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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 177—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

FEBRUARY 21, 2003

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning registration of motor vehicles and special plates, placards and stickers issued to certain disabled persons. (BDR 43-1032)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions relating to the issuance to certain disabled persons of special license plates, placards and stickers; revising the period within which the holder of a valid registration must notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of a change of name or residence address; revising provisions relating to the issuance of duplicate number plates and substitute number plates; revising provisions relating to submission to the Department, at the time of registering a vehicle, of evidence of automobile liability insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1     **Section 1.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this  
3     act.

4     **Sec. 2.** *As used in NRS 482.3835 and 482.384 and sections 4,*  
5     *5 and 6 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the*  
6     *words and terms defined in NRS 482.3835 and sections 4, 5 and 6*  
7     *of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*



1       **Sec. 3.** *“Duplicate number plate” means a license plate or a*  
2 *set of license plates issued to a registered owner which repeats the*  
3 *code of a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to*  
4 *maintain his registration using the same code.*

5       **Sec. 4.** *“Person with a disability of moderate duration”*  
6 *means a person:*

7       1. *With a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk;*  
8 *and*

9       2. *Whose disability has been certified by a licensed physician*  
10 *as being reversible, but estimated to last longer than 6 months.*

11       **Sec. 5.** *“Person with a permanent disability” means a*  
12 *person:*

13       1. *With a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk;*  
14 *and*

15       2. *Whose disability has been certified by a licensed physician*  
16 *as irreversible.*

17       **Sec. 6.** *“Person with a temporary disability” means a person:*

18       1. *With a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk;*  
19 *and*

20       2. *Whose disability has been certified by a licensed physician*  
21 *as estimated to last not longer than 6 months.*

22       **Sec. 7.** *“Substitute number plate” means a license plate or a*  
23 *set of license plates issued in place of a previously issued and*  
24 *unexpired plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not*  
25 *repeat the code of the previously issued plate or set.*

26       **Sec. 8.** NRS 482.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27       482.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
28 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 482.011 to 482.137,  
29 inclusive, *and sections 3 and 7 of this act* have the meanings  
30 ascribed to them in those sections.

31       **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32       482.215 1. All applications for registration, except  
33 applications for renewal of registration, must be made as provided in  
34 this section.

35       2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.294, applications  
36 for all registrations, except renewals of registration, must be made in  
37 person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the Department or to  
38 a registered dealer.

39       3. Each application must be made upon the appropriate form  
40 furnished by the Department and contain:

41       (a) The signature of the owner, except as otherwise provided in  
42 subsection 2 of NRS 482.294, if applicable.

43       (b) His residential address.

44       (c) His declaration of the county where he intends the vehicle to  
45 be based, unless the vehicle is deemed to have no base. The



1 Department shall use this declaration to determine the county to  
2 which the governmental services tax is to be paid.

3 (d) A brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including  
4 the name of the maker, the engine, identification or serial number,  
5 whether new or used, and the last license number, if known, and the  
6 state in which it was issued, and upon the registration of a new  
7 vehicle, the date of sale by the manufacturer or franchised and  
8 licensed dealer in this state for the make to be registered to the  
9 person first purchasing or operating the vehicle.

10 (e) ~~[Proof satisfactory to the Department or registered dealer~~  
11 ~~that]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the*  
12 *applicant is not an owner of a fleet of vehicles or a person*  
13 *described in subsection 5, a declaration signed by the applicant*  
14 *that he* has provided the insurance required by NRS 485.185 and ~~[~~  
15 ~~except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, his signed~~  
16 ~~declaration that he]~~ will maintain the insurance during the period of  
17 registration. If the application is submitted by electronic means  
18 pursuant to NRS 482.294, the applicant is not required to sign the  
19 declaration required by this paragraph.

20 (f) If the ~~[insurance is provided by a contract of insurance,]~~  
21 *applicant is an owner of a fleet of vehicles or a person described in*  
22 *subsection 5, evidence of [that insurance provided by the insurer in*  
23 *the form of:*

24 ~~— (1) A] insurance:~~  
25 (1) *In the form of a* certificate of insurance on a form  
26 approved by the Commissioner of Insurance; ~~[or~~

27 ~~— (2) A]~~  
28 (2) *In the form of a* card issued pursuant to NRS 690B.023  
29 which identifies the vehicle and indicates, at the time of application  
30 for registration, coverage which meets the requirements of NRS  
31 485.185 ~~[ ]~~; *or*

32 (3) *In another form satisfactory to the Department.*  
33 The Department may file that evidence, return it to the applicant or  
34 otherwise dispose of it.

