

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 304—ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain special license plates. (BDR 43-699)

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; eliminating the requirement to provide proof of current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter or current or former service as a volunteer firefighter in an application for the renewal of certain special license plates recognizing such employment or service; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates recognizing: (1) current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter; and (2) current or former service as a volunteer firefighter. Existing law requires an application for the issuance or renewal of such special license plates to include documentation providing reasonable proof of the applicant’s eligibility to receive the special plates. (NRS 482.3753, 482.3754) This bill eliminates the requirement to include such documentation in an application for the renewal of such special license plates.

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

Section 1. NRS 482.3753 is hereby amended to read as follows:
482.3753 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department, in cooperation with professional full-time salaried firefighters in the State of Nevada, shall design, prepare and issue license plates that recognize current or former employment as a



1 professional full-time salaried firefighter using any colors and
2 designs which the Department deems appropriate. The Department
3 shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives
4 at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

5 2. The Department shall issue license plates that recognize
6 current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried
7 firefighter for a passenger car or a light commercial vehicle upon
8 application by a qualified person who is entitled to license plates
9 pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the
10 requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter.
11 A person may request that personalized prestige license plates
12 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates
13 that recognize current or former employment as a professional full-
14 time salaried firefighter if that person pays the fees for the
15 personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the
16 license plates that recognize current or former employment as a
17 professional full-time salaried firefighter.

18 3. An application for the issuance ~~for renewal~~ of license plates
19 that recognize current or former employment as a professional full-
20 time salaried firefighter is void unless it is accompanied by
21 documentation which, in the determination of the Department,
22 provides reasonable proof of the identity of the applicant and proof
23 of the applicant's:

24 (a) Current employment as a professional full-time salaried
25 firefighter; or

26 (b) Status as a former professional full-time salaried firefighter
27 who retired from employment after completing at least 10 years of
28 creditable service as a firefighter within this State or any other
29 jurisdiction with:

30 (1) A fire department; or

31 (2) A federal or state agency, the duties of which involve the
32 prevention and suppression of fires, including, without limitation,
33 the Bureau of Land Management and the Division of Forestry of the
34 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

35 4. Proof of an applicant's current or former employment as a
36 professional full-time salaried firefighter must consist of:

37 (a) An identification card issued by the Professional Fire
38 Fighters of Nevada or its successor;

39 (b) An identification card issued by the Nevada Fire Chiefs
40 Association or its successor;

41 (c) An identification card issued by a professional firefighters'
42 or chiefs' organization or association from any other jurisdiction
43 that is acceptable to the Department; or



(d) A letter certifying the applicant's current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter, which letter must be from:

(1) The Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada or its successor;

(2) The Nevada Fire Chiefs Association or its successor;

(3) A professional firefighters' or chiefs' organization or association from any other jurisdiction that is acceptable to the Department; or

(4) The chief officer of a federal or state agency or any other jurisdiction, the duties of which involve the prevention and suppression of fires, including, without limitation, the Bureau of Land Management and the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

5. An application for the renewal of license plates issued pursuant to this section is not required to be accompanied by proof of the applicant's current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter.

6. The fee payable to the Department for license plates that recognize current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment to the Department of \$10 in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes.

~~16-1~~ **7.** In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes and the fees prescribed in subsection ~~15-1~~ **6** a person who requests a set of license plates that recognize current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 to support the Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada Benevolent Association.

~~17-1~~ **8.** The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection ~~16-1~~ **7** with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada Benevolent Association.

~~18-1~~ **9.** If, during a registration period, 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 transfer and registration fees are paid as set out in this chapter; or

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



~~19.1~~ 10. As used in this section:

(a) "Any other jurisdiction" means any governmental or quasi-governmental entity within the United States which employs professional full-time salaried firefighters and includes, without limitation, any city, county, state, territory, Indian tribe or branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) "Professional full-time salaried firefighter" means a person employed in this State or any other jurisdiction in a full-time salaried occupation of fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public.

Sec. 2. NRS 482.3754 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3754 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department, in cooperation with the Nevada State Firefighters' Association or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter using any colors and designs which the Department deems appropriate. The Department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

2. The Department shall issue license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter for a passenger car or a light commercial vehicle upon application by a qualified 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 license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter.

3. An application for the issuance ~~for renewal~~ of license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter is void unless it is accompanied by documentation which, in the determination of the Department, provides reasonable proof of the identity of the applicant and proof of the applicant's current service as a volunteer firefighter or status as a former volunteer firefighter who retired from service as a volunteer firefighter within this State after completing at least 10 years of active service. Proof of an applicant's current or former service as a volunteer firefighter must consist of:

(a) An identification card which indicates that the applicant currently serves as a volunteer firefighter; or



(b) A letter from the chief officer of a volunteer or combination fire department certifying the applicant's current or former service as a volunteer firefighter.

4. *An application for the renewal of license plates issued pursuant to this section is not required to be accompanied by proof of the applicant's current or former service as a volunteer firefighter.*

5. The fee payable to the Department for license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment to the Department of \$10 in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes.

~~15.1~~ 6. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes and the fees prescribed in subsection ~~14.1~~ 5 a person who requests a set of license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 to support the training of volunteer firefighters.

~~16.1~~ 7. The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection ~~15.1~~ 6 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund. The State Treasurer shall account separately for the money deposited pursuant to this subsection and reserve such money for expenditure by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with this subsection. The State Fire Marshal may expend the money reserved pursuant to this subsection solely for the support of, and to pay expenses related to, training for volunteer firefighters provided by or as directed by the Board of Directors of the Nevada State Firefighters' Association or its successor.

~~17.1~~ 8. If, during a registration period, 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 transfer and registration fees are paid as set out in this chapter; or

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

~~18.1~~ 9. As used in this section:

(a) "Combination fire department" means a fire department that is:

(1) Served by both volunteer and full-time salaried firefighters; and

(2) Recognized as such by the State Fire Marshal.



(b) “Volunteer fire department” means a fire department recognized as a bona fide volunteer fire department by the State Fire Marshal.

(c) “Volunteer firefighter” means a person who serves actively in an unpaid capacity in a volunteer or combination fire department within this State as a firefighter for the benefit or safety of the public.

Sec. 3. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

