

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 525—COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Provides for the issuance of special license plates and registration certificates for certain antique kei vehicles. (BDR 43-1145)

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; providing for the issuance of special license plates and registration certificates for antique kei vehicles in certain circumstances; exempting certain antique kei vehicles from certain provisions relating to testing for exhaust emissions; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal or replacement of special license plates for antique kei vehicles; authorizing the special license plates to be transferred to another vehicle under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes special license plates and registration certificates to be issued to residents of Nevada for antique motor vehicles that qualify as “Old Timer” vehicles, street rods, classic rods or classic vehicles. (NRS 482.381, 482.3812, 482.3814, 482.3816) **Section 1** of this bill also authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates and registration certificates to residents for antique kei vehicles, which are defined as imported vehicles having an enclosed passenger cab that are: (1) at least 25 years old; (2) powered by an internal combustion engine with a displacement of 660 cubic centimeter or less; (3) 60 inches or less in width; (4) 135 inches or less in length; and (5) designed to travel on four wheels. **Section 1** prohibits the use of a vehicle which has been issued special license plates and a registration certificate for antique kei vehicles from being used for general transportation purposes but authorizes such a vehicle to be used for club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades or similar activities and for uses which are necessary for the operation and maintenance of the vehicle. **Section 1** authorizes a person wishing to obtain the special license plates to



request that the plates be combined with personalized prestige plates if the person pays the additional fees for the personalized prestige plates.

Existing law requires the State Environmental Commission, in cooperation with the Department and any local air pollution control agency, to adopt regulations for the control of emissions from motor vehicles in areas designated by the Commission that are in any county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties). (NRS 445B.770) Existing law also authorizes the Commission to prescribe emissions standards for certain vehicles but requires the Commission to provide an exemption for certain classic vehicles that the owner certifies were not driven more than 5,000 miles during the immediately preceding year. (NRS 445B.760) **Section 7** of this bill similarly exempts an antique kei vehicle from such exhaust emissions standards if the owner of the antique kei vehicle certifies to the Department that the antique kei vehicle was not driven more than 5,000 miles during the immediately preceding year. **Section 1** exempts an antique kei vehicle from certain standards and requirements for the control of emissions. **Section 3** of this bill prohibits the Department from issuing a special license plate pursuant to **section 1** if the motor vehicle is tested for exhaust emissions and fails such an emissions test.

Section 2 of this bill prohibits a new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of registration from accepting an application for the registration of an antique kei vehicle if the applicant wishes to obtain special license plates.

Section 4 of this bill prohibits the Department from issuing the special license plate for a full trailer or semitrailer.

Section 5 of this bill makes a conforming change to authorize the holder of the original registration of any antique kei vehicle to transfer the registration and use of the special license plates to another vehicle under certain circumstances.

Section 6 of this bill establishes a fee of \$10 for any replacement of a special license plate issued pursuant to **section 1**.

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

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the Department may issue special license plates and registration certificates to residents of Nevada for any antique kei vehicle if the antique kei vehicle is covered by insurance that meets the requirements of NRS 485.185 and that:

(a) Is designed or designated specifically for an antique vehicle; or

(b) Includes an endorsement designed or designated specifically for antique vehicles.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, any vehicle issued special license plates and a registration certificate pursuant to subsection 1 shall not be used for general transportation but may be used for:

(a) Club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades or similar activities; and



(b) Such other uses as are necessary for the operation and maintenance of the vehicle.

3. A vehicle that complies with subsection 2 is exempt from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815, inclusive.

4. If the owner of the vehicle elects to use the vehicle for general transportation, he or she:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655, shall not be issued special license plates and a registration certificate pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) Shall comply with the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815, inclusive.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, license plates issued pursuant to this section must be inscribed with the words "Antique Kei Vehicle" and a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director pursuant to NRS 482.367003.

6. A person may request personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to be combined with a special license plate issued pursuant to subsection 5 if the person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees required pursuant to this section.

