

SENATE BILL NO. 54—SENATOR RAWSON

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for appreciation 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 appreciation of animals; 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***  
4     ***shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the appreciation of***  
5     ***animals, using any colors and designs that the department deems***  
6     ***appropriate. The department shall not design, prepare or issue the***  
7     ***license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance***  
8     ***of those plates.***  
9     ***2. If the department receives at least 250 applications for the***  
10    ***issuance of license plates for the appreciation of animals, the department***  
11    ***shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle***  
12    ***upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to***  
13    ***NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for***  
14    ***registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request***  
15    ***that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667***  
16    ***be combined with license plates for the appreciation of animals if that***  
17    ***person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in***  
18    ***addition to the fees for the license plates for the appreciation of animals***  
19    ***pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.***  
20    ***3. The fee for license plates for the appreciation of animals is \$35, in***  
21    ***addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and***



1 *governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the*  
2 *payment of \$10.*

3 *4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and*  
4 *governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in subsection 3, a*  
5 *person who requests a set of license plates for the appreciation of*  
6 *animals must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of*  
7 *\$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be*  
8 *distributed in the manner prescribed in subsection 5.*

9 *5. The department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*  
10 *subsection 4 with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund.*  
11 *The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute to each county*  
12 *the fees collected for the preceding quarter for license plates for vehicles*  
13 *registered in that county. The money may be used by the county only for*  
14 *animal shelters or programs for the adoption of animals that are*  
15 *approved by the county commission.*

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

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

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

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

25 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department  
26 may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

31 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS  
32 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new  
33 vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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- 1 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the  
2 applicant wishes to:
- 3 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to  
4 482.3825, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or  
5 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided  
6 pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.
- 7 4. The director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry  
8 out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this  
9 subsection must provide for:
- 10 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by  
11 the department; and  
12 (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer  
13 pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations  
14 adopted by the department.
- 15 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
16 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,  
17 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of  
18 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be  
19 paid:  
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| 21 | For a certificate of registration .....                   | \$5.00 |
| 22 | For every substitute number plate or set of plates .....  | 5.00   |
| 23 | For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....    | 10.00  |
| 24 | For every decal displaying a county name .....            | .50    |
| 25 | For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab ..... | 5.00   |
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- 27 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or set of  
28 plates issued for the following special license plates:
- 29 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672,  
30 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816,  
31 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.  
32 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765,  
33 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.  
34 (c) For any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or  
35 sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that  
36 established by the director for the issuance of those plates.
- 37 3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute *of a* decal  
38 ~~requested~~ *issued* pursuant to NRS 482.37635.  
39 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and decals  
40 displaying county names must be deposited with the state treasurer for  
41 credit to the motor vehicle fund and allocated to the department to defray  
42 the costs of duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.  
43 5. As used in this section:
- 44 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of license  
45 plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of a plate or set of  
46 plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his registration using the  
47 same code.  
48 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of license  
49 plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired plate or set of



1 plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the code of the previously  
2 issued plate or set.

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

7 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and sections 1, 3 and 4 of this act become  
8 effective on July 1, 2001.

9 2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1,  
10 2001.

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

