

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 547—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MAY 2, 2009

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the distribution of proceeds collected from fees that must be paid to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle in certain circumstances. (BDR 43-1289)

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 state financial administration; revising provisions governing the distribution of proceeds collected from fees that must be paid to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that has been suspended for failure to have proper insurance; revising provisions governing the renewal of the registration of a motor vehicle; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for a fee of \$250 to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that was suspended because the registered owner failed to have insurance on the date specified in the form for verification that was mailed to the owner, and for a fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who cancelled or allowed the insurance coverage to expire before cancelling the registration of the vehicle. (NRS 482.480) The proceeds collected from the fees are deposited in the Account for Verification of Insurance and used to carry out the provisions of law relating to proof of insurance for motor vehicles. **Section 1.5** of this bill revises the manner in which the money in the Account may be used so that it may be used, within the limits of legislative appropriation, only to pay for expenses related to the operation of the Department of Motor Vehicles. **Section 2** of this bill repeals a provision which requires the State Controller to transfer annually any amount in the Account which exceeds \$500,000 to the State Highway Fund. **Section 1** of this bill reenacts the repealed provision effective July 1, 2011.

Sections 1.3 and 1.7 of this bill revise provisions governing the renewal of registration of motor vehicles.



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

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

On June 30 of each year, the State Controller shall transfer from the Account for Verification of Insurance created pursuant to NRS 482.480 to the State Highway Fund any amount in the account which exceeds \$500,000.

Sec. 1.3. NRS 482.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.280 1. The registration of every vehicle expires at midnight on the day specified on the receipt of registration, unless the day specified falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. If the day specified on the receipt of registration is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the registration of the vehicle expires at midnight on the next judicial day. The Department shall mail to each holder of a certificate of registration ~~{an application}~~ **a notification** for renewal of registration for the following period of registration. The ~~{applications}~~ **notifications** must be mailed by the Department in sufficient time to allow all applicants to mail the ~~{applications}~~ **notifications** to the Department **or to renew the certificate of registration at a kiosk or authorized inspection station or via the Internet or an interactive response system** and to receive new certificates of registration and license plates, stickers, tabs or other suitable devices by mail before the expiration of their registrations. An applicant may present or submit the ~~{application}~~ **notification** to any agent or office of the Department.

2. ~~{An application:}~~ **A notification:**

(a) Mailed or presented to the Department or to a county assessor pursuant to the provisions of this section;

(b) Submitted to the Department pursuant to NRS 482.294; or

(c) Presented to an authorized inspection station or authorized station pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.281,

➔ must include, if required, evidence of compliance with standards for control of emissions.

3. The Department shall ~~{insert in each application}~~ **include with each notification** mailed pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) The amount of the governmental services tax to be collected for the county pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.260.

(b) The amount set forth in a notice of nonpayment filed with the Department by a local authority pursuant to NRS 484.444.

(c) A statement which informs the applicant that, pursuant to NRS 485.185, he is legally required to maintain insurance during the period in which the motor vehicle is registered ~~{}~~ **which must be provided by an insurance company licensed by the Division of**



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Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and approved to do business in this State.

4. An owner who has made proper application for renewal of registration before the expiration of the current registration but who has not received the license plate or plates or card of registration for the ensuing period of registration is entitled to operate or permit the operation of that vehicle upon the highways upon displaying thereon the license plate or plates issued for the preceding period of registration for such a time as may be prescribed by the Department as it may find necessary for the issuance of the new plate or plates or card of registration.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.480 There must be paid to the Department for the registration or the transfer or reinstatement of the registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, fees according to the following schedule:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for each stock passenger car and each reconstructed or specially constructed passenger car registered to a person, regardless of weight or number of passenger capacity, a fee for registration of \$33.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:

(a) For each of the fifth and sixth such cars registered to a person, a fee for registration of \$16.50.

(b) For each of the seventh and eighth such cars registered to a person, a fee for registration of \$12.

(c) For each of the ninth or more such cars registered to a person, a fee for registration of \$8.

3. The fees specified in subsection 2 do not apply:

(a) Unless the person registering the cars presents to the Department at the time of registration the registrations of all of the cars registered to him.

(b) To cars that are part of a fleet.

4. For every motorcycle, a fee for registration of \$33 and for each motorcycle other than a trimobile, an additional fee of \$6 for motorcycle safety. The additional fee must be deposited in the State Highway Fund for credit to the Account for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders.

5. For each transfer of registration, a fee of \$6 in addition to any other fees.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9 of NRS 485.317, to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle suspended pursuant to that section:

(a) A fee of \$250 for a registered owner who failed to have insurance on the date specified in the form for verification that was



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1 mailed by the Department pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 485.317;
2 or

3 (b) A fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who
4 cancelled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the
5 insurance coverage for that vehicle to expire without first cancelling
6 the registration for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of
7 NRS 485.320,

8 ➔ both of which must be deposited in the Account for Verification
9 of Insurance which is hereby created in the State Highway Fund.
10 The money in the Account ~~[must]~~ **may only** be used ~~[to carry out the~~
11 ~~provisions of NRS 485.313 to 485.318, inclusive.]~~ **by the**
12 **Department of Motor Vehicles, within the limits of legislative**
13 **appropriation, to pay for expenses related to the operation of the**
14 **Department.**

15 7. For every travel trailer, a fee for registration of \$27.

16 8. For every permit for the operation of a golf cart, an annual
17 fee of \$10.

18 9. For every low-speed vehicle, as that term is defined in NRS
19 484.527, a fee for registration of \$33.

20 10. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is
21 suspended pursuant to NRS 482.451, a fee of \$33.

22 **Sec. 1.7.** NRS 485.137 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 485.137 1. The department shall publish a leaflet which
24 summarizes and explains the requirements and provisions of this
25 chapter.

26 2. The department shall:

27 (a) Make copies of the leaflet available without charge to all
28 licensed drivers in this State, to all public school pupils who are of
29 driving age, and to the public.

30 (b) Cause a copy of the leaflet to be delivered to each applicant
31 for a new registration of a vehicle.

32 (c) Enclose a copy of the leaflet with each ~~[application for a]~~
33 **notification for** renewal of registration of a vehicle which is mailed
34 to the applicant pursuant to law.

35 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.4805 is hereby repealed.

36 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and sections 1.3 to 2, inclusive, of this
37 act become effective on July 1, 2009.

38 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.



TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

482.4805 Transfer of money from Account for Verification of Insurance to State Highway Fund. On June 30 of each year, the State Controller shall transfer from the Account for Verification of Insurance created pursuant to NRS 482.480 to the State Highway Fund any amount in the account which exceeds \$500,000.

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