

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



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

16 3. The fee for license plates for the support of the reconstruction,
17 maintenance, improvement and promotion of the Virginia & Truckee
18 Railroad is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and
19 license fees and governmental services taxes. The license plates are
20 renewable upon the payment of \$10.

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

28 5. The department shall transmit the fees collected pursuant to
29 subsection 4 to the treasurer with whom the Tricounty Railway
30 Commission of Carson City and Lyon and Storey counties has entered
31 into an agreement as required by subsection 2 of section 8 of chapter
32 566, Statutes of Nevada 1993, for deposit in the fund created pursuant to
33 that section. The fees transmitted pursuant to this subsection must be
34 used only for the reconstruction, maintenance, improvement and
35 promotion of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad.

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

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

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

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

47 (a) Order the design and preparation of souvenir license plates that
48 indicate support for the reconstruction, maintenance, improvement and
49 promotion of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad; and



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1 ***(b) Issue such souvenir license plates only to the Northern Nevada***
2 ***Railway Foundation or its successor for a fee established pursuant to***
3 ***NRS 482.3825. The Northern Nevada Railway Foundation or its***
4 ***successor may resell such souvenir license plates at a price determined by***
5 ***the Foundation or its successor.***
6 ***The director shall not order the design or preparation of souvenir license***
7 ***plates pursuant to this subsection unless the department has received at***
8 ***least 250 applications for the issuance of license plates for the support of***
9 ***the reconstruction, maintenance, improvement and promotion of the***
10 ***Virginia & Truckee Railroad pursuant to subsections 1 to 6, inclusive.***
11 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the department
13 may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:
14 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor vehicles he
15 sells and the related fees and taxes;
16 (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the
17 requirements of this chapter; and
18 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS
19 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new
20 vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.
21 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
22 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:
23 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the department within the
24 period prescribed by the department;
25 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and properly
26 account for them within the period prescribed by the department;
27 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 4; and
28 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue certificates
29 of registration, including any computer hardware or software.
30 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of
31 registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:
32 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;
33 (b) Receive compensation from the department for the performance of
34 those services;
35 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
36 vehicle; or
37 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the
38 applicant wishes to:
39 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
40 482.3825, inclusive ~~H~~, ***and section 1 of this act;*** or
41 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided
42 pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.
43 4. The director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry
44 out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this
45 subsection must provide for:
46 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by
47 the department; and



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

4 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.3825 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 482.3825 1. The director may order the design and preparation of
6 souvenir license plates which are easily distinguishable in design or color
7 from regular license plates. The director may establish a fee for the
8 issuance of such plates of not more than \$15 per plate. The department may
9 issue more than one plate of any particular design.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.3672,
27 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to 482.3816,
28 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

29 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765,
30 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

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

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

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

41 5. As used in this section:

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

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



1 **Sec. 5.** Section 8 of chapter 566, Statutes of Nevada 1993, at page
2 2329, is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 Sec. 8. 1. The commission may enter into an agreement with
4 the district attorney of Carson City or Douglas, Lyon, Storey or
5 Washoe County, or any combination thereof, to provide legal services
6 to the commission. The commission may authorize payment to the
7 district attorney for the costs to the district attorney for providing
8 those services.
9 2. The commission shall enter into an agreement with the
10 treasurer of Carson City or Douglas, Lyon, Storey or Washoe County
11 to create a fund for the commission and pay all claims against the
12 fund that are properly approved by the commission. The commission
13 may authorize payment to the treasurer for the costs to the treasurer
14 for providing those services.
15 3. All money received by the commission must be deposited in
16 the fund created pursuant to subsection 2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise*
17 *provided in section 1 of Senate Bill No. 77 of the 2001 legislative*
18 *session, the* money in the fund must be used only for the necessary
19 expenses of the commission and the costs of the projects authorized
20 by this act.
21 **Sec. 6.** On or before October 1, 2005, the department of motor
22 vehicles and public safety shall determine and publicly declare the number
23 of applications it has received for the issuance of a license plate pursuant to
24 subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, of section 1 of this act.
25 **Sec. 7.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by limitation on
26 October 1, 2005, if on that date the department of motor vehicles and
27 public safety has received fewer than 250 applications for the issuance of a
28 license plate pursuant to subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, of section 1 of this
29 act.

