

SENATE BILL NO. 219—COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES)

MARCH 6, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Gift Account for Veterans in the State General Fund and authorizes the use of money in the Account for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families. (BDR 37-637)

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 veterans; creating the Gift Account for Veterans in the State General Fund; requiring that the additional fees collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance or renewal of special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill creates the Gift Account for Veterans in the State General
2 Fund and authorizes money deposited in the Account to be used only for the
3 support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families. **Section 2**
4 of this bill changes the purpose for the issuance of the special plates from the
5 support for veterans' homes to the support of outreach programs and services for
6 veterans and their families. **Section 3** of this bill requires that all additional fees
7 collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance or renewal of
8 special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans
9 and their families must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift
10 Account for Veterans.



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

Section 1. NRS 417.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:
417.145 1. The Veterans' Home Account is hereby
established in the State General Fund.

2. Money received from:

(a) Payments made by the United States Department of Veterans
Affairs for veterans who receive care in a veterans' home;

(b) Other payments for medical care and services;

(c) Appropriations made by the Legislature for veterans' homes;

(d) Federal grants and other money received pursuant to
paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 417.147;

(e) Money collected pursuant to the schedule of rates established
pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 417.147 for occupancy of rooms at
veterans' homes; and

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, gifts of money
and proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of personal property for
the use of veterans' homes, if the use of ~~such~~ *those* gifts has not
been restricted by the donor,

➔ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the
Veterans' Home Account.

3. Interest and income must not be computed on the money in
the Veterans' Home Account.

4. The Veterans' Home Account must be administered by the
Executive Director, with the advice of the administrators, and except
as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS
417.147, the money deposited in the Veterans' Home Account may
only be expended for:

(a) The establishment, management, maintenance and operation
of veterans' homes;

(b) A program or service related to a veterans' home;

(c) The solicitation of other sources of money to fund a
veterans' home; and

(d) The purpose of informing the public about issues concerning
the establishment and uses of a veterans' home.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, gifts of
personal property for the use of veterans' homes:

(a) May be sold or exchanged if the sale or exchange is
approved by the State Board of Examiners; or

(b) May be used in kind if the gifts are not appropriate for
conversion to money.

6. All money in the Veterans' Home Account must be paid out
on claims approved by the Executive Director as other claims
against the State are paid.



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7. The Gift Account for Veterans' Homes is hereby established in the State General Fund. Gifts of money or personal property which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at a veterans' home must be used only in the manner designated by the donor. Gifts of money which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at a veterans' home must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes. Any money remaining in the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes at the end of each fiscal year does not lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

8. The Gift Account for Veterans is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Executive Director shall administer the Gift Account for Veterans. The money deposited in the Gift Account for Veterans pursuant to NRS 482.3764 may only be used for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift Account for Veterans, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift Account for Veterans. All money in the Gift Account for Veterans must be paid out on claims approved by the Executive Director as other claims against the State are paid. Any money remaining in the Gift Account for Veterans at the end of each fiscal year does not lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

9. The Executive Director shall, on or before August 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Interim Finance Committee a report detailing the expenditures made from the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes ~~[that are attributable to the money deposited in that account pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 482.3764.]~~ *and the Gift Account for Veterans.*

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]~~ *for the* support of ~~[veterans' homes,]~~ *outreach programs and services for veterans and their families* 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]~~ *for the* support of ~~[veterans' homes]~~ *outreach programs and services for veterans and their families* 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 ~~for~~ *for the* support of ~~veterans' homes~~ *outreach programs and services for veterans and their families* if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license plates ~~for~~ *for the* support of ~~veterans' homes~~ *outreach programs and services for veterans and their families* pursuant to subsection 4.

3. 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. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes, and to the special fee ~~for veterans' homes,~~ *imposed pursuant to NRS 482.3764 for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families*, the fee for:

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

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

5. 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.

Sec. 3. 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~~ *the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families* 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:



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(1) Collect a special fee for ~~[a veterans' home]~~ *the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families* 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]~~ *all money* collected pursuant to this section ~~[each year]~~ with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for ~~[Veterans' Homes, established]~~ *Veterans created* by subsection ~~[7]~~ *8* 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. 4. The State Controller shall, as soon as practicable on or after October 1, 2007, transfer to the Gift Account for Veterans created by NRS 417.145, as amended by section 1 of this act, all money in the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes that was collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance or renewal of special license plates in support of veterans' homes and deposited in the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes pursuant to NRS 482.3764.