35 (g) If required, evidence of the applicant's compliance with  
36 controls over emission.

37 4. The application must contain such other information as is  
38 required by the Department or registered dealer ~~[ ]~~ and must be  
39 accompanied by proof of ownership satisfactory to the Department.

40 5. For purposes of the ~~[proof, declaration and]~~ evidence  
41 required by ~~[paragraphs (e) and]~~ *paragraph* (f) of subsection 3:

42 (a) Vehicles which are subject to the fee for a license and the  
43 requirements of registration of the Interstate Highway User Fee  
44 Apportionment Act, and which are based in this state, may be  
45 declared as a fleet by the registered owner thereof ~~[ ]~~ on his original



1 application for or application for renewal of a proportional  
2 registration. The owner may file a single certificate of insurance  
3 covering that fleet.

4 (b) Other fleets composed of 10 or more vehicles based in this  
5 state or vehicles insured under a blanket policy which does not  
6 identify individual vehicles may each be declared annually as a fleet  
7 by the registered owner thereof for the purposes of an application  
8 for his original or any renewed registration. The owner may file a  
9 single certificate of insurance covering that fleet.

10 (c) A person who qualifies as a self-insurer pursuant to the  
11 provisions of NRS 485.380 may file a copy of his certificate of  
12 self-insurance.

13 (d) A person who qualifies for an operator's policy of liability  
14 insurance pursuant to the provisions of NRS 485.186 and 485.3091  
15 may file evidence of that insurance.

16 **Sec. 10.** NRS 482.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 482.283 Each holder of a valid registration, upon changing his  
18 *name or* place of residence, shall notify the Department of ~~{such}~~  
19 *the* change within ~~{10 days thereof}~~ *30 days after the change* and  
20 shall include in ~~{such}~~ *the* notice both the old and new *names and*  
21 residence addresses.

22 **Sec. 11.** NRS 482.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 482.285 1. If any certificate of registration or certificate of  
24 ~~{ownership}~~ *title* is lost, mutilated or illegible, the person to whom it  
25 was issued shall immediately make application for and obtain a  
26 duplicate or substitute therefor upon furnishing information  
27 satisfactory to the Department and upon payment of the required  
28 fees.

29 2. If any license plate or plates or any decal is lost, mutilated or  
30 illegible, the person to whom it was issued shall immediately make  
31 application for and obtain ~~{a}~~ *:*

32 (a) A duplicate *number plate* or a substitute ~~{therefor upon:~~

33 ~~—(a) Furnishing}~~ *number plate;*

34 (b) *A substitute decal; or*

35 (c) *A combination of both (a) and (b),*

36 *as appropriate, upon furnishing* information satisfactory to the  
37 Department ~~{, and~~

38 ~~—(b) Payment}~~ *and payment* of the fees required by  
39 NRS 482.500.

40 3. *If any license plate or plates or any decal is stolen, the*  
41 *person to whom it was issued shall immediately make application*  
42 *for and obtain:*

43 (a) *A substitute number plate;*

44 (b) *A substitute decal; or*

45 (c) *A combination of both (a) and (b),*



1 *as appropriate, upon furnishing information satisfactory to the*  
2 *Department and payment of the fees required by NRS 482.500.*

3 4. The Department shall issue duplicate *number plates* or  
4 substitute *number plates* *and, if applicable, a substitute decal*, if the  
5 applicant:

6 (a) Returns the mutilated or illegible plates to the Department or  
7 ~~certifies under oath~~ *signs a declaration* that the plates were lost ,  
8 *mutilated* or ~~stolen;~~ *illegible*; and

9 (b) ~~Makes~~ *Complies with the provisions of subsection 6.*

10 5. *The Department shall issue substitute number plates and,*  
11 *if applicable, a substitute decal, if the applicant:*

12 (a) *Signs a declaration that the plates were stolen; and*

13 (b) *Complies with the provisions of subsection 6.*

14 6. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an*  
15 *applicant who desires duplicate number plates or substitute*  
16 *number plates must make* application for renewal of registration.  
17 Credit must be allowed for the portion of the registration fee and  
18 governmental services tax attributable to the remainder of the  
19 current registration period. *In lieu of making application for*  
20 *renewal of registration, an applicant may elect to make application*  
21 *solely for:*

