

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 24—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions relating to license plates. (BDR 43-367)

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; providing for the limited issuance of special license plates to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal of such license plates; revising provisions relating to the number of characters required to be contained on a license plate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill provides for the issuance of a special license plate to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union. Existing law provides that the regular fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a special license plate are \$35 and \$10, respectively, exclusive of any additional fees which may be added to generate funds for a particular cause. (NRS 482.265) Unlike the fees set forth in existing law, the fee set forth in this bill for the initial issuance of a special license plate to commemorate the 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) of Nevada's admission into the Union is \$7.50 and there is no basic charge for the renewal of the special license plates, other than the fee that is required to be distributed to the Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation. Existing law also requires \$35 of the fee received by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the initial issuance of a special license plate, exclusive of any additional fees which may be added to generate funds for a particular cause, to be deposited in the State Highway Fund for credit to the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates. (NRS 482.1805) However, this bill requires the Department to deposit the \$7.50 received for the initial issuance of the sesquicentennial license plate with the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund.

This bill also provides that the additional fees collected for the issuance of the plate must be deposited in the State General Fund. The State Treasurer is required



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to distribute those additional fees, on a quarterly basis, to the Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation. This bill exempts these special license plates from: (1) the provisions that require a minimum number of applications for the plates; (2) the requirement that the Commission on Special License Plates approve or disapprove the plates; and (3) the limit on the number of separate designs of special license plates that may be issued by the Department at any one time.

Section 5 of this bill deletes the requirement that a redesign of license plates ordered by the Director of the Department: (1) be in colors that are predominately blue and silver; and (2) contain letters and numbers that are of the same size. **Sections 6 and 11-19** of this bill delete the requirement that a license plate contain a certain finite number of characters and provide instead that the Director will determine the number of characters to be contained on each license plate.

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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Department, in cooperation with the Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates which commemorate the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union, using any colors and designs that the Department deems appropriate.

2. The Department shall issue the commemorative license plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with the commemorative license plates if that person pays the fees for the personalized license plates in addition to the fees for the commemorative license plates pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

3. The fee for the commemorative license plates is \$7.50, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The Department shall deposit the fee collected pursuant to this subsection with the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.180.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes and the fees prescribed in subsection 3, a person who requests a set of the commemorative license plates must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates a fee of \$10, to be



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1 *distributed pursuant to subsection 5. The fees otherwise required*
2 *to be paid pursuant to this subsection must not be charged after*
3 *the date announced by the Director pursuant to subsection 7.*

4 *5. The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*
5 *subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State*
6 *General Fund. For the duration of the collection of such fees, the*
7 *State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees to*
8 *the Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation or its successor to be*
9 *used for:*

10 *(a) A celebration of the 150th anniversary of Nevada's*
11 *admission into the Union;*

12 *(b) Projects relating to the commemoration of Nevada's*
13 *admission to the Union, including, without limitation, historical*
14 *markers, tours of historic sites and improvements to or restoration*
15 *of historic buildings and structures;*

16 *(c) Education relating to the history of the State of Nevada;*
17 *and*

18 *(d) Other projects relating to preserving and protecting the*
19 *heritage of the State of Nevada.*

20 *6. If, during a registration year, the holder of the*
21 *commemorative license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of*
22 *this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed,*
23 *the holder shall:*

24 *(a) Retain the commemorative license plates and affix them to*
25 *another vehicle that meets the requirements of this section if the*
26 *holder pays the fee for the transfer of the registration and any*
27 *registration fee or governmental services tax due pursuant to*
28 *NRS 482.399; or*

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

31 *7. The Director shall determine and, by public proclamation,*
32 *announce the last date on which the Department will issue the*
33 *commemorative license plates. The Department shall publish the*
34 *announcement on its Internet website. The Department shall not*
35 *issue:*

36 *(a) The commemorative license plates after the date*
37 *announced by the Director pursuant to this subsection.*

38 *(b) Replacement commemorative license plates for those*
39 *license plates more than 5 years after the date announced by the*
40 *Director pursuant to this subsection.*

41 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.1805 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 482.1805 1. The Revolving Account for the Issuance of
43 Special License Plates is hereby created as a special account in the
44 State Highway Fund. An amount equal to \$35 of the fee received by
45 the Department for the initial issuance of a special license plate, not



1 including any additional fee which may be added to generate
2 financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization,
3 must be deposited in the State Highway Fund for credit to the
4 Account.

