



# Fact Sheet

## SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES IN NEVADA

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Special license plates, unlike standard issue plate designs, allow people to demonstrate their support for special causes or professional sports teams or to identify themselves as members of certain organizations.

In 2003, the Nevada Legislature enacted [Assembly Bill 358](#) to provide a means of authorizing special plates in addition to direct legislative authorization. Among other things, the bill created the Commission on Special License Plates and charged the Commission with the task of recommending approval of applications for special license plates prior to Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) designing and preparing the plates. The laws governing special license plates are codified in [Nevada Revised Statutes 482.3667 through 482.384](#).

**281,580**

total active special license plates  
as of May 2018

**\$67 million**

in revenue generated from  
special license plates  
from 1998 to 2018



The Las Vegas Centennial plate is  
the most popular charitable  
special license plate.



The Lake Tahoe plate is the  
second most popular charitable  
special license plate.



The Veterans plate is the most  
popular restricted license plate.



The Professional Firefighter plate  
is the second most popular  
restricted license plate.

Currently, Nevada has approximately 59 different designs for license plates that generate revenue for causes or organizations, which are active and in circulation. The Nevada Legislature established a two-tier system for nonprofit organizations. See the table below for their different requirements.

Tier	Bond Amount	Cap on Different Design Types	Active Registration Requirements
<b>First</b>	\$5,000	30	1,000
<b>Second</b>	\$20,000	5	3,000

The initial fee to obtain a nonpersonalized special license plate ranges from \$37 to \$62. Further, the annual fee for these special license plates ranges from \$10 to \$30. Lastly, the charitable contribution that is passed on to the cause or organization ranges from \$10 to \$30. You can find more information on the requirements to obtain a special license plate and how to sponsor a new plate on the DMV's [website](#).