

SENATE BILL NO. 429—COMMITTEE ON
GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to license plates for amateur radio license holders. (BDR 43-1138)

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 provisions relating to renewal of special license plates available to holders of a license for an amateur radio station; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the issuance of special license plates to a person who holds an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. An applicant for renewal of such a special license plate may obtain a waiver of the \$10 fee for a renewal sticker if the holder submits to the Department of Motor Vehicles a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that the holder will assist in communications during local, state and federal emergencies. (NRS 482.375) This bill provides that the statement required for the renewal fee waiver must also state that the applicant is the holder of an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license, and that such a statement need only be submitted to the Department once, with the applicant indicating at each subsequent renewal that the statement is still valid. This bill also requires a holder of such special license plates to surrender the special license plates to the Department if the holder is no longer eligible for the special license plates.

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

Section 1. NRS 482.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:
482.375 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of Nevada and who holds an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal



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Communications Commission, upon application accompanied by proof of ownership of that license, complying with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon the payment of the regular license fee for plates as prescribed by law, and the payment of an additional fee of \$35, must be issued a license plate or plates, upon which in lieu of the numbers as prescribed by law must be inscribed the words "RADIO AMATEUR" and the official amateur radio call letters of the applicant as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. The annual fee for a renewal sticker is \$10 unless waived by the Department pursuant to subsection 2. The plate or plates may be used only on a private passenger car, trailer or travel trailer or on a noncommercial truck, except that such plates may not be used on a full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.483.

2. The Department may waive the annual fee for a renewal sticker if the applicant for renewal:

(a) ~~[Submits with the application for renewal]~~ *Has submitted to the Department* a statement under penalty of perjury that the applicant *is the holder of an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license as required pursuant to subsection 1 and* will assist in communications during local, state and federal emergencies; ~~[and]~~

(b) *Indicates upon renewal that the statement submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) is still valid; and*

(c) Satisfies any other requirements established by the Department by regulation for such a waiver.

3. The cost of the die and modifications necessary for the issuance of a license plate pursuant to this section must be paid from private sources without any expense to the State of Nevada.

4. The Department may adopt regulations:

(a) To ensure compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of a motor vehicle before issuance of the plates in lieu of the regular Nevada license plate or plates.

(b) Setting forth the requirements and procedure for obtaining a waiver of the annual fee for a renewal sticker ~~[]~~ *except that an applicant for the waiver must not be required to submit to the Department the statement required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 more than once.*

5. All applications for the plates authorized by this section must be made to the Department.

6. If, during a registration period, the holder of license plates issued pursuant to this section is no longer eligible to hold the license plates pursuant to subsection 1, he or she shall surrender any of those license plates in his or her possession to the



1 *Department and is entitled to receive regular Nevada license*
2 *plates.*

3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

