

SENATE BILL NO. 481—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND HOMELAND SECURITY

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises requirements for the issuance of special license plates for motor vehicles. (BDR 43-863)

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; providing that the Legislature pledges to have special license plates approved by the Commission on Special License Plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill amends the duties of the Commission on Special License
2 Plates to require the Commission to approve or disapprove applications for special
3 license plates authorized by an act of the Legislature. (NRS 482.367004)
4 Existing law provides certain requirements for the design, preparation and
5 issuance of special license plates authorized by an act of the Legislature after a
6 certain date. (NRS 482.36705) **Section 2** of this bill provides that the Legislature
7 pledges that if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the Legislature
8 after January 1, 2007, the Legislature will direct that the license plate not be
9 designed, prepared or issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the
10 Commission approves the application for the authorized plate.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on
4 Special License Plates consisting of five Legislators and three
5 nonvoting members as follows:



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(a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:

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

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

(b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

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

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

(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 ~~H~~ ;
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(c) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1, 2007.

➔ 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,



1 as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license
2 plate.

3 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.36705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 482.36705 1. If a new special license plate is authorized by
5 an act of the Legislature after January 1, 2003, the Legislature will
6 direct that the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by
7 the Department unless the Department receives at least 1,000
8 applications for the issuance of that plate within 2 years after the
9 effective date of the act of the Legislature that authorized the plate.

10 2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, if a
11 new special license plate is authorized by an act of the Legislature
12 after July 1, 2005, the Legislature will direct that the license plate
13 not be issued by the Department unless its issuance complies with
14 subsection 2 of NRS 482.367008.

15 *3. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsections 1*
16 *and 2, if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the*
17 *Legislature after January 1, 2007, the Legislature will direct that*
18 *the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by the*
19 *Department unless the Commission on Special License Plates*
20 *approves the application for the authorized plate pursuant to*
21 *NRS 482.367004.*

22 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

