

SENATE BILL NO. 164—SENATORS SPEARMAN; DONATE, DONDERO
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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN D’SILVA

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to special license plates.
(BDR 43-8)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 governing the distribution of fees collected for the issuance or renewal of special license plates indicating support for the Divine Nine; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and issue special license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine, which are a group of historically Black collegiate fraternities and sororities. (NRS 482.37941) Existing law requires the fees collected for the special license plates that are in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes to be deposited with the State Treasurer, who must, on a quarterly basis, distribute: (1) 10 percent of the fees to the United Negro College Fund; and (2) the remaining 90 percent of the fees equally among certain chapters or organizations associated with the Divine Nine for the promotion of community awareness and action through educational, economic and cultural service activities within this State. (NRS 482.37941) This bill removes the requirement for the State Treasurer to make distributions to certain chapters or organizations associated with the Divine Nine and, instead, requires that all of the fees collected for the special license plates that are in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental service taxes be distributed to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Inter-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund.



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

Section 1. NRS 482.37941 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.37941 1. The Department, in cooperation with the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, shall design, prepare and issue a license plate that indicates support for the Divine Nine, using any colors that the Department deems appropriate.

2. The Department shall issue license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine 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 license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

3. The fee for license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine 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.

4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees, governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed pursuant to subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine must pay a fee of \$25 for the issuance of the plates and a fee of \$20 for each renewal of the plates, to be deposited in accordance with subsection 5.

5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.38279, the Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute ~~the~~:

~~—(a) Ten percent of~~ the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the *Las Vegas Metropolitan Inter-Alumni Council of the* United Negro College Fund, ~~the~~ or its successor organization, for college scholarships for Nevada residents attending a college in this State . ~~the and~~

~~—(b) The remaining 90 percent of the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the following organizations in the following manner for the promotion of community awareness and action through educational, economic and cultural service activities within this State:~~



~~(1) Ten percent distributed to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.;~~
~~(2) Ten percent equally distributed among the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity chapters in this State;~~
~~(3) Ten percent distributed to the Delta Research and Educational Foundation, Inc.;~~
~~(4) Ten percent distributed to the National Iota Foundation, Inc.;~~
~~(5) Ten percent distributed to the Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.;~~
~~(6) Ten percent equally distributed among the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity chapters in this State;~~
~~(7) Ten percent distributed to the Western Region of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.;~~
~~(8) Ten percent distributed to the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc.; and~~
~~(9) Ten percent equally distributed among the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority chapters in this State.]~~

6. 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 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.

7. The Department may accept any gifts, grants and donations or other sources of money for the production and issuance of license plates pursuant to this section. All money received pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates created by NRS 482.1805.

8. As used in this section, "Divine Nine" means the following nine member organizations that compose the National Pan-Hellenic Council:

- (a) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.;
- (b) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;
- (c) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;
- (d) Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.;
- (e) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.;
- (f) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;
- (g) Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.;
- (h) Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and
- (i) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



1 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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