

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 166—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises requirements for the registration of a vehicle that is driven in Nevada by a nonresident who works in Nevada. (BDR 43-707)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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; revising requirements for the registration of a motor vehicle of a nonresident who is employed in this State and operates the motor vehicle on the highways of this State; requiring that such a motor vehicle comply with certain provisions; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, a nonresident who is employed in this State and who owns
2 a motor vehicle that is operated in this State must, within 30 days after commencing
3 employment and with certain exceptions, register the motor vehicle in this State.
4 (NRS 482.385) **Section 1** of this bill requires that a nonresident who is a natural
5 person employed in this State and who owns a motor vehicle that is operated in this
6 State register the motor vehicle within 10 days after commencing employment.
7 Such a registration would require the payment of a fee and be valid for 1 year.
8 **Section 1** also requires such a motor vehicle to comply with the registration,
9 insurance and emissions testing requirements, if any, of the out-of-state location
10 where the nonresident is a resident. If the location where the nonresident is a
11 resident does not require emissions testing, **section 1** requires such a motor vehicle
12 to undergo emissions testing as if it were the vehicle of a Nevada resident.



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:

1. A nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who is a natural person and engages in a trade, profession or occupation or accepts gainful employment in this State shall apply for the registration of each vehicle the person owns which is operated in this State. The person must apply for the registration of such a vehicle not later than 10 days after the date the person first operates the vehicle in this State after the commencement of such employment.

2. The Department shall grant an application for registration of a vehicle pursuant to subsection 1 if the nonresident owner of the vehicle:

(a) Submits proof that the vehicle has been registered for the current year in the state, country or other place of which the owner is a resident;

(b) Submits proof that the vehicle is currently insured in compliance with the laws of the state, country or other place of which the owner is a resident;

(c) Submits proof that the vehicle has been tested for emissions in compliance with the laws of the state, country or other place of which the owner is a resident or, if the place where the owner is a resident does not require the testing of the emissions of motor vehicles, complies with the provisions of NRS 445B.700 to 445B.815, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto for the vehicle as if the vehicle were required to comply with those provisions; and

(d) Pays a fee of \$150. The owner must pay a fee of \$150 for each vehicle the owner registers pursuant to this section.

3. The Department shall issue to a nonresident owner who registers a vehicle pursuant to this section an indicator for the registered vehicle that must be displayed on the registered vehicle when the registered vehicle is operated in this State. The indicator issued pursuant to this subsection expires 1 year after the date of issuance.

4. All fees paid pursuant to subsection 2 must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State Highway Fund and expended pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 408.235.

5. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished:

(a) For the first offense, by a fine of not more than \$300.



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(b) *For the second and each subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than \$500.*

↪ *The failure of a person to comply with the provisions of this section for each vehicle to which this section applies constitutes a separate offense.*

6. *A vehicle may be cited for a violation of this section regardless of whether it is in operation or is parked on a highway, in a public parking lot or on private property which is open to the public if, after communicating with the owner or operator of the vehicle, the peace officer issuing the citation determines that the vehicle is required to be registered pursuant to subsection 1. As used in this subsection, "peace officer" includes a constable.*

7. *The Department may adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

Sec. 2. NRS 482.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.103 1. "Resident" includes, but is not limited to, a person:

(a) Whose legal residence is in the State of Nevada.

(b) Who engages in intrastate business and operates in such a business any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or any person maintaining such vehicles in this State, as the home state of such vehicles.

(c) Who physically resides in this State and engages in a trade, profession, occupation or accepts gainful employment in this State.

(d) Who declares that he or she is a resident of Nevada for purposes of obtaining privileges not ordinarily extended to nonresidents of this State.

2. The term does not include a person who is an actual tourist, an out-of-state student, a border state employee or a seasonal resident.

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to persons who operate vehicles in this State under the provisions of NRS 482.385, 482.390, 482.395 or 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive **H**, *or section 1 of this act.*

Sec. 3. NRS 482.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.385 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7 and NRS 482.390, *and section 1 of this act*, a nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, owning any vehicle which has been registered for the current year in the state, country or other place of which the owner is a resident and which at all times when operated in this State has displayed upon it the registration license plate issued for the vehicle in the place of residence of the owner, may operate or permit the operation of the vehicle within this State without its registration in this State pursuant to the provisions of this



chapter and without the payment of any registration fees to this State:

(a) For a period of not more than 30 days in the aggregate in any 1 calendar year; and

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), during any period in which the owner is:

(1) On active duty in the military service of the United States;

(2) An out-of-state student;

(3) Registered as a student at a college or university located outside this State and who is in the State for a period of not more than 6 months to participate in a work-study program for which the student earns academic credits from the college or university; or

(4) A migrant or seasonal farm worker.

