

SENATE BILL NO. 264—SENATORS TITUS, NEAL, CARE, AMODEI, CARLTON,
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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for support of preservation of
history of atomic testing in Nevada. (BDR 43-317)

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 through
support for the programs and activities of the Nevada Test Site Historical
Foundation or its successor; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal of such
license plates; 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, in*
4 *cooperation with the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation or its*
5 *successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the support*
6 *of the preservation of the history of atomic testing in Nevada, using any*
7 *colors and designs that the department deems appropriate. The*
8 *department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it*
9 *receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.*

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



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1 *personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license*
2 *plates for the support of the preservation of the history of atomic testing*
3 *in Nevada pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.*

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

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

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

21 6. *If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued*
22 *pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which*
23 *the plates are 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. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department
31 may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

32 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor vehicles he
33 sells and the related fees and taxes;

34 (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the
35 requirements of this chapter; and

36 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS
37 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new
38 vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

39 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
40 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

41 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the department within the
42 period prescribed by the department;

43 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and properly
44 account for them within the period prescribed by the department;

45 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 4; and

46 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue certificates
47 of registration, including any computer hardware or software.

48 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
49 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:



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- 1 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;
2 (b) Receive compensation from the department for the performance of
3 those services;
4 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
5 vehicle; or
6 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the
7 applicant wishes to:
8 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
9 482.3825, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or
10 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided
11 pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.
12 4. The director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry
13 out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this
14 subsection must provide for:
15 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by
16 the department; and
17 (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer
18 pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations
19 adopted by the department.
20 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
21 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
22 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
23 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be
24 paid:
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26 For a certificate of registration \$5.00
27 For every substitute number plate or set of plates 5.00
28 For every duplicate number plate or set of plates 10.00
29 For every decal displaying a county name50
30 For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab 5.00
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32 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or set of
33 plates issued for the following special license plates:
34 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672,
35 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816,
36 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.
37 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765,
38 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.
39 (c) For any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or
40 sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that
41 established by the director for the issuance of those plates.
42 3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute *of a* decal
43 ~~requested~~ *issued* pursuant to NRS 482.37635.
44 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and decals
45 displaying county names must be deposited with the state treasurer for
46 credit to the motor vehicle fund and allocated to the department to defray
47 the costs of duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.
48 5. As used in this section:



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

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

9 **Sec. 4.** On or before October 1, 2005, the department of motor
10 vehicles and public safety shall determine and publicly declare the number
11 of applications it has received for the issuance of license plates pursuant to
12 section 1 of this act.

13 **Sec. 5.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by limitation on
14 October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of motor vehicles and
15 public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the issuance of
16 license plates pursuant to section 1 of this act.

