

SENATE BILL NO. 316—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND HOMELAND SECURITY

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES)

MARCH 19, 2007

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Referred to Committee on Finance

**SUMMARY**—Requires compensation for Legislators who serve on the Commission on Special License Plates. (BDR 43-861)

**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.

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AN ACT relating to Legislators; requiring that Legislators who serve on the Commission on Special License Plates be paid a salary and that all members of the Commission, both Legislators and nonvoting members, be compensated for their travel expenses and per diem; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law prohibits members of the Commission on Special License Plates  
2 from being paid for serving on the Commission. (NRS 482.367004) **Section 2** of  
3 this bill requires that Legislators serving on the Commission be paid a salary equal  
4 to the compensation provided to the majority of members of the Legislature during  
5 the first 60 days of the preceding session. **Section 2** further requires that both  
6 Legislators and nonvoting members serving on the Commission receive the per  
7 diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees  
8 generally.

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

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

3       482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department  
4 design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an  
5 application to the Department.

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

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

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

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

17     (d) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and  
18 colors to be used in the special license plate.

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

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

23       (b) The Commission on Special License Plates approves the  
24 application for that plate pursuant to subsection ~~5~~ 6 of  
25 NRS 482.367004.

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

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

30       (b) The Commission on Special License Plates has approved for  
31 issuance pursuant to subsection ~~5~~ 6 of NRS 482.367004; and

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

34       → for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon  
35 application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to  
36 NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for  
37 registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may  
38 request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to  
39 NRS 482.3667 be combined with a special license plate issued  
40 pursuant to this section if that person pays the fees for personalized  
41 prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license  
42 plate.



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1       5. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates  
2 issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the  
3 vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

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

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

10      **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as  
11 follows:

12      482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on  
13 Special License Plates consisting of five Legislators and three  
14 nonvoting members as follows:

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

16              (1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the  
17 Chairman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation  
18 during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may  
19 designate an alternate to serve in his place in his absence. The  
20 alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the  
21 Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most  
22 recent legislative session.

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

30              (b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

31                  (1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or his  
32 designee.

33                  (2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or his  
34 designee.

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

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

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

44      ~~4.~~ **For each day or portion of a day during which a member of  
45 the Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the**



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1   *Commission or is otherwise engaged in the work of the  
2   Commission, except during a regular or special session of the  
3   Legislature, the Legislator is entitled to receive the:*

4   *(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of  
5   the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular  
6   session;*

7   *(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and  
8   employees generally; and*

9   *(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.*

10   *↳ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of  
11   the legislative members of the Commission must be paid from the  
12   Legislative Fund.*

13   *4. Members of the Commission who are not Legislators serve  
14   without salary, but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance  
15   and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees  
16   generally.*

17   *5. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall  
18   provide administrative support to the Commission.*

19   *[§] 6. The Commission shall approve or disapprove:*

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

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

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

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

