

SENATE BILL NO. 257—SENATORS WIENER, O'CONNELL, CARE, CARLTON,
SHAFFER, AMODEI, JACOBSEN, TITUS AND WASHINGTON

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to special license plates indicating employment as current or former professional fire fighter. (BDR 43-505)

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; limiting the issuance of special license plates indicating current or former employment as a professional fire fighter; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of those license plates to be distributed among certain facilities for the treatment of burns which are located within the State of Nevada; 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 482.3753 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.3753 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
3 department, in cooperation with professional fire fighters in the State of
4 Nevada, shall design, prepare and issue license plates that recognize
5 *current or former* employment as a professional fire fighter using any
6 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. The department shall issue license plates that recognize *current or*
10 *former* employment as a professional fire fighter for a passenger car or a
11 light commercial vehicle upon application by a qualified person who is
12 entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise
13 complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to
14 this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates
15 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates that
16 recognize *current or former* employment as a professional fire fighter if
17 that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in
18 addition to the fees for the license plates that recognize *current or former*
19 employment as a professional fire fighter.



1 3. An application for the issuance or renewal of license plates that
2 recognize *current or former* employment as a professional fire fighter is
3 void unless it is accompanied by documentation which, in the
4 determination of the department, provides reasonable proof of the identity
5 of the applicant and proof of his current employment as a professional fire
6 fighter or his status as a ~~retired~~ *former* professional fire fighter ~~Such~~
7 ~~documentation may include, but is not limited to:~~ *who retired from*
8 *employment with a fire department within this state after completing at*
9 *least 10 years of creditable service as a fire fighter within this state. Proof*
10 *of an applicant's current or former employment as a professional fire*
11 *fighter must consist of:*

12 (a) An identification card ~~which indicates that the applicant is currently~~
13 ~~employed as a professional fire fighter or is currently a member of a fire~~
14 ~~fighters' union; or~~

15 ~~—(b) Evidence of his~~ *issued by the Professional Fire Fighters of*
16 *Nevada or its successor;*

17 (b) *An identification card issued by the Nevada Fire Chiefs*
18 *Association or its successor; or*

19 (c) *A letter from the Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada or the*
20 *Nevada Fire Chiefs Association or their respective successors certifying*
21 *the applicant's current or former employment as a professional fire*
22 *fighter.*

23 4. The fee payable to the department for license plates that recognize
24 *current or former* employment as a professional fire fighter is \$35, in
25 addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and motor
26 vehicle privilege taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment
27 to the department of \$10 in addition to all other applicable registration and
28 license fees and motor vehicle privilege taxes.

29 5. *In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and*
30 *motor vehicle privilege taxes and the fees prescribed in subsection 3, a*
31 *person who requests a set of license plates that recognize current or*
32 *former employment as a professional fire fighter must pay for the initial*
33 *issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of*
34 *the plates an additional fee of \$20 to support facilities for the treatment*
35 *of burns which are located within this state.*

36 6. *The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*
37 *subsection 5 with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund.*
38 *The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees*
39 *deposited pursuant to this subsection in equal shares to each facility for*
40 *the treatment of burns which is located within this state.*

41 7. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued
42 pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which
43 the plates are affixed, ~~he may retain the plates and:~~

44 ~~—(a) Affix~~ *the holder shall:*

45 (a) *Retain the plates and affix* them to another vehicle that meets the
46 requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees are paid as
47 set out in this chapter; or

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



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1 ~~16.1~~ 8. As used in this section ~~[-“retired professional”]~~ :
2 (a) *“Facility for the treatment of burns” means a facility that:*
3 *(1) Offers specialized services for the treatment of injuries resulting*
4 *from burns; and*
5 *(2) Is part of or located within a hospital that has a center for the*
6 *treatment of trauma which is designated as a level I center by the*
7 *administrator of the health division of the department of human*
8 *resources.*
9 (b) *“Professional fire fighter” means a person* ~~[-who retired from~~
10 ~~employment with a fire department within this state after completing at~~
11 ~~least 10 years of creditable service as a fire fighter within this state.]~~
12 *employed in this state in a full-time salaried occupation of fire fighting*
13 *for the benefit or safety of the public. The term does not include a*
14 *member of a volunteer fire department or any other person who serves as*
15 *a volunteer with a fire-fighting agency.*
16 **Sec. 2.** For the period beginning July 1, 2001, through July 1, 2002,
17 the provisions of NRS 482.280 to the contrary notwithstanding, the
18 department of motor vehicles and public safety:
19 1. Shall cooperate with a representative of the Professional Fire
20 Fighters of Nevada and of the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association in their
21 efforts to assist the department in:
22 (a) Identifying persons who:
23 (1) Possess license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3753; and
24 (2) Do not meet the eligibility requirements set forth in NRS
25 482.3753.
26 (b) Ensuring that ineligible persons do not possess license plates issued
27 pursuant to NRS 482.3753.
28 2. Shall require each person who is applying to renew a license plate
29 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3753 to appear in person and present to an
30 agent or office of the department:
31 (a) The application for renewal;
32 (b) The applicable fees and taxes; and
33 (c) The required proof of eligibility.
34 3. Shall, upon receipt of an application for renewal, suspend the
35 registration of a vehicle for which a license plate has been issued pursuant
36 to NRS 482.3753 to a person who does not meet the eligibility
37 requirements set forth in NRS 482.3753 until the license plates are
38 surrendered to the department.
39 4. Shall not accept an application for the renewal of a license plate
40 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3753 that:
41 (a) Is delivered by mail during the period beginning July 1, 2001,
42 through July 1, 2002; or
43 (b) Is not accompanied by the required proof of eligibility.
44 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

