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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 409–ASSEMBLYMEMBERS HAFEN, D'SILVA, GRAY; BROWN-MAY AND TORRES-FOSSETT

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to special license plates. (BDR 43-1058)

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 vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, under certain circumstances, to issue a special license plate honoring certain veterans; authorizing the combination of personalized prestige license plates and certain special license plates associated with military service; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue personalized prestige license plates and certain special license plates associated with military or public service. (NRS 482.3667, 482.3757-482.3787)

Existing law requires the Department to issue special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families to: (1) a veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard; (2) a female veteran; or (3) the spouse, parent or child of a veteran or female veteran. Existing law requires the plates to be inscribed with the seal of the branch of the Armed Forces, the seal of the National Guard or an image representative of female veterans, as applicable. (NRS 482.3763) **Section 1** of this bill requires the issuance, upon application, of such special license plates to veterans of the Space Force and the spouse, parent or child of such veterans.

Existing law requires the Department to issue special license plates honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been awarded the: (1) Silver Star; or (2) Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device. (NRS 482.3783) **Section 1.5** of this bill requires the Department to issue special license plates honoring veterans who have been awarded the: (1) Air Force Cross; (2) Coast Guard Cross; (3) Distinguished Service Cross; or (4) Navy Cross.

Existing law requires the Department to issue, upon application, a special license plate to each family member of a person: (1) killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; or (2) who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 482.3785, 482.3787) **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill authorize a person to request that personalized prestige license plates be combined with such special license plates.

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

Section 1. NRS 482.3763 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3763 1. The Director shall order the preparation of special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families and establish procedures for the application for and issuance of the plates.

2. The Department shall, upon application therefor and payment of the prescribed fees, issue special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families to:

(a) A veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps ***,*** ~~[or]~~ Coast Guard ***or Space Force*** of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard;

(b) A female veteran; or

(c) The spouse, parent or child of a person described in paragraph (a) or (b).

➥ The plates must be inscribed with the word "VETERAN" and with the seal of the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, the seal of the National Guard or an image representative of the female veterans, as applicable, requested by the applicant. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license plates for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families pursuant to subsection 4.

3. If, during a registration period, the holder of special plates issued pursuant to 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 which 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.

4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes, and to the special fee imposed pursuant to NRS 482.3764 for the support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families, the fee for:

(a) The initial issuance of the special license plates is $35.

(b) The annual renewal sticker is $10.

5. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of duplicate number plates from the Department for a fee of $10.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 482.3783 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3783 1. The Department shall design, prepare and issue license plates honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been awarded, as applicable, the:

(a) Silver Star; ~~[or]~~

(b) Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device ~~[.]~~ ***;***

(c) Air Force Cross;

(d) Coast Guard Cross;

(e) Distinguished Service Cross; or

(f) Navy Cross.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a qualifying service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with the applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

3. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may only be used on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of his or her status as a recipient of ~~[the Silver Star or the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device, as applicable,]~~ ***an award listed in subsection 1*** and, subject to the provisions of NRS 417.0187, evidence of his or her service-connected disability, if applicable, as required by the Department.

The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including, without limitation, those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within this State, other than the United States.

6. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special 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 which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If the special license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of duplicate number plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

Sec. 2. NRS 482.3785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3785 1. Each family member of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States is entitled to specially designed license plates which indicate that the person is a family member of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence satisfactory to the Department that the person is a family member of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Department may designate any

appropriate colors for the special plates, but must ensure that the design of the plates includes a gold star.

4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including, without limitation, those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within this State, other than the United States.

5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special 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 which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of duplicate number plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

7. ***A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates issued pursuant to this section if the person pays the fees prescribed by NRS 482.367 for the personalized prestige license plates.***

8. Any person who knowingly:

(a) Makes a false statement that he or she is a family member of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on an application for special license plates pursuant to this section; or

(b) Submits any evidence pursuant to subsection 3 that is false, fraudulent or misleading,

➥ is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000. In addition, he or she shall surrender to the Department any license plates issued pursuant to this section.

~~[8.]~~ ***9.*** As used in this section:

(a) "Family member" means a widow, widower, parent, stepparent, grandparent, child, stepchild, dependent, sibling, half sibling or stepsibling.

(b) "Killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States" includes persons killed directly in the line of duty and persons who die as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Sec. 3. NRS 482.3787 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3787 1. Each family member of a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States is entitled to specially designed license plates which indicate that the person is a family member of a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence satisfactory to the Department that the person is a family member of a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including, without limitation, those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within this State, other than the United States.

5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special 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 which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If

the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of duplicate number plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

7. ***A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates issued pursuant to this section if the person pays the fees prescribed by NRS 482.367 for the personalized prestige license plates.***

8. Any person who knowingly:

(a) Makes a false statement that he or she is a family member of a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on an application for special license plates pursuant to this section; or

(b) Submits any evidence pursuant to subsection 3 that is false, fraudulent or misleading,

➥ is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000. In addition, he or she shall surrender to the Department any license plates issued pursuant to this section.

~~[8.]~~ ***9.*** As used in this section:

(a) "Died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States" includes persons who die as a result of an injury sustained while on active duty whether or not the person had been discharged from military service at the time of his or her death.

(b) "Family member" means a widow, widower, parent, stepparent, grandparent, child, stepchild, dependent, sibling, half sibling or stepsibling.

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