2. This section does not:

(a) Prohibit the use of manufacturers', distributors' or dealers' license plates issued by any state or country by any nonresident in the operation of any vehicle on the public highways of this State.

(b) Require registration of vehicles of a type subject to registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter operated by nonresident common motor carriers of persons or property, contract motor carriers of persons or property, or private motor carriers of property as stated in NRS 482.390.

(c) Require registration of a vehicle operated by a border state employee.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, when a person, formerly a nonresident, becomes a resident of this State, the person shall:

(a) Within 30 days after becoming a resident; or

(b) At the time he or she obtains a driver's license,

➔ whichever occurs earlier, apply for the registration of each vehicle the person owns which is operated in this State. When a person, formerly a nonresident, applies for a driver's license in this State, the Department shall inform the person of the requirements imposed by this subsection and of the penalties that may be imposed for failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

4. A citation may be issued pursuant to subsection 1, 3 or 5 only if the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver arrested for another alleged violation or offense. The Department shall maintain or cause to be maintained a list or other record of persons who fail to comply with the provisions of subsection 3 and shall, at least once each month, provide a copy of that list or record to the Department of Public Safety.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a resident or nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to registration



1 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who ~~engages in a trade,~~
2 ~~profession or occupation or accepts gainful employment in this State~~
3 ~~or who~~ enrolls his or her children in a public school in this State
4 shall, within 30 days after the commencement of such ~~employment~~
5 ~~or~~ enrollment, apply for the registration of each vehicle the person
6 owns which is operated in this State. The provisions of this
7 subsection do not apply to a nonresident who is:

8 (a) On active duty in the military service of the United States;

9 (b) An out-of-state student;

10 (c) Registered as a student at a college or university located
11 outside this State and who is in the State for a period of not more
12 than 6 months to participate in a work-study program for which the
13 student earns academic credits from the college or university; or

14 (d) A migrant or seasonal farm worker.

15 6. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 1, 3 or 5
16 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, except as otherwise provided in this
17 subsection, shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000. The fine imposed
18 pursuant to this subsection is in addition to any fine or penalty
19 imposed for the other alleged violation or offense for which the
20 vehicle was halted or its driver arrested pursuant to subsection 4.
21 The fine imposed pursuant to this subsection may be reduced to not
22 less than \$200 if the person presents evidence at the time of the
23 hearing that the person has registered the vehicle pursuant to this
24 chapter.

25 7. Any resident operating upon a highway of this State a motor
26 vehicle which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to
27 the resident operator for his or her continuous use within this State,
28 shall cause that vehicle to be registered within 30 days after
29 beginning its operation within this State.

30 8. A person registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of
31 subsection 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 or pursuant to NRS 482.390:

32 (a) Must be assessed the registration fees and governmental
33 services tax, as required by the provisions of this chapter and
34 chapter 371 of NRS; and

35 (b) Must not be allowed credit on those taxes and fees for the
36 unused months of the previous registration.

37 9. If a vehicle is used in this State for a gainful purpose, the
38 owner shall immediately apply to the Department for registration,
39 except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.390, 482.395 and 706.801
40 to 706.861, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

41 10. An owner registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions
42 of this section shall surrender the existing nonresident license plates
43 and registration certificates to the Department for cancellation.

44 11. A vehicle may be cited for a violation of this section
45 regardless of whether it is in operation or is parked on a highway, in



1 a public parking lot or on private property which is open to the
2 public if, after communicating with the owner or operator of the
3 vehicle, the peace officer issuing the citation determines that:

4 (a) The owner of the vehicle is a resident of this State;

5 (b) The vehicle is used in this State for a gainful purpose;

6 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of subsection
7 1, the owner of the vehicle is a nonresident and has operated the
8 vehicle in this State for more than 30 days in the aggregate in any 1
9 calendar year; or

10 (d) The owner of the vehicle is a nonresident required to register
11 the vehicle pursuant to subsection 5.

12 ➤ As used in this subsection, "peace officer" includes a constable.

13 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
15 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
16 registration, *indicator*, decal or number plate is issued, the following
17 fees must be paid:

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19 For a certificate of registration	\$5.00
20 For every substitute number plate or set of plates	5.00
21 For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....	10.00
22 For every decal displaying a county name	.50
23 For every other <i>indicator</i> , decal, license plate	
24 sticker or tab	5.00

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26 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or
27 set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

28 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
29 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or
30 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, a fee of \$10.

31 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
32 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

33 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection
34 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant
35 to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS
36 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the
37 issuance of those plates.

38 3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute of a
39 decal issued pursuant to NRS 482.37635.

40 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and
41 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State
42 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the
43 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and
44 manufacturing the decals.

45 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective:



- 1 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
- 2 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
- 3 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
- 4 2. On January 1, 2014, for all other purposes.

