

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 237—ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL (BY REQUEST)

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR ATKINSON

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing motor vehicle registration. (BDR 43-396)

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 vehicle registration; revising provisions governing the issuance of a distinguishing number to certain vehicles by the Department of Motor Vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, an application for the registration of a motor vehicle must
2 include the identification or serial number of the vehicle. (NRS 482.215) Existing
3 law also authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to assign a distinguishing
4 number, which can be used for registration purposes, to any motor vehicle when the
5 vehicle identification number thereon has been falsely attached, removed, defaced,
6 altered or obliterated. (NRS 482.290) This bill requires the Department to assign
7 such a distinguishing number to a motor vehicle manufactured not later than 1942
8 upon request by the owner of the vehicle and submission of an affidavit which
9 states that the vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, if any, is not
10 accessible or readable without substantial dismantling of the motor vehicle.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.290 1. The Department is authorized to assign a
3 distinguishing number to any motor vehicle or trailer whenever the
4 vehicle identification number thereon has been falsely attached,
5 removed, defaced, altered or obliterated ~~†~~ *or upon request*



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1 *pursuant to subsection 2*, and any motor vehicle or trailer to which
2 there is assigned a distinguishing number as authorized in this
3 section shall be registered under such distinguishing number.

4 2. *The Department shall assign a distinguishing number*
5 *pursuant to this section for a motor vehicle manufactured not later*
6 *than 1942 upon request by the owner of the motor vehicle and*
7 *submission to the Department of an affidavit which states that the*
8 *vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, if any, is not*
9 *accessible or readable without substantial dismantling of the*
10 *motor vehicle.*

11 3. The Department shall collect a fee of \$2 for the assignment
12 and recording of each such vehicle identification number and for the
13 assignment of distinguishing numbers pursuant to NRS 482.553.

14 ~~3.1~~ 4. The number by which a motor vehicle or trailer is
15 registered shall be permanently stamped or attached to the vehicle.
16 False attachment or willful removal, defacement, alteration or
17 obliteration of such a number with intent to defraud is a gross
18 misdemeanor.

19 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

20 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
21 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
22 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

23 2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