5 2. The Department shall use the money in the Account to:

6 (a) Pay the expenses involved in issuing special license plates;
7 and

8 (b) Purchase improved and upgraded technology, including,
9 without limitation, digital technology for the production of special
10 license plates, to ensure that special license plates are produced in
11 the most efficient manner possible.

12 3. Money in the Account must be used only for the purposes
13 specified in subsection 2.

14 4. At the end of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall
15 transfer from the Account to the State Highway Fund an amount of
16 money equal to the balance in the Account which exceeds \$50,000.

17 ***5. The provisions of this section do not apply to section 1 of***
18 ***this act.***

19 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the
21 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

22 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor
23 vehicles he or she sells and the related fees and taxes;

24 (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the
25 requirements of this chapter; and

26 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant
27 to NRS 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle
28 dealer a new vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

29 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates
30 of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

31 (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within
32 the period prescribed by the Department;

33 (b) Transmit the fees collected from the applicants and properly
34 account for them within the period prescribed by the Department;

35 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
36 4; and

37 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
38 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
39 software.

40 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates
41 of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:

42 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
43 services;

44 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
45 performance of those services;



(c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor vehicle; or

(d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant wishes to:

(1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or

(2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

4. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

(a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by the Department; and

(b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations adopted by the Department.

Sec. 4. NRS 482.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.265 1. The Department shall furnish to every owner whose vehicle is registered two license plates for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle and one license plate for all other vehicles required to be registered hereunder. Upon renewal of registration, the Department may issue one or more license plate stickers, tabs or other suitable devices in lieu of new license plates.

2. The Director shall have the authority to require the return to the Department of all number plates upon termination of the lawful use thereof by the owner under this chapter.

3. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, for the issuance of each special license plate authorized pursuant to this chapter:

(a) The fee to be received by the Department for the initial issuance of the special license plate is \$35, exclusive of any additional fee which may be added to generate funds for a particular cause or charitable organization;

(b) The fee to be received by the Department for the renewal of the special license plate is \$10, exclusive of any additional fee which may be added to generate financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization; and

(c) The Department shall not design, prepare or issue a special license plate unless, within 4 years after the date on which the measure authorizing the issuance becomes effective, it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of that plate.

4. The provisions of subsection 3 do not apply to section 1 of this act.



Sec. 5. NRS 482.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by specific statute, the Director shall order the redesign and preparation of motor vehicle license plates . ~~[with colors that are predominately blue and silver. The Director may substitute white in place of silver when no suitable material is available.]~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Department shall, upon the payment of all applicable fees, issue redesigned motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this section to persons who apply for the registration or renewal of the registration of a motor vehicle on or after January 1, 2001.

3. The Department shall not issue redesigned motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this section to a person who was issued motor vehicle license plates before January 1, 1982, or pursuant to NRS 482.3747, 482.3763, 482.3775, 482.378 or 482.379, *or section 1 of this act*, without the approval of the person.

4. The Director may determine and vary the size, shape and form and the material of which license plates are made, but each license plate must be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight. All license plates must be treated to reflect light and to be at least 100 times brighter than conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, the license plates, when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet.

5. Every license plate must have displayed upon it:

(a) The registration number, or combination of letters and numbers, assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof;

(b) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated;

(c) If issued for a calendar year, the year; and

(d) If issued for a registration period other than a calendar year, the month and year the registration expires.

~~6. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.379, all letters and numbers must be of the same size.~~

~~7.]~~ Each special license plate that is designed, prepared and issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002 must be designed and prepared in such a manner that:

(a) The left-hand one-third of the plate is the only part of the plate on which is displayed any design or other insignia that is suggested pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of that section; and

(b) The remainder of the plate conforms to the requirements for ~~[coloring.]~~ lettering and design that are set forth in this section.



