

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 278—ASSEMBLYMEN KIHUEN, ANDERSON, KOIVISTO, MANENDO, SEGERBLOM, BOBZIEN, CLABORN, DENIS, GERHARDT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HOGAN, KIRKPATRICK, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE, SMITH, STEWART AND WEBER

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue certain special license plates available for use on motorcycles. (BDR 43-1191)

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 license plates; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates authorized for use by veterans to be available for use on motorcycles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law does not authorize special license plates to be made for use on
- 2 motorcycles. (NRS 482.272) Five special license plates are authorized to be issued
- 3 to specific categories of veterans of the United States Armed Forces for use on
- 4 passenger cars and light commercial vehicles. (NRS 482.3763, 482.3765, 482.377,
- 5 482.3775, 482.378) This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue
- 6 these five special license plates to veterans for use on motorcycles.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 482.272 ~~Each~~
- 3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, each* license
- 4 plate for a motorcycle may contain up to six characters, including
- 5 numbers and letters. Only one plate may be issued for a motorcycle.



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2. *A special license plate issued for a motorcycle pursuant to NRS 482.3763 to 482.378, inclusive, must be designed in accordance with the provisions of those sections except that the size of the special license plate may be altered to fit a motorcycle.*

Sec. 2. NRS 482.3763 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3763 1. The Director shall order the preparation of special license plates in support of veterans' homes, and establish procedures for the application for and issuance of the plates.

2. The Department shall, upon application therefor and payment of the prescribed fees, issue special license plates in support of veterans' homes to:

(a) A veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard; or

(b) The spouse, parent or child of a person described in paragraph (a).

➤ The plates must be inscribed with the word "VETERAN" and with the seal of the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or the seal of the National Guard, as applicable, requested by the applicant. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with special license plates in support of veterans' homes if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license plates in support of veterans' homes pursuant to subsection ~~4.4~~ 5.

3. *The plates may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a motorcycle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.*

4. If, during a registration year, the holder of special plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

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

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

~~4.4~~ 5. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes, and to the special fee for veterans' homes, the fee for:

(a) The initial issuance of the special license plates is \$35.

(b) The annual renewal sticker is \$10.

~~5.4~~ 6. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of replacement license plates from the Department for a fee of \$10.



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Sec. 3. 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 , *motorcycle* or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less **H** 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 a specially designed license plate 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. The Department shall issue a specially designed license plate 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. If , during a registration year, the holder of a special plate issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, he shall retain the plates and:

(a) 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. The fee for the special license plate is \$25, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a renewal sticker is \$5.

Sec. 4. 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 , *motorcycle* or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less **H** 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 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 inscribed with the words EX-PRISONER OF WAR and three or four consecutive numbers.

2. The Department shall issue a specially designed license plate 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. 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. If , during a registration year, the holder of a special plate issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, he shall retain the plates and:

(a) 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. 5. 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 , *motorcycle* or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less ~~H~~ 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 that he is a recipient of the Purple Heart.

2. The Department shall issue a specially designed license plate 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. If, during a registration year, the holder of a special plate issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, he shall retain the plates and:

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

Sec. 6. NRS 482.378 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.378 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this State and has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor



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1 may, upon signed application on a form prescribed and furnished by
2 the Department, be issued license plates which indicate that he is a
3 recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The applicant shall
4 comply with the motor vehicle laws of this State, including the
5 provisions of chapter 371 of NRS and the payment of the
6 registration fees required by this chapter, but no fee may be charged
7 under NRS 482.367.

8 2. Each person who is eligible for special license plates under
9 this section may apply for two sets of plates. The second set of
10 plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than
11 the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. The plates may be
12 used only on a private passenger vehicle, *a motorcycle*, a
13 noncommercial truck or a motor home.

14 3. The Department may adopt regulations governing the
15 issuance of special license plates to recipients of the Congressional
16 Medal of Honor.

