

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 307—ASSEMBLYMEN MCCLAIN, KOIVISTO, CARPENTER, SMITH, GIUNCHIGLIANI, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GERHARDT, LESLIE, MANENDO, MCCLEARY, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, PARKS, PARNELL AND PIERCE

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning registration of motor vehicles and operations of Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-346)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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; making various changes concerning the registration of motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to compile certain statistical information relating to veterans; providing a penalty; 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.** NRS 482.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.385 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and
3 NRS 482.390, a nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to
4 registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, owning any
5 vehicle which has been registered for the current year in the state,
6 country or other place of which the owner is a resident and which at
7 all times when operated in this State has displayed upon it the
8 registration license plate issued for the vehicle in the place of
9 residence of the owner, may operate or permit the operation of the
10 vehicle within this State without its registration in this State



1 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and without the payment
2 of any registration fees to this State.

3 2. This section does not:

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

7 (b) Require registration of vehicles of a type subject to
8 registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter operated by
9 nonresident common motor carriers of persons or property, contract
10 motor carriers of persons or property, or private motor carriers of
11 property as stated in NRS 482.390.

12 (c) Require registration of a vehicle operated by a border state
13 employee.

14 3. When a person, formerly a nonresident, becomes a resident
15 of this State, he shall:

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

17 (b) At the time he obtains his driver's license,

18 ➔ whichever occurs earlier, apply for the registration of each
19 vehicle he owns which is operated in this State. When a person,
20 formerly a nonresident, applies for a driver's license in this State,
21 the Department shall inform the person of the requirements imposed
22 by this subsection and of the penalties that may be imposed for
23 failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection. *A citation*
24 *may be issued pursuant to this subsection only if the violation is*
25 *discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver arrested for*
26 *another alleged violation or offense. A person who violates the*
27 *provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall*
28 *be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000*
29 *and such fine is in addition to any fine or penalty imposed for the*
30 *other alleged violation or offense for which the vehicle was halted*
31 *or its driver arrested.* In addition, the Department shall maintain or
32 cause to be maintained a list or other record of persons who fail to
33 comply with the provisions of this subsection and shall, at least once
34 each month, provide a copy of that list or record to the Department
35 of Public Safety.

36 4. Any resident operating upon a highway of this State a motor
37 vehicle which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to
38 the resident operator for his continuous use within this State, shall
39 cause that vehicle to be registered within 30 days after beginning its
40 operation within this State.

41 5. A person registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of
42 subsection 3, 4 or 6 pursuant to NRS 482.390:

43 (a) Must be assessed the registration fees and governmental
44 services tax, as required by the provisions of this chapter and
45 chapter 371 of NRS; and



(b) Must not be allowed credit on those taxes and fees for the unused months of his previous registration.

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2. Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. When a person applies to the Department for:

(a) An instruction permit or driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290; or

(b) An identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850,

↪ the Department shall inquire whether the person desires to declare that he is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that he is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, he shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

4. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

(a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(b) Transmit that number to the Office of Veterans' Services to be used for statistical purposes.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



