

Assembly Bill No. 111—Assemblymen Kirner, Hickey, Elliot
Anderson; Daly, Duncan, Ellison, Fiore, Grady, Hambrick,
Kirkpatrick, Livermore, Munford, Oscarson, Sprinkle,
Stewart and Wheeler

Joint Sponsors: Senators Gustavson and Parks

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring that special license plates provided to disabled veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States bear the international symbol of access; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Certain disabled veterans are entitled to special license plates which include an inscription indicating that the veteran is disabled. (NRS 482.377) The owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying special license plates for disabled veterans is allowed to park the motor vehicle: (1) for up to 4 hours in a parking zone restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted; and (2) in a parking space designated for persons who are handicapped. (NRS 484B.463, 484B.467) This bill requires that special license plates for disabled veterans be inscribed additionally with the international symbol of access.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:
482.377 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who, as a result of his or her service:

(a) Has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to specially designed license plates ***that must be*** inscribed with ~~the~~ :

(1) ***The*** words “DISABLED VETERAN,” “DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN” or “VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED,” at the option of the veteran ~~is~~ ;

(2) ***The international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background;*** and ~~three~~

(3) ***Three*** or four consecutive numbers.

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



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

3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of disability or former imprisonment required by the Department.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2. 1. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall:

(a) Design and prepare special license plates that comply with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.377, as amended by section 1 of this act;

(b) Inform the holders of special license plates described in the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.377, as those provisions existed before the effective date of this act, that new versions of those plates will be made available to include an inscription of the international symbol of access; and

(c) Establish procedures for the orderly:

(1) Return to the Department of special license plates described in the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.377, as those provisions existed before the effective date of this act; and

(2) Issuance by the Department of new versions of the special license plates described in the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.377, as amended by section 1 of this act.



2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not impose a fee or other charge for the issuance by the Department of new versions of the special license plates described in the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.377, as amended by section 1 of this act.

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

