *issuance of license plates for the support of the preservation of the*
13 *history of atomic testing in Nevada, the department shall issue those*
14 *plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application*
15 *by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and*
16 *who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and*
17 *licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that*
18 *personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be*



1 combined with license plates for the support of the preservation of the
2 history of atomic testing in Nevada if that person pays the fees for the
3 personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license
4 plates for the support of the preservation of the history of atomic testing
5 in Nevada pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

6 3. The fee for license plates for the support of the preservation of the
7 history of atomic testing in Nevada is \$35, in addition to all other
8 applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes.
9 The license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.

10 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and
11 governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in subsection 3, a
12 person who requests a set of license plates for the support of the
13 preservation of the history of atomic testing in Nevada must pay for the
14 initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each
15 renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be distributed pursuant
16 to subsection 5.

17 5. The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to
18 subsection 4 with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund.
19 The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees
20 deposited pursuant to this subsection to the Nevada Test Site Historical
21 Foundation or its successor for its programs and activities in support of
22 the preservation of the history of atomic testing in Nevada.

23 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued
24 pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which
25 the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

26 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets the
27 requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees are paid
28 as set forth in this chapter; or

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

31 **Sec. 3.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
32 department, in cooperation with the Outside Las Vegas Foundation or its
33 successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates to support
34 preserving the federal lands surrounding Las Vegas, promoting
35 community stewardship of those valuable resources, enriching visitors'
36 experience and enhancing the quality of life of local residents, using any
37 colors and designs that the department deems appropriate. The
38 department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it
39 receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

40 2. If the department receives at least 250 applications for the
41 issuance of license plates pursuant to this section, the department shall
42 issue those plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon
43 application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS
44 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for
45 registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request
46 that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667
47 be combined with license plates issued pursuant to this section if that
48 person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in



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1 addition to the fees prescribed pursuant to subsections 3 and 4 for the
2 license plates issued pursuant to this section.

3 3. The fee for license plates issued pursuant to this section is \$35, in
4 addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and
5 governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the
6 payment of \$10.

7 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and
8 governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in subsection 3, a
9 person who requests a set of license plates pursuant to this section must
10 pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for
11 each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 to be distributed
12 pursuant to subsection 5.

13 5. The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to
14 subsection 4 with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund.
15 The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees
16 deposited pursuant to this section to the Outside Las Vegas Foundation
17 or its successor for its programs and activities in support of preserving
18 the federal lands surrounding Las Vegas, promoting community
19 stewardship of those valuable resources, enriching visitors' experience
20 and enhancing the quality of life of local residents.

21 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued
22 pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are
23 affixed, the holder shall:

24 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets the
25 requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees are paid
26 as set forth in this chapter; or

27 (b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle, return
28 them to the department.

29 **Sec. 4. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
30 department may design, prepare and issue special license plates and
31 registration certificates to residents of Nevada for an antique truck or
32 truck-tractor pursuant to this section. The department shall not design,
33 prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250
34 applications for the issuance of those plates. Except as otherwise
35 provided in subsection 3, the antique truck or truck-tractor must not be
36 used for general transportation, but may be used for antique truck shows,
37 exhibitions, parades or similar activities.

38 2. In lieu of the annual registration and fees required by this
39 chapter, and of the governmental services tax imposed by chapter 371 of
40 NRS, the owner of an antique truck or truck-tractor may submit:

41 (a) An affidavit to the department indicating that the antique truck or
42 truck-tractor:

43 (1) Will be used only for the purposes enumerated in subsection 1;

44 (2) Has been inspected and found safe to be operated on the
45 highways of this state;

46 (3) Will be at least 25 years old on the date on which the owner of
47 the antique truck or truck-tractor applies for license plates pursuant to
48 this section; and



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



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

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

5 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
6 482.3825, inclusive, and section 1 of *Senate Bill No. 77 of this session*
7 *and section 1 of Senate Bill No. 414 of this ~~act~~ session and sections 2, 3*
8 *and 4 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. 6.** 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 name50
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 *Senate Bill No. 77 of this session and section 1*
36 *of Senate Bill No. 414 of this ~~act~~ session, and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this*
37 *act*, a fee of \$10.

38 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765,
39 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

40 (c) Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of *Senate Bill No. 77 of*
41 *this ~~act~~ session*, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS
42 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee
43 equal to that established by the director for the issuance of those plates.

