

SENATE BILL NO. 175—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND HOMELAND SECURITY

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the contents and use of
license plates for motor vehicles. (BDR 43-645)

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 vehicle registration; authorizing the
Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to
determine the combinations of letters and numbers to be
used on license plates; allowing for the use of an affidavit
of nonoperation for newly purchased vehicles which have
not been used on the highways; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Sections 1-3** of this bill authorize the Director of the Department of Motor
- 2 Vehicles to determine which combinations of letters and numbers should be used
- 3 on license plates, instead of having a structure set by statute. (NRS 482.270,
- 4 482.2705, 482.274) **Section 5** of this bill allows a newly purchased vehicle, instead
- 5 of just a vehicle which was previously registered in the State, to receive an affidavit
- 6 of nonoperation if the newly purchased vehicle has not been used on the highways
- 7 since the expiration of its temporary placard. (NRS 482.515)



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by
3 specific statute, the Director shall order the redesign and preparation
4 of motor vehicle license plates with colors that are predominately
5 blue and silver. The Director may substitute white in place of silver
6 when no suitable material is available.
- 7 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the
8 Department shall, upon the payment of all applicable fees, issue
9 redesigned motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this section to
10 persons who apply for the registration or renewal of the registration
11 of a motor vehicle on or after January 1, 2001.
- 12 3. The Department shall not issue redesigned motor vehicle
13 license plates pursuant to this section to a person who was issued
14 motor vehicle license plates before January 1, 1982, or pursuant to
15 NRS 482.3747, 482.3763, 482.3775, 482.378 or 482.379, without
16 the approval of the person.
- 17 4. The Director may determine and vary the size, shape and
18 form and the material of which license plates are made, but each
19 license plate must be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a
20 distance of 100 feet during daylight. All license plates must be
21 treated to reflect light and to be at least 100 times brighter than
22 conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an
23 unlighted vehicle, the license plates, when viewed from a vehicle
24 equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of
25 not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than
26 110 feet.
- 27 5. Every license plate must have displayed upon it:
28 (a) The registration number, or combination of letters and
29 numbers, assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof;
30 (b) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated;
31 (c) If issued for a calendar year, the year; and
32 (d) If issued for a registration period other than a calendar year,
33 the month and year the registration expires.
- 34 6. ~~The letters I and Q must not be used in the designation.~~
35 —7. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.379, all letters
36 and numbers must be of the same size.
- 37 ~~8.~~ 7. Each special license plate that is designed, prepared and
38 issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002 must be designed and prepared
39 in such a manner that:
40 (a) The left-hand one-third of the plate is the only part of the
41 plate on which is displayed any design or other insignia that is



suggested pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of that section;
and

(b) The remainder of the plate conforms to the requirements for coloring, lettering and design that are set forth in this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 482.2705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.2705 1. The Director shall order the preparation of vehicle license plates for passenger cars and trucks in the same manner as is provided for motor vehicles generally in NRS 482.270.

2. ~~Every license plate~~ *Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, the Director shall determine the combinations of letters and numbers which constitute the designations for license plates* assigned to ~~passenger cars or trucks~~ *passenger cars and trucks*.

~~(a) A space for the name of a county or other identification; and~~
~~(b) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, a designation which consists of a group of three numerals followed by a group of three letters.~~

3. Any license plate issued for a passenger car or truck before January 1, 1982, bearing a designation which is not in conformance with the system described in subsection 2 is valid during the period for which the plate was originally issued as well as during any annual extensions by stickers.

Sec. 3. NRS 482.274 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.274 1. The Director shall order the preparation of vehicle license plates for trailers in the same manner provided for motor vehicles in NRS 482.270.

2. The Director shall order preparation of two sizes of vehicle license plates for trailers. The smaller plates may be used for trailers with a gross vehicle weight of less than 1,000 pounds.

3. The *Director shall determine the* registration numbers assigned to trailers . ~~;~~

~~(a) Which use the smaller plates must consist of one letter and four numbers.~~

~~(b) Which use the larger plates must consist of one letter and five numbers.~~

~~→ The position of the letter and numbers must be established for statewide use by the Department.]~~

4. Any license plates issued for a trailer before July 1, 1975, bearing a different designation from that provided for in this section, are valid during the period for which such plates were issued.

Sec. 4. 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) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and colors to be used in the special license plate.

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 ~~18~~ 7 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 prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license plate.

5. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of 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 that 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.

Sec. 5. NRS 482.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.515 1. Whenever a person operates any vehicle upon the public highways of this State without having paid therefor the registration or transfer fee required by this chapter, the required fee shall be deemed delinquent.

2. If the fee for registration is not paid by the end of the last working day of the preceding period of registration, a penalty of \$6 must be added for each period of 30 calendar days or fraction thereof during which the delinquency continues, unless the vehicle has not been operated on the highways since the expiration of the prior registration ~~H~~ *or has not been operated on the highways since the expiration of the temporary placard issued by a vehicle dealer or rebuilder in this State.* Evidence of nonoperation of a vehicle must be furnished by an affidavit executed by a person having knowledge of the fact. The affidavit must accompany the application for renewal of registration.

3. If the transferee of a vehicle, required to be registered under the provisions of NRS 482.205, has not registered the vehicle within 10 days after the transfer, a penalty of \$6 must be added to the fee for registration. The provisions of this section do not apply to vehicles which come within the provisions of NRS 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive.

4. In addition to the penalties prescribed in subsections 2 and 3, the Department and its agents shall collect the fees for license plates and registration for each period of 30 calendar days, or portion thereof in excess of 15 days, during which the delinquency has continued or for which the vehicle has not been registered pursuant to NRS 482.205.

Sec. 6. 1. This section and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 5 of this act becomes effective on October 1, 2007.

