

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes with respect to special license plates. (BDR 43-740)

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.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring an applicant requesting the design, preparation and issuance of a special license plate to post a surety bond with the Department of Motor Vehicles; providing for the release of the surety bond in certain circumstances; requiring the Commission on Special License Plates to approve or disapprove changes in the distribution of additional fees generated by special license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires a person submitting an application to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the design, preparation and issuance of a special license plate to post with the Department a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000 to accompany the application. (NRS 482.367002) The Department is required to release the bond if the Department or the Commission on Special License Plates decides not to issue the plate, or after at least 1,000 plates are issued.

Section 2 of this bill provides that the Commission shall: (1) approve or disapprove any proposed change in the distribution of money received in the form of additional fees that are charged in connection with the issuance or renewal of a special license plate; and (2) if it approves such a change and determines that legislation is required to carry out the change, request the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation of a bill draft. (NRS 482.367004)



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

Section 1. NRS 482.367002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an application to the Department.

2. An application submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department;

~~(b) Must be accompanied by a petition containing the signatures of at least 1,000 persons who wish to obtain the special license plate;~~

~~—(c)~~ Must specify whether the special license plate being requested is intended to generate financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization and, if so, the name of the cause or charitable organization; ~~and~~

~~(d)~~ (c) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and colors to be used in the special license plate ~~(f)~~; and

(d) Must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the amount of \$5,000.

3. The Department may design and prepare a special license plate requested pursuant to subsection 1 if:

(a) The Department determines that the application for that plate complies with subsection 2; and

(b) The Commission on Special License Plates approves the application for that plate pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.367008, the Department may issue a special license plate that:

(a) The Department has designed and prepared pursuant to this section;

(b) The Commission on Special License Plates has approved for issuance pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004; and

(c) Complies with the requirements of subsection 8 of NRS 482.270,

➤ for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with a special license plate issued pursuant to this section if that person pays the fees for personalized



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1 prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license
2 plate.

3 5. *The Department must promptly release the surety bond*
4 *posted pursuant to subsection 2:*

5 (a) *If the Department or the Commission on Special License*
6 *Plates determines not to issue the special license plate; or*

7 (b) *If it is determined that at least 1,000 special license plates*
8 *have been issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the*
9 *design of the special license plate conducted pursuant to*
10 *NRS 482.367008.*

11 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates
12 issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the
13 vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

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

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

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on
23 Special License Plates consisting of five Legislators and three
24 nonvoting members as follows:

25 (a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:

26 (1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the
27 Chairman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation
28 during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may
29 designate an alternate to serve in his place in his absence. The
30 alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the
31 Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most
32 recent legislative session.

33 (2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the
34 Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation
35 during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may
36 designate an alternate to serve in his place in his absence. The
37 alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the Senate
38 Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent
39 legislative session.

40 (b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

41 (1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or his
42 designee.

43 (2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or his
44 designee.



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(3) The Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, or his designee.

2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3. Members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

5. The Commission shall approve or disapprove:

(a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002; and

(b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002.

➡ In determining whether to approve such an application or issuance, the Commission shall consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license plate.

6. The Commission shall:

(a) Approve or disapprove any proposed change in the distribution of money received in the form of additional fees. As used in this paragraph, "additional fees" means the fees that are charged in connection with the issuance or renewal of a special license plate for the benefit of a particular cause, fund or charitable organization. The term does not include registration and license fees or governmental services taxes.

(b) If it approves a proposed change pursuant to paragraph (a) and determines that legislation is required to carry out the change, request the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation of a bill draft to carry out the change.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