1 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.272 Each license plate for a motorcycle may contain ~~up to~~
3 ~~six~~ *a number of* characters, including numbers and letters ~~H~~ , *as*
4 *determined necessary by the Director.* Only one plate may be
5 issued for a motorcycle.

6 **Sec. 7.** NRS 482.367002 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows:

8 482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department
9 design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an
10 application to the Department. A person may submit an application
11 for a special license plate that is intended to generate financial
12 support for an organization only if:

13 (a) For an organization which is not a governmental entity, the
14 organization is established as a nonprofit charitable organization
15 which provides services to the community relating to public health,
16 education or general welfare;

17 (b) For an organization which is a governmental entity, the
18 organization only uses the financial support generated by the special
19 license plate for charitable purposes relating to public health,
20 education or general welfare;

21 (c) The organization is registered with the Secretary of State, if
22 registration is required by law, and has filed any documents required
23 to remain registered with the Secretary of State;

24 (d) The name and purpose of the organization do not promote,
25 advertise or endorse any specific product, brand name or service that
26 is offered for profit;

27 (e) The organization is nondiscriminatory; and

28 (f) The license plate will not promote a specific religion, faith or
29 antireligious belief.

30 2. An application submitted to the Department pursuant to
31 subsection 1:

32 (a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the
33 Department;

34 (b) Must specify whether the special license plate being
35 requested is intended to generate financial support for a particular
36 cause or charitable organization and, if so, the name of the cause or
37 charitable organization;

38 (c) Must include proof that the organization satisfies the
39 requirements set forth in subsection 1;

40 (d) Must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the
41 Department in the amount of \$5,000; and

42 (e) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and
43 colors to be used in the special license plate.

44 3. The Department may design and prepare a special license
45 plate requested pursuant to subsection 1 if:



(a) The Department determines that the application for that plate complies with subsection 2; and

(b) The Commission on Special License Plates approves the application for that plate pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.367008, the Department may issue a special license plate that:

(a) The Department has designed and prepared pursuant to this section;

(b) The Commission on Special License Plates has approved for issuance pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004; and

(c) Complies with the requirements of subsection ~~4~~ 6 of NRS 482.270,

↳ for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with a special license plate issued pursuant to this section if that person pays the fees for personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license plate.

5. The Department must promptly release the surety bond posted pursuant to subsection 2:

(a) If the Department or the Commission on Special License Plates determines not to issue the special license plate; or

(b) If it is determined that at least 1,000 special license plates have been issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design of the special license plate conducted pursuant to NRS 482.367008.

6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of 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 that meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or

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

Sec. 8. NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on Special License Plates consisting of five Legislators and three nonvoting members as follows:

(a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:



(1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session.

(2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session.

(b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

(1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a designee of the Director.

(2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or a designee of the Director.

(3) The Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, or a designee of the Director.

2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3. Members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

5. The Commission shall approve or disapprove:

(a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002;

(b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1, 2007.

➡ In determining whether to approve such an application or issuance, the Commission shall consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license plate. The Commission shall consider each application in the



1 chronological order in which the application was received by the
2 Department.

3 6. The provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 do not apply
4 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS
5 482.3785 or 482.3787 ~~†~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

6 7. The Commission shall:

7 (a) Approve or disapprove any proposed change in the
8 distribution of money received in the form of additional fees. As
9 used in this paragraph, "additional fees" means the fees that are
10 charged in connection with the issuance or renewal of a special
11 license plate for the benefit of a particular cause, fund or charitable
12 organization. The term does not include registration and license fees
13 or governmental services taxes.

14 (b) If it approves a proposed change pursuant to paragraph (a)
15 and determines that legislation is required to carry out the change,
16 request the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation
17 of a bill draft to carry out the change.

