

SENATE BILL NO. 54—SENATOR RAWSON

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for support of rights of animals.  
(BDR 43-693)

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

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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 rights of animals, including support for the activities of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals 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 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals or its***  
5 ***successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the support***  
6 ***of the rights of animals, using any colors and designs that the***  
7 ***department deems appropriate. The department shall not design, prepare***  
8 ***or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for***  
9 ***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 rights of animals, the***  
12 ***department shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light***  
13 ***commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to***  
14 ***license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with***  
15 ***the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter.***  
16 ***A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued***  
17 ***pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates for the***  
18 ***support of the rights of animals if that person pays the fees for the***  
19 ***personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license***

plates for the support of the rights of animals pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

3. The fee for license plates for the support of the rights of animals is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and motor vehicle privilege taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.

4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and motor vehicle privilege taxes and the fee prescribed in subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates for the support of the rights of animals must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be distributed to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals or its successor pursuant to subsection 5.

5. The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection 4 with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund. The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals or its successor for its activities in support of the rights of animals.

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

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

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

**Sec. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;

(b) Receive compensation from the department for the performance of those services;

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

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

(1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3825, inclusive ~~and~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or

(2) Claim the exemption from the vehicle privilege tax provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

4. The director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

(a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by the department; and

(b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations adopted by the department.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3, whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be paid:

For a certificate of registration.....	\$5.00
For every substitute number plate or set of plates .....	5.00
For every duplicate number plate or set of plates .....	10.00
For every decal displaying a county name .....	.50
For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab.....	5.00

2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

(a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

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

(c) For any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate is sued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the director for the issuance of those plates.

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

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

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of license 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.** On or before July 1, 2005, the department of motor vehicles  
8 and public safety shall determine and publicly declare the number of  
9 applications it has received for the issuance of license plates pursuant to  
10 section 1 of this act.

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

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

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