7. If, during the registration period, the holder of special license plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall retain the plates and:

(a) 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.

8. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.

9. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 8, the Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to subsection 3 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815, inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.

10. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 9 must be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by NRS 445B.830.



11. As used in this section:

(a) "Antique kei vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

(1) Is powered by an internal combustion engine with a displacement of 660 cubic centimeters or less;

(2) Is 60 inches or less in width;

(3) Is 135 inches or less in length;

(4) Is designed to travel with four wheels in contact with the ground;

(5) Has an enclosed passenger cab;

(6) Was imported into the United States; and

(7) Is at least 25 years old.

(b) "General transportation" means a vehicle that is:

(1) Driven more than 5,000 miles in the immediately preceding year; or

(2) Used in any capacity for commercial purposes.

Sec. 2. NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.216 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155, upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

(a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor vehicles he or she sells and the related fees and taxes;

(b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the requirements of this chapter; and

(c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

(a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within the period prescribed by the Department;

(b) Transmit the fees collected from the applicants and properly account for them within the period prescribed by the Department;

(c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 5; and

(d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or software.

3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:

(a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;

(b) Receive compensation from the Department for the performance of those services;

(c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor vehicle; or



(d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant wishes to:

(1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive ~~§~~, **and section 1 of this act**; or

(2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

4. The provisions of this section do not apply to the registration of a moped pursuant to NRS 482.2155.

5. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

(a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by the Department; and

(b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations adopted by the Department.

Sec. 3. NRS 482.2655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.2655 1. If, with respect to a motor vehicle that is required to comply with the provisions of NRS 445B.700 to 445B.815, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, an authorized inspection station or authorized station tests the emissions from the motor vehicle and the motor vehicle fails the emissions test, the Department shall not issue a special license plate for that vehicle pursuant to NRS 482.381, 482.3812, 482.3814 or 482.3816 **or section 1 of this act** for a period of 90 days after the motor vehicle fails the emissions test.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Authorized inspection station" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 445B.710.

(b) "Authorized station" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 445B.720.

(c) "Fails the emissions test" means that a motor vehicle does not comply with the applicable provisions of NRS 445B.700 to 445B.815, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Sec. 4. NRS 482.274 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.274 1. The Director shall order the preparation of vehicle license plates for trailers in the same manner provided for motor vehicles in NRS 482.270, except that a vehicle license plate prepared for a full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 is not required to have displayed upon it the month and year the registration expires.

2. The Director shall order preparation of two sizes of vehicle license plates for trailers. The smaller plates may be used for trailers with a gross vehicle weight of less than 1,000 pounds.



3. The Director shall determine the registration numbers assigned to trailers.

4. Any license plates issued for a trailer before July 1, 1975, bearing a different designation from that provided for in this section, are valid during the period for which such plates were issued.

5. The Department shall not issue for a full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 a special license plate available pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

Sec. 5. NRS 482.399 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.399 1. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest in any vehicle by any holder of a valid registration, or upon destruction of the vehicle, the registration expires.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155 and subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, the holder of the original registration may transfer the registration to another vehicle to be registered by the holder and use the same regular license plate or plates or special license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, or 482.384, on the vehicle from which the registration is being transferred, if the license plate or plates are appropriate for the second vehicle, upon filing an application for transfer of registration and upon paying the transfer registration fee and the excess, if any, of the registration fee and governmental services tax on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred over the total registration fee and governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which he or she is transferring ownership or interest. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.294, an application for transfer of registration must be made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the Department or to a registered dealer, and the license plate or plates may not be used upon a second vehicle until registration of that vehicle is complete.

3. In computing the governmental services tax, the Department, its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax paid on the first vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly basis against the tax due on the second vehicle or on any other vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. If any person transfers ownership or interest in two or more vehicles, the Department or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax paid on all of the vehicles attributable to the remainder of the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly basis against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. The certificates of registration and unused license



plates of the vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or interest must be submitted before credit is given against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the registered owner.