18 **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows:

20 482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate"
21 means:

22 (a) A license plate that the Department has designed and
23 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the
24 system of application and petition described in that section;

25 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the
26 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,
27 482.37903, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918,
28 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935,
29 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938 or
30 482.37945; and

31 (c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS
32 482.3785 or 482.3787, *or section 1 of this act*, a license plate that ~~†~~

33 ~~—(1) Is† is~~ approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005. ~~†; and~~

34 ~~—(2) Differs substantially in design from the license plates that~~
35 ~~are described in subsection 1 of NRS 482.270.†~~

36 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
37 the Department shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30
38 separate designs of special license plates. Whenever the total
39 number of separate designs of special license plates issued by the
40 Department at any one time is less than 30, the Department shall
41 issue a number of additional designs of special license plates that
42 have been authorized by an act of the Legislature or the application
43 for which has been approved by the Commission on Special License
44 Plates pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004, not to exceed a
45 total of 30 designs issued by the Department at any one time. Such



1 additional designs must be issued by the Department in accordance
2 with the chronological order of their authorization or approval.

3 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on
4 October 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of
5 each separate design of special license plate that the Department is
6 currently issuing by determining the total number of validly
7 registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license
8 plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total
9 number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular
10 design of special license plate is affixed if:

11 (a) The particular design of special license plate was designed
12 and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

13 (b) On October 1, that particular design of special license plate
14 has been available to be issued for less than 12 months.

15 4. ~~If, except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if,~~ **If**, on
16 October 1, the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to
17 which a particular design of special license plate is affixed is:

18 (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by
19 the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000; or

20 (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the
21 Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
22 less than the number of applications required to be received by the
23 Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

24 ➡ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner
25 described in subsection 5.

26 5. The notice required pursuant to subsection 4 must be
27 provided:

28 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a
29 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable
30 organization.

31 (b) If the special license plate does not generate financial
32 support for a cause or charitable organization, to an entity which is
33 involved in promoting the activity, place or other matter that is
34 depicted on the plate.

35 6. If, on December 31 of the same year in which notice was
36 provided pursuant to subsections 4 and 5, the total number of validly
37 registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special
38 license plate is affixed is:

39 (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by
40 the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000; or

41 (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the
42 Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
43 less than the number of applications required to be received by the
44 Department for the initial issuance of those plates,



1 ➔ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
2 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no
3 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Such an
4 order does not require existing holders of that particular design of
5 special license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and
6 does not prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

7 **Sec. 10.** NRS 482.36705 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows:

9 482.36705 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

10 (a) If a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
11 Legislature after January 1, 2003, other than a special license plate
12 that is authorized pursuant to NRS 482.379375, the Legislature will
13 direct that the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by
14 the Department unless the Department receives at least 1,000
15 applications for the issuance of that plate within 2 years after the
16 effective date of the act of the Legislature that authorized the plate.

17 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (a), if a
18 new special license plate is authorized by an act of the Legislature
19 after July 1, 2005, the Legislature will direct that the license plate
20 not be issued by the Department unless its issuance complies with
21 subsection 2 of NRS 482.367008.

22 (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and
23 (b), if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
24 Legislature after January 1, 2007, the Legislature will direct that the
25 license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department
26 unless the Commission on Special License Plates approves the
27 application for the authorized plate pursuant to NRS 482.367004.

28 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with regard to
29 special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3785 or
30 482.3787 ~~+~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

31 **Sec. 11.** NRS 482.3672 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 482.3672 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
33 this State and who is regularly employed or engaged as an editor,
34 reporter or photographer by a newspaper or television or radio
35 station may, upon signed application on a form prescribed and
36 provided by the Department, accompanied by:

37 (a) The fee charged for personalized prestige license plates in
38 NRS 482.367 in addition to all other required registration fees and
39 taxes; and

40 (b) A letter from the news director, editor or publisher of the
41 periodical or station by whom the person is employed,

42 ➔ be issued license plates upon which is inscribed PRESS with
43 ~~three consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including*
44 *numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*



2. Each person who is eligible for special license plates under this section may apply for one set of plates. The plates may be used only on a private passenger vehicle or a noncommercial truck.

3. When a person to whom special license plates have been issued pursuant to this section leaves the service of the newspaper or station which has provided the letter required by subsection 1, the person shall surrender any special plates he or she possesses to the Department and is entitled to receive regular Nevada license plates. Surrendered plates may be reissued or disposed of in a manner authorized by the regulations of the Department.

