

SENATE BILL NO. 280—SENATORS BROWER;
BREEDEN, MANENDO AND MCGINNESS

MARCH 21, 2011

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN
ANDERSON; AND GRADY

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the use of special fees collected from the issuance of certain veterans' license plates. (BDR 37-1063)

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; revising provisions governing the use of money from the Gift Account for Veterans; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, special fees collected from the issuance and renewal of
2 certain special license plates are deposited into the Gift Account for Veterans and
3 may be used only for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans
4 and their families. (NRS 417.145, 482.3763, 482.3764) This bill revises the
5 provisions governing the use of money from the Gift Account for Veterans to
6 clarify that the Executive Director for Veterans' Services is responsible for
7 determining whether a particular use of money is allowable for the support of
8 outreach programs or services for veterans and their families, or both.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 417.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 417.145 1. The Veterans' Home Account is hereby
3 established in the State General Fund.
4 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 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.

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



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1 income earned on the money in the Gift Account for Veterans'
2 Homes, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to
3 the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes. Any money remaining in the
4 Gift Account for Veterans' Homes at the end of each fiscal year
5 does not lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried
6 forward into the next fiscal year.

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

21 9. The Executive Director shall, on or before August 1 of each
22 year, prepare and submit to the Interim Finance Committee a report
23 detailing the expenditures made from the Gift Account for Veterans'
24 Homes and the Gift Account for Veterans.

25 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

