
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 244—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES)

MARCH 13, 2013

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing special license plates.
(BDR 43-77)

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 special license plates; revising the circumstances under which the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles must issue certain notices and orders to stop the issuance of those plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles is
2 required to provide a notice to the entity to which a special license plate relates if,
3 on October 1, less than a certain number of motor vehicles have that special license
4 plate affixed. If the number of vehicles with the special license plate affixed
5 remains below a certain number on December 31, the Director is required to order
6 the Department to stop issuing that special license plate and to allow current
7 holders to keep and renew their existing plates. For special license plates designed
8 and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002, the number of vehicles with the special
9 license plate affixed that is required to prevent the Director from issuing an order to
10 stop producing that special license plate is 1,000; for special license plates required
11 to be issued by certain other sections of NRS, that number must be at least equal to
12 the number set forth in the section that requires the issuance of the plate. (NRS
13 482.367008) This bill sets the number of vehicles that must have the special license
14 plate affixed to prevent the Director from issuing an order to stop producing that
15 special license plate at 1,000 for all special license plates.



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

Section 1. NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

(c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS 482.3785 or 482.3787, a license plate that:

(1) Is approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005; and

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

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30 separate designs of special license plates. Whenever the total number of separate designs of special license plates issued by the Department at any one time is less than 30, the Department shall issue a number of additional designs of special license plates that have been authorized by an act of the Legislature or the application for which has been approved by the Commission on Special License Plates pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004, not to exceed a total of 30 designs issued by the Department at any one time. Such additional designs must be issued by the Department in accordance with the chronological order of their authorization or approval.

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

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

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



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1 4. ~~If, on~~ **If**, on
2 October 1, the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to
3 which a particular design of special license plate is affixed is ~~+~~

4 ~~— (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by~~
5 ~~the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000 , +; or~~

6 ~~— (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the~~
7 ~~Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,~~
8 ~~less than the number of applications required to be received by the~~
9 ~~Department for the initial issuance of those plates;~~

10 ~~+~~ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner
11 described in subsection 5.

12 5. The notice required pursuant to subsection 4 must be
13 provided:

14 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a
15 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable
16 organization.

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

21 6. If, on December 31 of the same year in which notice was
22 provided pursuant to subsections 4 and 5, the total number of validly
23 registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special
24 license plate is affixed is ~~+~~

25 ~~— (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by~~
26 ~~the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000 , +; or~~

27 ~~— (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the~~
28 ~~Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,~~
29 ~~less than the number of applications required to be received by the~~
30 ~~Department for the initial issuance of those plates;~~

31 ~~+~~ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
32 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no
33 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Such an
34 order does not require existing holders of that particular design of
35 special license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and
36 does not prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

