

SENATE BILL NO. 242—SENATOR HARDY

MARCH 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Requires Department of Motor Vehicles to perform certain inquiries to determine if vehicle is stolen and makes appropriation to cover additional costs. (BDR 43-350)

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; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to perform certain inquiries at the time a vehicle is initially registered or its registration renewed, to determine if the vehicle is stolen; providing for the notification of the appropriate sheriff's office if a vehicle is determined to be stolen; 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:

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *Whenever an application is made for the initial registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle in this State, the Department shall, to determine whether the vehicle is stolen, compare the serial or vehicle identification number of the vehicle against:*

(a) The records of the Department;

(b) The records of the National Crime Information Center; or

(c) Such other similar databases, indexes and records, containing information regarding stolen vehicles, as the Director may prescribe.



2. If the comparison required by subsection 1 reveals that the vehicle is stolen, the Department shall forward any relevant information regarding the vehicle to the sheriff's office of the county in which the vehicle is registered or its registration renewed, as applicable.

3. The Department shall, in consultation with appropriate state and local law enforcement agencies or officials, adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

4. As used in this section, "vehicle" means any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The term does not include:

(a) Motor vehicles with a declared gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds; or

(b) Mobile homes as defined in NRS 482.067.

Sec. 3. If a vehicle that is stolen is registered or its registration renewed and, to the best knowledge and belief of the Department, the person who paid the fees to register or renew the registration of the vehicle was unaware that the vehicle was stolen, such person must be allowed credit on those fees toward the registration or renewal of registration of a different vehicle.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 the sum of \$55,308 for additional costs to the Department to check the status of each initial and renewal vehicle registration to determine if the vehicle is stolen.

2. Any balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the State Highway Fund on or before September 21, 2007.

Sec. 5. 1. This section and section 4 of this act become effective on July 1, 2005.

2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1, 2005, for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on July 1, 2006, for all other purposes.

