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SENATE BILL NO. 14—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND HOMELAND SECURITY

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 1, 2005

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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain special license plates. (BDR 43-322)

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.

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AN ACT relating to license plates; revising the allocation of money collected from the issuance and renewal of special license plates for the support of veterans' homes; increasing the number of sets of the Pearl Harbor Veteran plates, Pearl Harbor Survivor plates, Disabled Veteran plates, ex-Prisoner of War plates, or Purple Heart plates that must be issued to qualified applicants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires that as of July 1, 2005, the first \$100,000 of all money  
2 collected from the issuance and renewal of special license plates in support of  
3 veterans' homes be deposited in the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes in the State  
4 General Fund. (NRS 482.3764, 417.145) The money in the Gift Account does not  
5 revert to the State General Fund at the end of a fiscal year and may only be  
6 expended for use at veterans' homes. (NRS 417.145) The remaining money  
7 collected each year from the issuance and renewal of those special license plates is  
8 deposited directly into the State General Fund and, therefore, is not earmarked for  
9 uses relating to veterans' homes. (NRS 482.3764)

10 This bill deletes the requirement that a portion of the money collected from the  
11 issuance and renewal of special license plates in support of veterans' homes be  
12 deposited into the State General Fund. Therefore, all money collected from the  
13 issuance and renewal of those special license plates will be deposited in the Gift  
14 Account for Veterans' Homes and may only be expended for use at veterans'  
15 homes.



Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue one set of special license plates to qualified Pearl Harbor survivors (NRS 482.3765), disabled veterans and ex-prisoners of war (NRS 482.377) and Purple Heart recipients (NRS 482.3775) who apply for such plates.

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to increase the number of sets of those special license plates that it issues to those qualified applicants to two sets. The special license plates may be used on private passenger vehicles, noncommercial trucks and motor homes.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 482.3764 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3764 1. Before the Department issues to any person, pursuant to NRS 482.3763:

(a) An initial set of special license plates, it shall:

(1) Collect a special fee for a veterans' home in the amount of \$25; and

(2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.

(b) An annual renewal sticker, it shall:

(1) Collect a special fee for a veterans' home in the amount of \$20; and

(2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.

2. The Department shall deposit ~~the first \$100,000~~ **any money** collected pursuant to this section ~~each year~~ with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes, established by subsection 7 of NRS 417.145. ~~Thereafter, any additional amount collected pursuant to this section during the year must be deposited in the State General Fund.~~

**Sec. 2.** NRS 482.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3765 1. ~~[A person who qualifies pursuant to this section may register one passenger car or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less, for his own personal use.]~~ A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is entitled to ~~fa~~ specially designed license ~~plate~~ **plates** inscribed with the words "PEARL HARBOR VETERAN" or "PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR," at the option of the person who qualifies pursuant to this section, and three or four consecutive numbers.

2. ***Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for two sets of plates. The second set of plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used***



*only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.*

3. The Department shall issue ~~{a}~~ specially designed license ~~{plate}~~ **plates** for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of their status as a survivor required by the Department.

~~{3.}~~ 4. If, during a registration year, the holder of ~~{a special plate}~~ **special license plates** issued pursuant to this section disposes of ~~{the}~~ **a** vehicle to which the plates are affixed, ~~the shall retain the plates and:~~

~~—(a) Affix~~ **the holder shall:**

(a) **Retain the plates and affix** them to another vehicle which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

~~{4.}~~ 5. The fee for ~~{the special license plate}~~ **each set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section** is \$25, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a renewal sticker **for each set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section** is \$5.

Sec. 3. NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.377 1. ~~{A person who qualifies pursuant to this section may register one passenger car or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less, for his own personal use.}~~ A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who, as a result of his service:

(a) Has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and who receives compensation from the United States for his disability, is entitled to ~~{a}~~ specially designed license ~~{plate}~~ **plates** inscribed with the words DISABLED VETERAN and three or four consecutive numbers.

(b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, is entitled to ~~{a}~~ specially designed license ~~{plate}~~ **plates** inscribed with the words ex-PRISONER OF WAR and three or four consecutive numbers.

2. **Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for two sets of plates. The second set of plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.**



3. The Department shall issue ~~[a]~~ specially designed license ~~[plate]~~ **plates** for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of disability or former imprisonment required by the Department.

~~[3.]~~ 4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

~~[4.]~~ 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of ~~[a-special plate]~~ **special license plates** issued pursuant to this section disposes of ~~[the]~~ a vehicle to which the plates are affixed, ~~he shall retain the plates and:~~

~~—(a) Affix] the holder shall:~~

~~(a) Retain the plates and affix~~ them to another vehicle which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

**Sec. 4.** NRS 482.3775 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3775 1. ~~[A person who qualifies pursuant to this section may register one passenger car or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less, for his own personal use.]~~ A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who was awarded the Purple Heart is entitled to ~~[a]~~ specially designed license ~~[plate which indicates]~~ **plates which indicate** that he is a recipient of the Purple Heart.

2. ***Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for two sets of plates. The second set of plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.***

3. The Department shall issue ~~[a]~~ specially designed license ~~[plate]~~ **plates** for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of his status as a recipient of the Purple Heart as required by the Department. The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

~~[3.]~~ 4. If, during a registration year, the holder of ~~[a-special plate]~~ **special license plates** issued pursuant to the provisions of this



1 section disposes of ~~the~~ **a** vehicle to which the plates are affixed,  
2 ~~he shall retain the plates and:~~

3 ~~—(a) Affix~~ **the holder shall:**

4 **(a) Retain the plates and affix** them to another vehicle which  
5 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the  
6 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other  
7 transfers; or

8 (b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle,  
9 return them to the Department.

10 ~~4.1~~ **5.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no fee  
11 in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and  
12 governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or  
13 renewal of **a set of** special license plates ~~issued~~ pursuant to this  
14 section. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,  
15 stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of  
16 replacement license plates from the Department for a fee of \$5.

17 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.