4. The Department may adopt regulations governing the issuance of special license plates to members of the press.

5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section are renewable upon the payment of \$10.

Sec. 12. NRS 482.3675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3675 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a United States citizen or a citizen of a foreign country residing in this State and who holds from a foreign country a letter of appointment as an honorary consul may, upon signed application on a form prescribed and provided by the Department, accompanied by:

(a) The fee charged for personalized prestige license plates in NRS 482.367 in addition to all other required registration fees and taxes; and

(b) A copy of the letter of appointment from that country, ➤ be issued a set of license plates upon which is inscribed CONSULAR CORPS with ~~three consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

2. Each person who is eligible for special license plates under this section may apply for one set of plates. The plates may be used only on a private passenger vehicle or a noncommercial truck.

3. When a person to whom special license plates have been issued pursuant to this section loses his or her status as an honorary consul, the person shall surrender any special plates he or she possesses to the Department and is entitled to receive regular Nevada license plates. Surrendered plates may be reissued or disposed of in a manner authorized by the regulations of the Department.

4. The Department may adopt regulations governing the issuance of special license plates to honorary consuls of foreign countries. The Department shall include on the form for application a notice to the applicant that the issuance of such license plates does not confer any diplomatic immunity.

5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section are renewable upon the payment of \$10.



Sec. 13. NRS 482.3755 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3755 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this State and is a member of the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol may, upon application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department, signed by the member and his or her commanding officer and accompanied by proof of membership, be issued license plates upon which is inscribed "CIVIL AIR PATROL" with ~~four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.* The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a renewal sticker is \$10.

2. Each member may request two sets of license plates as described in subsection 1. The second set of license plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of license plates issued to the same member. The license plates may only be used on private passenger vehicles or noncommercial trucks.

3. Any member of the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol who retires or is honorably discharged may retain any license plates issued to the member pursuant to subsection 1. If a member is dishonorably discharged, he or she shall surrender any of these special plates in his or her possession to the Department at least 10 days before the member's discharge and, in lieu of those plates, is entitled to receive regular Nevada license plates.

Sec. 14. NRS 482.376 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.376 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this State and is an enlisted or commissioned member of the Nevada National Guard may, upon application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department, signed by the member and his or her commanding officer and accompanied by proof of enlistment, be issued license plates upon which is inscribed NAT'L GUARD with ~~four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.* The applicant shall comply with the laws of this State concerning motor vehicles, including the payment of the regular registration fees, as prescribed by this chapter. There is an additional fee of \$5 for the issuance of those plates.

2. Each member may request two sets of license plates as described in subsection 1. The second set of license plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of license plates issued to the same member. The license plates may only be used on private passenger vehicles or noncommercial trucks.



3. Any member of the Nevada National Guard other than the Adjutant General, who retires or is honorably discharged may retain any license plates issued to the member pursuant to subsection 1. The Adjutant General shall surrender any license plates issued to him or her as Adjutant General to the Department when he or she leaves office, and may then be issued special license plates as described in subsection 1. If a member is dishonorably discharged, the member shall surrender any of these special plates in his or her possession to the Department at least 10 days before the member's discharge and, in lieu of those plates, is entitled to receive regular Nevada license plates.

Sec. 15. NRS 482.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3765 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the words "PEARL HARBOR VETERAN" or "PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR," at the option of the veteran, and ~~three or four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

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 their status as a survivor required by the Department.

4. 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.

5. The fee for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section is \$25, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a renewal sticker for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section is \$5.



Sec. 16. 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 inscribed with the words "DISABLED VETERAN," "DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN" or "VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED," at the option of the veteran, and ~~three or four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

(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. 17. NRS 482.3812 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3812 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655, the Department may issue special license plates and registration certificates to residents of Nevada for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle:



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1 (a) Having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or
2 less; and

3 (b) Manufactured not later than 1948.

4 2. License plates issued pursuant to this section must be
5 inscribed with the words "STREET ROD" and ~~three or four~~
6 ~~consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers*
7 *and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

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

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

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

16 4. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all
17 other applicable registration and license fees and governmental
18 services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.

