
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 243—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES)

MARCH 13, 2013

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing designs of special license plates. (BDR 43-76)

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 license plates; requiring all special license plates designed, prepared and issued after July 1, 2013, to have a uniform design and background color; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare
2 and issue special license plates that have been approved by the Commission on
3 Special License Plates or the Legislature. (NRS 482.367002, 482.367008) This bill
4 requires that all special license plates designed, prepared and issued by the
5 Department on or after July 1, 2013, have a uniform design and background color.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by
3 specific statute, the Director shall order the redesign and preparation
4 of motor vehicle license plates with colors that are predominately
5 blue and silver. The Director may substitute white in place of silver
6 when no suitable material is available.
7 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the
8 Department shall, upon the payment of all applicable fees, issue
9 redesigned motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this section to



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1 persons who apply for the registration or renewal of the registration
2 of a motor vehicle on or after January 1, 2001.

3 3. The Department shall not issue redesigned motor vehicle
4 license plates pursuant to this section to a person who was issued
5 motor vehicle license plates before January 1, 1982, or pursuant to
6 NRS 482.3747, 482.3763, 482.3775, 482.378 or 482.379, without
7 the approval of the person.

8 4. The Director may determine and vary the size, shape and
9 form and the material of which license plates are made, but each
10 license plate must be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a
11 distance of 100 feet during daylight. All license plates must be
12 treated to reflect light and to be at least 100 times brighter than
13 conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an
14 unlighted vehicle, the license plates, when viewed from a vehicle
15 equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of
16 not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than
17 110 feet.

18 5. Every license plate must have displayed upon it:

19 (a) The registration number, or combination of letters and
20 numbers, assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof;

21 (b) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated;

22 (c) If issued for a calendar year, the year; and

23 (d) If issued for a registration period other than a calendar year,
24 the month and year the registration expires.

25 6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.379, all letters and
26 numbers must be of the same size.

27 7. Each special license plate that is designed, prepared and
28 issued ~~pursuant to NRS 482.367002~~ *by the Department* must be
29 designed and prepared in such a manner that:

30 (a) The left-hand one-third of the plate is the only part of the
31 plate on which is displayed any design or other insignia that is
32 suggested pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of ~~that section;~~
33 ~~and~~ *NRS 482.367002;*

34 (b) The remainder of the plate conforms to the requirements for
35 coloring, lettering and design that are set forth in this section ~~H~~ ;
36 *and*

37 (c) *All special license plates designed, prepared and issued by*
38 *the Department on or after July 1, 2013, have a uniform design*
39 *and background color.*

40 8. *As used in this section, "special license plate" has the*
41 *meaning ascribed to it in subsection 1 of NRS 482.367008.*

42 **Sec. 2.** 1. The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply
43 to a special license plate designed, prepared or issued by the
44 Department of Motor Vehicles before July 1, 2013.



- 1 2. As used in this section, "special license plate" has the
- 2 meaning ascribed to it in subsection 1 of NRS 482.367008.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

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