

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 239—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Authorizes production and issuance of vintage license plates for certain motor vehicles and expands purposes for which money in Revolving Account for Issuance of Special License Plates may be used. (BDR 43-126)

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; authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to produce and issue vintage license plates for motor vehicles manufactured before or during the year 1942; providing that such vintage license plates must be produced by the Department using digital technology; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of such vintage license plates; expanding the purposes for which money in the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates may be used; 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
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 ***1. The Department may produce and issue vintage license***
4 ***plates to residents of Nevada for any motor vehicle manufactured***
5 ***not later than 1942.***

6 ***2. Vintage license plates issued pursuant to this section must***
7 ***be produced by the Department:***

8 ***(a) Using only digital technology for the production of the***
9 ***plates; and***



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1 (b) *To appear, insofar as is practicable, the same as the license*
2 *plates that were issued in Nevada during the year of manufacture*
3 *of the particular motor vehicle to which the vintage license plates*
4 *will be affixed.*

5 3. *The fee for vintage license plates issued pursuant to this*
6 *section is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and*
7 *license fees and governmental services taxes. The vintage license*
8 *plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.*

9 4. *If, during a registration year, the holder of vintage license*
10 *plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of*
11 *the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:*

12 (a) *Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that*
13 *meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for*
14 *the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or*
15 *governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or*

16 (b) *Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle,*
17 *return them to the Department.*

18 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.1805 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 482.1805 1. The Revolving Account for the Issuance of
20 Special License Plates is hereby created as a special account in the
21 Motor Vehicle Fund. An amount equal to \$35 of the fee received by
22 the Department for the initial issuance of a special license plate, not
23 including any additional fee which may be added to generate
24 financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization,
25 must be deposited in the Motor Vehicle Fund for credit to the
26 Account.

27 2. The Department shall use the money in the Account to ~~pay~~
28 :

29 (a) *Pay* the expenses involved in issuing special license plates
30 ~~;~~ *and*

31 (b) *Purchase improved and upgraded technology, including,*
32 *without limitation, digital technology for the production of special*
33 *license plates, to ensure that special license plates are produced in*
34 *the most efficient manner possible.*

35 3. Money in the Account must be used only for the ~~purpose~~
36 *purposes* specified in subsection 2.

37 4. At the end of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall
38 transfer from the Account to the State Highway Fund an amount of
39 money equal to the balance in the Account which exceeds \$50,000.

40 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the
42 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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



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

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

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

8 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the Department
9 within the period prescribed by the Department;

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

13 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
14 4; and

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

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

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

22 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
23 performance of those services;

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

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

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

30 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax
31 provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

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

35 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and
36 decals by the Department; and

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

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

41 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
42 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
43 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must
44 be paid:



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

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

9 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
10 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to
11 482.3816, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

12 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
13 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

14 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.37937 and
15 482.37945, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS
16 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703,
17 a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of
18 those plates.

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

21 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and
22 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State
23 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the
24 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and
25 manufacturing the decals.

26 5. As used in this section:

27 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of
28 license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of
29 a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his
30 registration using the same code.

31 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of
32 license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired
33 plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the
34 code of the previously issued plate or set.

35 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become
36 effective upon passage and approval.

37 2. Sections 1, 3 and 4 of this act become effective on
38 October 1, 2003.

