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**MEMORANDUM**

From

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**DATE:** March 11, 2003  
**TO:** Chairman Raggio, Senate Finance Committee  
**SUBJECT:** SB214

In response to the questions raised at the Senate Finance Committee hearing on SB214.

1. **What is the law currently addressing compliance with vehicle registration for new residents?**

NRS 482.205  
NRS 482.385

The requirement is also noted on the DMV website and in the driver's handbook. The department does not have a public information campaign related to this requirement.

2. **How much revenue is being lost from Nevada residents who are not in compliance with registration requirements?**

We have no way to accurately determine the scope of the problem or the amount of lost revenue. In an attempt to identify the number of out of state unregistered vehicles, department staff reviewed the Las Vegas remote sensing summary reports and identified the percentage of out of state plates. We applied the same percentage to the total number of registered vehicles in Nevada which provided an estimate of over 100,000 potential unregistered vehicles. This is only an estimate and is only based on other program data available to us.

3. **What other legislation is addressing the problem of new residents failing to register their vehicles?**

AB-30 - Requires new residents to register their vehicles at the same time they obtain a Nevada driver's license.

BDR 1316 - Requires public employers to ensure that their employees comply with statutory requirements regarding registration of motor vehicles and obtaining Nevada driver's licenses.

4. **What are other states doing for the same type of problem?**

See attached report

Cc: Gary Ghiggeri

**NEW RESIDENT SURVEY  
JANUARY 2003**

STATE	HOW DOES YOUR JURISDICTION ENSURE NEW RESIDENTS REGISTER THEIR VEHICLE WITHIN THE STATUTORILY SPECIFIED TIME FRAME?	IS THE VEHICLE REGISTRTRION ASSOCIATED TO THE DRIVERS LICENSE?
Arizona	New residents have 30 days to register vehicle. Depends on law enforcement to enforce.	Yes
California	Depends on law enforcement. Information posted on website and DL handbook. Really no way to ensure new residents comply.	DL number must be provided at time of vehicle registration.
Colorado	New residents have 30 days to register vehicles. Rely on law enforcement to ensure accomplished within timeframe, however, LE has no way of enforcing.	Drivers license is not connected with registration. Paperwork that is signed in order to obtain a DL states the individual has 30 days to register vehicle.
Idaho	Relies on law enforcement, however the reality is that there is no way for them to enforce.	Registration is not associated to DL.
Missouri	Missouri statute, RSMo 301.100, para. 3, states: Application for registration of a motor vehicle not previously registered in Missouri, operated for the first time on the public highways of this state, and previously registered in another state shall be made within thirty days after the owner of such motor vehicle has become a resident of this state. Enforcement of this provision lies within the law enforcement community.	No
Nebraska	Rely on law enforcement to ensure new residents register vehicles.	Registration is not associated to DL.
North Dakota	Rely on law enforcement to enforce registration requirements for new residents. Also work with the Welcome Wagon and other organizations to put out information regarding requirements for new residents.	No association between vehicle registration and DL.
South Dakota	Relies on law enforcement.	No response.
Virginia	Virginia DMV has no way of knowing if the customer registers within the statutory time frame - this is a law enforcement issue.	No
Washington	Rely on law enforcement to enforce by issuing citations to residents who have not registered. Post criteria on DOL website and driver guide, and the Getting Started in Washington brochure.	Vehicle registration is not associated to DL

West Virginia	Enforcement is difficult; the Sheriff offices are the best enforcement, because illegally registered vehicles mean no personal property tax collection. County Assessors who are also involved in the personal property tax system have the authority to "ticket" offenders.	DL is not tied to the vehicle registration.
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