

SENATE BILL NO. 191—SENATORS CANNIZZARO, CANCELA,
SEGERBLOM, PARKS, SPEARMAN; MANENDO AND
WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN JOINER, SPIEGEL AND YEAGER

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes a standard for evidence of eligibility for any benefit, program or assistance provided to a veteran with a military service-connected disability. (BDR 37-803)

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 veterans; establishing a standard for evidence of eligibility for any benefit, program or assistance provided to a veteran with a service-connected disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill provides that, for the purpose of eligibility for any benefit,
2 program or assistance provided to a veteran with a service-connected disability: (1)
3 a veteran shall be deemed to be a veteran with a service-connected disability to the
4 extent determined by the Federal Government; and (2) a certificate from the United
5 States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense
6 which indicates that the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability and
7 which indicates the percentage or compensation of that disability is sufficient
8 evidence that the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability and is
9 sufficient evidence of the percentage or compensation of that disability. **Sections**
10 **2-8** of this bill make conforming changes.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, for*
4 *the purpose of determining the eligibility for any benefit, program*
5 *or assistance provided by the State or a local government to a*
6 *veteran, or a business owned or operated by a veteran, with a*
7 *service-connected disability:*

8 1. *The veteran shall be deemed to be a veteran with a service-*
9 *connected disability to the extent determined by the Federal*
10 *Government; and*

11 2. *A certificate from the United States Department of*
12 *Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense*
13 *which indicates that the veteran has incurred a service-connected*
14 *disability and which indicates the total percentage or*
15 *compensation of that disability is sufficient evidence:*

16 (a) *That the veteran has incurred a service-connected*
17 *disability; and*

18 (b) *Of the total percentage or compensation of the service-*
19 *connected disability.*

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 333.3369 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 333.3369 The Purchasing Division may adopt such regulations
22 as it determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out the
23 provisions of NRS 333.3361 to 333.3369, inclusive. The regulations
24 may include, without limitation, provisions setting forth:

25 1. The method by which a business may apply to receive a
26 preference described in NRS 333.3366;

27 2. ~~The~~ *Subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act, the*
28 *documentation or other proof that a business must submit to*
29 *demonstrate that it qualifies for a preference described in NRS*
30 *333.3366; and*

31 3. Such other matters as the Purchasing Division deems
32 relevant.

33 ➔ In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Purchasing
34 Division shall, to the extent practicable, cooperate and coordinate
35 with the State Public Works Division of the Department of
36 Administration so that any regulations adopted pursuant to this
37 section and NRS 338.13847 are reasonably consistent.

38 **Sec. 3.** NRS 338.13847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 338.13847 The State Public Works Board may adopt such
40 regulations as it determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out
41 the provisions of NRS 338.1384 to 338.13847, inclusive. The
42 regulations may include, without limitation, provisions setting forth:



1 1. The method by which a business may apply to receive a
2 preference described in NRS 338.13844;

3 2. ~~The~~ *Subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act, the*
4 documentation or other proof that a business must submit to
5 demonstrate that it qualifies for a preference described in NRS
6 338.13844; and

7 3. Such other matters as the Division deems relevant.

8 ➔ In carrying out the provisions of this section, the State Public
9 Works Board and the Division shall, to the extent practicable,
10 cooperate and coordinate with the Purchasing Division of the
11 Department of Administration so that any regulations adopted
12 pursuant to this section and NRS 333.3369 are reasonably
13 consistent.

14 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 482.3765 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
16 States who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7,
17 1941, is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with
18 the words "PEARL HARBOR VETERAN" or "PEARL HARBOR
19 SURVIVOR," at the option of the veteran, and a number of
20 characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary
21 by the Director.

22 2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to
23 this section, has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability
24 as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United
25 States and receives compensation from the United States for the
26 disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued
27 pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of
28 access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards
29 and must be white on a blue background.

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

37 4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
38 for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an
39 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of
40 their status as a survivor and, if applicable ~~and~~ *and subject to the*
41 *provisions of section 1 of this act*, evidence of disability required by
42 the Department.

43 5. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department
44 pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment
45 of any parking fees, including those collected through parking



1 meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other
2 public body within the State, other than the United States.

