

SENATE BILL NO. 77—SENATOR AMODEI

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN DINI

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates and souvenir license plates to support reconstruction of Virginia & Truckee Railroad. (BDR 43-191)

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 reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad; providing for the issuance of souvenir license plates that indicate support for the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal of special license plates to finance the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad; 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 Northern Nevada Railway Foundation or its***
5 ***successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the support***
6 ***of the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad using any***
7 ***colors that the department deems appropriate. The design of the license***
8 ***plates must include a depiction of a locomotive of the Virginia & Truckee***
9 ***Railroad and the phrase “The Virginia & Truckee Lives.” The***
10 ***department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it***
11 ***receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.***



1 2. If the department receives at least 250 applications for the
2 issuance of license plates for the support of the reconstruction of the
3 Virginia & Truckee Railroad, the department shall issue those plates for
4 a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person
5 who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who
6 otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing
7 pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige
8 license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license
9 plates for the support of the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee
10 Railroad if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license
11 plates in addition to the fees for the license plates for the support of the
12 reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad pursuant to
13 subsections 3 and 4.

14 3. The fee for license plates for the support of the reconstruction of
15 the Virginia & Truckee Railroad is \$35, in addition to all other
16 applicable registration and license fees and motor vehicle privilege taxes.
17 The license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.

18 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and
19 motor vehicle privilege taxes and the fee prescribed in subsection 3, a
20 person who requests a set of license plates for the support of the
21 reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad must pay for the
22 initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each
23 renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be distributed pursuant
24 to subsection 5.

25 5. The department shall transmit the fees collected pursuant to
26 subsection 4 to the office of historic preservation of the department of
27 museums, library and arts, which shall distribute those fees to the
28 Northern Nevada Railway Foundation or its successor. The fees
29 distributed to the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation or its successor
30 pursuant to this subsection must be used only for the reconstruction of
31 the Virginia & Truckee Railroad.

32 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued
33 pursuant to the provisions of subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, disposes of the
34 vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

35 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets the
36 requirements of subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, if the transfer and
37 registration fees are paid as set out in this chapter; or

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

40 7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the director shall,
41 at the request of the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation or its
42 successor:

43 (a) Order the design and preparation of souvenir license plates that
44 indicate support for the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee
45 Railroad; and

46 (b) Issue such souvenir license plates only to the Northern Nevada
47 Railway Foundation or its successor for a fee established pursuant to
48 NRS 482.3825. The Northern Nevada Railway Foundation or its



1 *successor may resell such souvenir license plates at a price determined by*
2 *the Foundation or its successor.*

3 *The director shall not order the design or preparation of souvenir license*
4 *plates pursuant to this subsection unless the department has received at*
5 *least 250 applications for the issuance of license plates for the support of*
6 *the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad pursuant to*
7 *subsections 1 to 6, inclusive.*

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

9 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department
10 may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

15 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS
16 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new
17 vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
37 482.3825, inclusive ~~H~~, and section 1 of this act; or

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

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

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

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



1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.3825 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.3825 1. The director may order the design and preparation of
3 souvenir license plates which are easily distinguishable in design or color
4 from regular license plates. The director may establish a fee for the
5 issuance of such plates of not more than \$15 per plate. The department may
6 issue more than one plate of any particular design.

7 2. All money collected from the issuance of souvenir license plates
8 must be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the motor vehicle fund.

9 3. *As used in this section, "issuance" does not include the resale of a*
10 *souvenir license plate.*

11 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
13 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
14 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be
15 paid:

16 For a certificate of registration \$5.00
17 For every substitute number plate or set of plates 5.00
18 For every duplicate number plate or set of plates..... 10.00
19 For every decal displaying a county name50
20 For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab 5.00

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

23 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672,
24 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816,
25 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

26 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765,
27 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

28 (c) ~~For~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, for* any
29 souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or sample license
30 plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by
31 the director for the issuance of those plates.

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

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

38 5. As used in this section:

39 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of license
40 plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of a plate or set of
41 plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his registration using the
42 same code.

43 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of license
44 plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired plate or set of
45 plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the code of the previously
46 issued plate or set.



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

5 **Sec. 6.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by limitation on
6 October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of motor vehicles and
7 public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the issuance of a
8 license plate pursuant to subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, of section 1 of this
9 act.

