

## SENATE BILL NO. 214—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning enforcement of requirement of registration of motor vehicle by new resident of this state. (BDR 43-1058)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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; requiring the Director of the Department of Public Safety to maintain local telephone numbers for reporting and to establish procedures for investigating certain violations relating to the registration of a vehicle; providing a penalty; making an appropriation; 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 480 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto a new section to read as follows:  
3     ***1. The Director shall:***  
4     ***(a) Maintain local telephone numbers for persons in this state***  
5     ***to report to the Department information concerning alleged***  
6     ***violations of subsection 3 of NRS 482.385;***  
7     ***(b) Establish procedures pursuant to which employees of the***  
8     ***Department will:***  
9     ***(1) Receive the information reported pursuant to***  
10    ***paragraph (a);***  
11    ***(2) Obtain any relevant information available from the***  
12    ***Department of Motor Vehicles;***  
13    ***(3) Conduct an investigation of the alleged violation; and***



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1       (4) Determine the appropriate action to be taken in  
2 response to the information reported pursuant to paragraph (a);  
3 and

4       (c) If the Director determines that a person may be in violation  
5 of subsection 3 of NRS 482.385, provide the name and address of  
6 the person, and any other information he deems to be pertinent, to  
7 a local law enforcement agency.

8       2. The Department and each local law enforcement agency  
9 shall maintain a record of any contacts with and investigations of  
10 any persons alleged to be in violation of subsection 3 of NRS  
11 482.385.

12       **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13       482.385 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and  
14 NRS 482.390, a nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to  
15 registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, owning any  
16 vehicle which has been registered for the current year in the state,  
17 country or other place of which the owner is a resident and which at  
18 all times when operated in this state has displayed upon it the  
19 registration license plate issued for the vehicle in the place of  
20 residence of the owner, may operate or permit the operation of the  
21 vehicle within this state without its registration in this state pursuant  
22 to the provisions of this chapter and without the payment of any  
23 registration fees to this state.

24       2. This section does not:

25       (a) Prohibit the use of manufacturers', distributors' or dealers'  
26 license plates issued by any state or country by any nonresident in  
27 the operation of any vehicle on the public highways of this state.

28       (b) Require registration of vehicles of a type subject to  
29 registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter operated by  
30 nonresident common motor carriers of persons or property, contract  
31 motor carriers of persons or property, or private motor carriers of  
32 property as stated in NRS 482.390.

33       (c) Require registration of a vehicle operated by a border state  
34 employee.

35       3. When a person, formerly a nonresident, becomes a resident  
36 of this state, he shall:

37       (a) Within 30 days after becoming a resident; or

38       (b) At the time he obtains his driver's license,  
39 whichever occurs earlier, apply for the registration of any vehicle  
40 which he owns and which is operated in this state.

41       4. Any resident operating a motor vehicle upon a highway of  
42 this state which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to  
43 the resident operator for his continuous use within this state, shall  
44 cause that vehicle to be registered within 30 days after beginning its  
45 operation within this state.



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1       5. A person registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of  
2 subsection 3, 4 or 6 ~~[of this section]~~ or pursuant to NRS 482.390  
3 must be assessed the registration fees and governmental services  
4 tax, as required by the provisions of this chapter and chapter 371 of  
5 NRS. He must not be allowed credit on those taxes and fees for the  
6 unused months of his previous registration.

7       6. If a vehicle is used in this state for a gainful purpose, the  
8 owner shall immediately apply to the Department for registration,  
9 except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.390, 482.395 and 706.801  
10 to 706.861, inclusive.

11       7. An owner registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of  
12 this section shall surrender the existing nonresident license plates  
13 and registration certificates to the Department for cancellation.

14       8. A ~~[vehicle]~~ *person* may be cited for a violation of this  
15 section regardless of whether ~~[it]~~ *the vehicle* is in operation or is  
16 parked on a highway, in a public parking lot or on private property  
17 which is open to the public if, after communicating with the owner  
18 or operator of the vehicle, the peace officer issuing the citation  
19 determines that:

20       (a) The owner of the vehicle is a resident of this state; or

21       (b) The vehicle is used in this state for a gainful purpose.

22       9. *A citation must be issued to any person who fails to*  
23 *register a vehicle within 10 days after the last day allowed for*  
24 *timely registration pursuant to subsection 3. Any person who*  
25 *violates the provisions of subsection 3 shall be punished:*

26       (a) *For each vehicle for which the person is in violation of*  
27 *subsection 3, by a fine:*

28       (1) *Of \$50 for the first 30 days the person is late in*  
29 *registering the vehicle; and*

30       (2) *Of \$25 for each additional 30 days the person is late in*  
31 *registering the vehicle; or*

32       (b) *By a sentence to perform not less than 8 hours or more*  
33 *than 350 hours of community service.*

34       **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
35 Highway Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of  
36 \$100,000 for the costs related to a multimedia advertising campaign  
37 to inform the public about:

38       (a) The local telephone numbers maintained pursuant to section  
39 1 of this act and their purpose; and

40       (b) The statutory requirements for the registration of vehicles in  
41 this state.

42       2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
43 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
44 2005, and reverts to the State Highway Fund as soon as all  
45 payments of money committed have been made.



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1      **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.



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