3 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
4 license plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle
5 to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

6 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
7 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the
8 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other
9 transfers; or

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

12 7. The fee for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to
13 this section is \$25, in addition to all other applicable registration and
14 license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a
15 renewal sticker for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to
16 this section is \$5.

17 **Sec. 5.** NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 482.377 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
19 States who, as a result of his or her service:

20 (a) Has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and
21 who receives compensation from the United States for the disability
22 is entitled to specially designed license plates that must be inscribed
23 with:

24 (1) The words "DISABLED VETERAN," "DISABLED
25 FEMALE VETERAN" or "VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED," at
26 the option of the veteran;

27 (2) The international symbol of access, which must comply
28 with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue
29 background; and

30 (3) A number of characters, including numbers and letters, as
31 determined necessary by the Director.

32 (b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a
33 foreign nation is entitled to specially designed license plates
34 inscribed with the words "EX PRISONER OF WAR" and a number
35 of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined
36 necessary by the Director.

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

44 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
45 for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an



1 application on a form prescribed by the Department and , *subject to*
2 *the provisions of section 1 of this act*, evidence of disability or
3 former imprisonment required by the Department.

4 4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department
5 pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of
6 any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters,
7 charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public
8 body within the State, other than the United States.

9 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
10 license plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle
11 to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

12 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
13 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the
14 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other
15 transfers; or

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

18 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.3775 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 482.3775 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
20 States who was awarded the Purple Heart is entitled to specially
21 designed license plates which indicate that the veteran is a recipient
22 of the Purple Heart.

23 2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to
24 this section, has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability
25 as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United
26 States and receives compensation from the United States for the
27 disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued
28 pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of
29 access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards
30 and must be white on a blue background.

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

38 4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
39 for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an
40 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of
41 his or her status as a recipient of the Purple Heart and, if applicable
42 *and subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act*, evidence of
43 disability as required by the Department. The Department may
44 designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.



1 5. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department
2 pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment
3 of any parking fees, including those collected through parking
4 meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other
5 public body within the State, other than the United States.

6 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
7 license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section
8 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder
9 shall:

10 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
11 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the
12 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other
13 transfers; or

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

16 7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
17 482.265, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license
18 fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the
19 issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this
20 section. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,
21 stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of
22 replacement license plates from the Department for the fees required
23 pursuant to NRS 482.268.

24 **Sec. 7.** NRS 482.3783 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 482.3783 1. The Department shall design, prepare and issue
26 license plates honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United
27 States who have been awarded, as applicable, the:

28 (a) Silver Star; or

29 (b) Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Combat V or Combat
30 Distinguishing Device.

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

38 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
39 for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an
40 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of
41 his or her status as a recipient of the Silver Star or the Bronze Star
42 Medal with "V" device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing
43 Device, as applicable, and, *subject to the provisions of section 1 of*
44 *this act*, evidence of his or her service-connected disability, if



1 applicable, as required by the Department. The Department may
2 designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

3 4. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
4 license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section
5 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder
6 shall:

7 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
8 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the
9 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other
10 transfers; or

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

13 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
14 482.265, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license
15 fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the
16 issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this
17 section. If the special license plates issued pursuant to this section
18 are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a
19 set of replacement license plates from the Department for the fees
20 required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

21 **Sec. 8.** NRS 502.072 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 502.072 The Department shall issue without charge any license
23 authorized under the provisions of this chapter, upon satisfactory
24 proof, *subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act*, of the
25 requisite facts to any bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who
26 has incurred a service-connected disability which is considered to be
27 50 percent or more by the Department of Veterans Affairs and has
28 received upon severance from service an honorable discharge or
29 certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the
30 United States.

31 **Sec. 9.** 1. This section and sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of this
32 act become effective upon passage and approval.

33 2. Sections 4 and 6 of this act become effective on the earlier
34 of:

35 (a) July 1, 2018; or

36 (b) The date on which the Director of the Department of Motor
37 Vehicles, pursuant to section 7 of chapter 62, Statutes of Nevada
38 2015, at page 268, notifies the Governor and the Director of the
39 Legislative Counsel Bureau that sufficient resources are available to
40 enable the Department to carry out the amendatory provisions of
41 chapter 62, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 262.