4. In computing the registration fee, the Department or its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the registration fee paid on each vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis against the registration fee due on the vehicle to which registration is transferred.

5. If the amount owed on the registration fee or governmental services tax on the vehicle to which registration is transferred is less than the credit on the total registration fee or governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or interest, the person may apply the unused portion of the credit to the registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of such a credit expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the person transferred the registration was due to expire.

6. If the license plate or plates are not appropriate for the second vehicle, the plate or plates must be surrendered to the Department or registered dealer and an appropriate plate or plates must be issued by the Department. The Department shall not reissue the surrendered plate or plates until the next succeeding licensing period.

7. If application for transfer of registration is not made within 60 days after the destruction or transfer of ownership of or interest in any vehicle, the license plate or plates must be surrendered to the Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the registration.

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 371.040, NRS 482.2155, subsections 8 and 9 of NRS 482.260 and subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, if a person cancels his or her registration and surrenders to the Department the license plates for a vehicle, the Department shall:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a refund of the portion of the registration fee and governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis; or

(b) If the person does not qualify for a refund in accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a credit in the amount of the portion of the registration fee and governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis. Such



a credit may be applied by the person to the registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of the credit expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the person obtained a refund was due to expire.

9. The Department shall issue a refund pursuant to subsection 8 only if the request for a refund is made at the time the registration is cancelled and the license plates are surrendered, the person requesting the refund is a resident of Nevada, the amount eligible for refund exceeds \$100, and evidence satisfactory to the Department is submitted that reasonably proves the existence of extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "extenuating circumstances" means circumstances wherein:

(a) The person has recently relinquished his or her driver's license and has sold or otherwise disposed of his or her vehicle.

(b) The vehicle has been determined to be inoperable and the person does not transfer the registration to a different vehicle.

(c) The owner of the vehicle is seriously ill or has died and the guardians or survivors have sold or otherwise disposed of the vehicle.

(d) Any other event occurs which the Department, by regulation, has defined to constitute an "extenuating circumstance" for the purposes of this subsection.

Sec. 6. NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3 or specifically provided by statute, whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of registration, indicator, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be paid:

For a certificate of registration	\$5.00
For every substitute number plate or set of plates.....	5.00
For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....	10.00
For every decal displaying a county name	.50
For every other indicator, decal, license plate sticker or tab.....	5.00

2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement number plate or set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

(a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.370 to 482.3755, inclusive, 482.376 or 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

(b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.



(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of those plates.

3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute of a decal issued pursuant to NRS 482.37635.

4. The fees which are paid for replacement number plates, duplicate number plates and decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the Department to defray the costs of replacing or duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.

Sec. 7. NRS 445B.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445B.760 1. The Commission may by regulation prescribe standards for exhaust emissions, fuel evaporative emissions and visible emissions of smoke from mobile internal combustion engines on the ground or in the air, including, but not limited to, aircraft, motor vehicles, snowmobiles and railroad locomotives. The regulations must provide for the exemption from such standards of:

(a) A moped registered pursuant to NRS 482.2155; and

(b) A vehicle for which special license plates have been issued pursuant to NRS 482.381, 482.3812, 482.3814 or 482.3816 **or section 1 of this act** if the owner of such a vehicle certifies to the Department of Motor Vehicles, on a form provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles, that the vehicle was not driven more than 5,000 miles during the immediately preceding year.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, standards for exhaust emissions which apply to a:

(a) Reconstructed vehicle, as defined in NRS 482.100; and

(b) Trimobile, as defined in NRS 482.129,

must be based on standards which were in effect in the year in which the engine of the vehicle was built.

3. A trimobile that meets the definition of a motorcycle in 40 C.F.R. § 86.402-78 or 86.402-98, as applicable, is not subject to emissions standards under this chapter.

4. Any such standards which pertain to motor vehicles must be approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles before they are adopted by the Commission.

Sec. 8. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, 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



1 (b) On October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.

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