

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 277—ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON; BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARLTON, DIAZ, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES, MASTROLUCA, NEAL, PIERCE AND WOODBURY (BY REQUEST)

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HALSETH, LESLIE; BREEDEN, CEGAVSKE, COPENING AND WIENER

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for special license plates honoring female veterans. (BDR 43-810)

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; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, with respect to special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families, to make such plates available to female veterans with an optional image representative of female veterans; providing for the issuance of special license plates inscribed with the words “DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to
2 order the preparation of special license plates for the support of outreach programs
3 and services for veterans and their families. These special license plates are
4 available to veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard
5 of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard, or the
6 spouse, parent or child of such a veteran. (NRS 482.3763) **Section 4** of this bill
7 requires the Department to make the plates available: (1) to female veterans; and
8 (2) with an optional image representative of female veterans. The fees for the initial
9 issuance and renewal of the optional version of the special license plates for the
10 support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families are the
11 same as for the regular version.



Under existing law, new special license plates authorized by an act of the Legislature typically are subject to all of the following: (1) approval or disapproval by the Commission on Special License Plates; (2) the limitation on the number of separate designs of special license plates that may be issued by the Department at any one time; and (3) the requirement that the Department receive at least 1,000 applications for the issuance of the plate within 2 years after the effective date of the act of the Legislature. (NRS 482.367004, 482.367008, 482.36705) The optional special license plates for female veterans are exempt from all three of the preceding requirements because the plates are simply an optional version of existing special license plates for veterans.

Existing law entitles a veteran who has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability to receive special license plates inscribed with the words "DISABLED VETERAN" or "VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED." (NRS 482.377) Veterans with these license plates are entitled to certain privileges and exemptions related to parking. (NRS 482.377, 484B.463, 484B.467) **Section 4.5** of this bill provides for the issuance of such plates inscribed with the words "DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN."

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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. NRS 482.3763 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3763 1. The Director shall order the preparation of special license plates for the support of 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 for the support of 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) *A female veteran; or*

(c) The spouse, parent or child of a person described in paragraph (a) ~~or~~ *or (b).*

➔ 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 ~~or~~ *or an image representative of the female veterans*, 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 the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and



1 their families if that person pays the fees for the personalized
2 prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license
3 plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans
4 and their families pursuant to subsection 4.

5 3. If, during a registration year, the holder of special plates
6 issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the
7 plates are affixed, the holder shall:

8 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
9 meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for
10 the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or
11 governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or

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

14 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license
15 fees and governmental services taxes, and to the special fee imposed
16 pursuant to NRS 482.3764 for the support of outreach programs and
17 services for veterans and their families, the fee for:

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

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

20 5. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,
21 stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of
22 replacement license plates from the Department for a fee of \$10.

23 **Sec. 4.5.** NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 482.377 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
25 States who, as a result of his or her service:

26 (a) Has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and
27 who receives compensation from the United States for the disability
28 is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the
29 words “DISABLED ~~VETERAN~~ **VETERAN,**” “**DISABLED**
30 **FEMALE VETERAN**” or “VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED,” at
31 the option of the veteran, and three or four consecutive numbers.

32 (b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a
33 foreign nation is entitled to specially designed license plates
34 inscribed with the words “EX PRISONER OF WAR” and three or
35 four consecutive numbers.

36 2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant
37 to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the
38 person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle,
39 the second set of plates must have a different number than the first
40 set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates
41 issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private
42 passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

43 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
44 for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an



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1 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of
2 disability or former imprisonment required by the Department.

3 4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department
4 pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of
5 any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters,
6 charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public
7 body within the State, other than the United States.

8 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
9 license plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle
10 to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

11 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
12 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the
13 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other
14 transfers; or

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

17 **Sec. 5.** The Nevada Veterans' Services Commission, created
18 by NRS 417.150, shall provide an image representative of female
19 veterans to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the purposes of
20 NRS 482.3763, as amended by section 4 of this act.