19 5. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 4, the
20 Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the
21 special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to
22 NRS 445B.760 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815,
23 inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the
24 fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in
25 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.

26 6. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 5 must
27 be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by
28 NRS 445B.830.

29 **Sec. 18.** NRS 482.3814 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 482.3814 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655,
31 the Department may issue special license plates and registration
32 certificates to residents of Nevada for any passenger car or light
33 commercial vehicle:

34 (a) Having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or
35 less; and

36 (b) Manufactured not earlier than 1949, but at least 20 years
37 before the application is submitted to the Department.

38 2. License plates issued pursuant to this section must be
39 inscribed with the words "CLASSIC ROD" and ~~three or four~~
40 ~~consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers*
41 *and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

42 3. If, during a registration year, the holder of special plates
43 issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the
44 plates are affixed, the holder shall retain the plates and:



(a) 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.

4. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.

5. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 4, the Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to NRS 445B.760 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815, inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.

6. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 5 must be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by NRS 445B.830.

Sec. 19. NRS 482.3816 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3816 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655, the Department may issue special license plates and registration certificates to residents of Nevada for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle:

(a) Having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less;

(b) Manufactured at least 25 years before the application is submitted to the Department; and

(c) Containing only the original parts which were used to manufacture the vehicle or replacement parts that duplicate those original parts.

2. License plates issued pursuant to this section must be inscribed with the words "CLASSIC VEHICLE" and ~~three or four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

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

(a) 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.

4. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.



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5. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 4, the Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to NRS 445B.760 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815, inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.

6. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 5 must be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by NRS 445B.830.

Sec. 20. NRS 482.3824 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3824 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.38279, with respect to any special license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, and for which additional fees are imposed for the issuance of the special license plate to generate financial support for a charitable organization:

(a) The Director shall, at the request of the charitable organization that is benefited by the particular special license plate:

(1) Order the design and preparation of souvenir license plates, the design of which must be substantially similar to the particular special license plate; and

(2) Issue such souvenir license plates, for a fee established pursuant to NRS 482.3825, only to the charitable organization that is benefited by the particular special license plate. The charitable organization may resell such souvenir license plates at a price determined by the charitable organization.

(b) The Department may, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and after the particular special license plate is approved for issuance, issue the special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light commercial vehicle, excluding vehicles required to be registered with the Department pursuant to NRS 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive, upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 or 482.272 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter or chapter 486 of NRS. The Department may not issue a special license plate for such other types of vehicles if the Department determines that the design or manufacture of the plate for those other types of vehicles would not be feasible. In addition, if the Department incurs additional costs to manufacture a special license plate for such other types of vehicles, including, without limitation, costs associated with the purchase, manufacture or modification of dies or other equipment necessary to manufacture the special license plate for such other types of vehicles, those



1 additional costs must be paid from private sources without any
2 expense to the State of Nevada.

3 2. If, as authorized pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
4 the Department issues a special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle
5 or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light
6 commercial vehicle, the Department shall charge and collect for the
7 issuance and renewal of such a plate the same fees that the
8 Department would charge and collect if the other type of vehicle
9 was a passenger car or light commercial vehicle. As used in this
10 subsection, "fees" does not include any applicable registration or
11 license fees or governmental services taxes.

12 3. As used in this section:

13 (a) "Additional fees" has the meaning ascribed to it in
14 NRS 482.38273.

15 (b) "Charitable organization" means a particular cause, charity
16 or other entity that receives money from the imposition of additional
17 fees in connection with the issuance of a special license plate
18 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive ~~§~~, and *section 1*
19 *of this act*. The term includes the successor, if any, of a charitable
20 organization.

21 **Sec. 21.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
23 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
24 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must
25 be paid:

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27 For a certificate of registration	\$5.00
28 For every substitute number plate or set of plates	5.00
29 For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....	10.00
30 For every decal displaying a county name	50
31 For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab	5.00

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

35 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
36 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or
37 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of
38 \$10.

39 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
40 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

41 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection
42 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant
43 to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to
44 NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the
45 issuance of those plates.



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

3 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and
4 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State
5 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the
6 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and
7 manufacturing the decals.

8 **Sec. 22.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
9 approval.

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