44 3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute of a decal
45 issued pursuant to NRS 482.37635.

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



1 5. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (a) *The parking is done by a disabled veteran; or*
27 (b) *A disabled veteran is a passenger in the motor vehicle being*
28 *parked.*

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

32 **Sec. 8.** NRS 484.408 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 484.408 1. Any parking space designated for the handicapped must
34 be indicated by a sign:

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

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

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

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

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

46 (b) Is located in a parking lot with 60 or more parking
47 spaces,



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

4 3. If a parking space is designed for the use of a vehicle with a side-
5 loading wheelchair lift, the space which is immediately adjacent and
6 intended for use in the loading and unloading of a wheelchair into or out of
7 such a vehicle must be indicated by a sign:

8 (a) Stating "No Parking" or similar words which indicate that parking in
9 such a space is prohibited;

10 (b) Stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for violation" or similar words
11 indicating that the minimum fine for parking in such a space is \$100; and

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

13 4. An owner of private property upon which is located a parking space
14 described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 shall erect and maintain or cause to be
15 erected and maintained any sign required pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3,
16 whichever is applicable. If a parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3
17 is located on public property, the governmental entity having control over
18 that public property shall erect and maintain or cause to be erected and
19 maintained any sign required pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3, whichever is
20 applicable.

21 5. A person shall not park a vehicle in a space designated for the
22 handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 1, whether
23 on public or privately owned property, unless he is eligible to do so and the
24 vehicle displays:

25 (a) Special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.384;

26 (b) A special or temporary parking placard issued pursuant to NRS
27 482.384;

28 (c) A special or temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to NRS
29 482.384;

30 (d) Special license plates, a special or temporary parking sticker, or a
31 special or temporary parking placard displaying the international symbol of
32 access issued by another state or a foreign country; or

33 (e) Special license plates for a disabled veteran ~~and a special parking~~
34 ~~placard~~ issued pursuant to NRS ~~482.384~~ 482.377.

35 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person shall not
36 park a vehicle in a space that is reserved for the exclusive use of a vehicle
37 with a side-loading wheelchair lift and is designated for the handicapped
38 by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 2, whether on public or
39 privately owned property, unless:

40 (a) He is eligible to do so;

41 (b) The vehicle displays the special license plates or placard set forth in
42 subsection 5; and

43 (c) The vehicle is equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift.

44 A person who meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) may park a
45 vehicle that is not equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift in such a
46 parking space if the space is in a parking lot with fewer than 60 parking
47 spaces.

48 7. A person shall not park in a space which:



1 (a) Is immediately adjacent to a space designed for use by a vehicle
2 with a side-loading wheelchair lift; and

3 (b) Is designated as a space in which parking is prohibited by a sign that
4 meets the requirements of subsection 3,
5 whether on public or privately owned property.

6 8. A person shall not use a plate, sticker or placard set forth in
7 subsection 5 to park in a space designated for the handicapped unless he is
8 a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, a
9 disabled veteran or the driver of a vehicle in which such a person is a
10 passenger.

11 9. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsections 5 to 8,
12 inclusive, ~~of this section~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
13 punished:

14 (a) Upon the first offense, by a fine of \$100.

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

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

20 **Sec. 9.** On or before October 1, 2005, the department of motor
21 vehicles and public safety shall determine and publicly declare the number
22 of applications that it has received for the issuance of license plates
23 pursuant to:

- 24 1. Section 2 of this act;
- 25 2. Section 3 of this act; and
- 26 3. Section 4 of this act.

27 **Sec. 10.** 1. The amendatory provisions of section 2 of this act expire
28 by limitation on October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of motor
29 vehicles and public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the
30 issuance of license plates pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of this act.

31 2. The amendatory provisions of section 3 of this act expire by
32 limitation on October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of motor
33 vehicles and public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the
34 issuance of license plates pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of this act.

35 3. The amendatory provisions of section 4 of this act expire by
36 limitation on October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of motor
37 vehicles and public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the
38 issuance of license plates pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of this act.

39 **Sec. 11.** The amendatory provisions of sections 7 and 8 of this act do
40 not apply to the parking of a motor vehicle that occurred before July 1,
41 2001.

42 **Sec. 12.** 1. This section and sections 7, 8 and 11 of this act become
43 effective on July 1, 2001.

44 2. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 9 and 10 of this act become effective on
45 October 1, 2001.

46 3. Sections 5 and 6 of this act become effective at 12:01 a.m. on
47 October 1, 2001.