22 (a) *Duplicate number plates or substitute number plates, and a*  
23 *substitute decal, if the previous license plates were lost, mutilated*  
24 *or illegible; or*

25 (b) *Substitute number plates and a substitute decal, if the*  
26 *previous license plates were stolen.*

27 7. *An applicant who makes the election described in*  
28 *subsection 6 retains his current date of expiration for the*  
29 *registration of the applicable vehicle and is not, as a prerequisite*  
30 *to receiving duplicate number plates or substitute number plates*  
31 *or a substitute decal, required to:*

32 (a) *Submit evidence of compliance with controls over*  
33 *emission; or*

34 (b) *Pay the registration fee and governmental services tax*  
35 *attributable to a full 12-month period of registration.*

36 **Sec. 12.** NRS 482.3835 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
37 482.3835 ~~[As used in NRS 482.384, unless the context~~  
38 ~~otherwise requires, "person]~~ **"Person** with a disability which limits  
39 or impairs the ability to walk" means a person who:

40 1. Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

41 2. Cannot walk without the use of a brace, cane, crutch,  
42 wheelchair or prosthetic or other assistive device, or another person;

43 3. Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the  
44 person's forced expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by  
45 a spirometer, is less than 1 liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less



1 than 60 millimeters of mercury on room air while the person is at  
2 rest;

3 4. Uses portable oxygen;

4 5. Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's  
5 functional limitations are classified in severity as a Class III or Class  
6 IV according to standards adopted by the American Heart  
7 Association;

8 6. Is visually handicapped; or

9 7. Is severely limited in his ability to walk because of an  
10 arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.

11 **Sec. 13.** NRS 482.384 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 482.384 1. Upon the application of a person with a  
13 *permanent* disability, ~~[which limits or impairs the ability to walk,]~~  
14 the Department may issue special license plates for a vehicle,  
15 including a motorcycle, registered by the applicant pursuant to this  
16 chapter. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the]~~ *The*  
17 application must include a statement from a licensed physician  
18 certifying that the applicant is a person with a *permanent* disability .  
19 ~~[which limits or impairs the ability to walk.]~~ The issuance of a  
20 special license plate *to a person with a permanent disability*  
21 pursuant to this subsection does not preclude the issuance *to such a*  
22 *person* of a special parking placard for a vehicle other than a  
23 motorcycle or a special parking sticker for a motorcycle pursuant to  
24 subsection 6.

25 2. Every ~~[second]~~ year after the initial issuance of special  
26 license plates to a person ~~[who the Department determines is not~~  
27 ~~permanently disabled,]~~ *with a permanent disability*, the Department  
28 shall require the person ~~[, when he applies]~~ to renew his special  
29 license plates ~~[, to include with his application a statement from a~~  
30 ~~licensed physician certifying that the applicant is a person with a~~  
31 ~~disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk.]~~ *in accordance*  
32 *with the procedures for renewal of registration pursuant to this*  
33 *chapter.* The Department shall not require a person ~~[who it~~  
34 ~~determines is permanently disabled]~~ *with a permanent disability* to  
35 include ~~[such a statement]~~ with his application for renewal ~~[.]~~ *a*  
36 *statement from a licensed physician certifying that the person is a*  
37 *person with a permanent disability.*

38 3. Upon the application of an organization which provides  
39 transportation for a person with a *permanent* disability ~~[which~~  
40 ~~limits or impairs the ability to walk,]~~ , *disability of moderate*  
41 *duration or temporary disability*, the Department may issue special  
42 license plates for a vehicle registered by the organization pursuant to  
43 this chapter ~~[.]~~ , *or the Department may issue special parking*  
44 *placards to the organization pursuant to this section to be used on*



1 *vehicles providing transportation to such persons.* The application  
2 must include a statement from the organization certifying that ~~the~~ :

3 (a) *The vehicle for which the special license plates are issued*  
4 is used primarily to transport persons with *permanent* disabilities  
5 ~~which limit or impair the ability to walk.~~, *disabilities of moderate*  
6 *duration or temporary disabilities; or*

7 (b) *The organization which is issued the special parking*  
8 *placards will only use such placards on vehicles that actually*  
9 *transport persons with permanent disabilities, disabilities of*  
10 *moderate duration or temporary disabilities.*

11 4. The Department may charge a fee for special license plates  
12 issued pursuant to this section not to exceed the fee charged for the  
13 issuance of license plates for the same class of vehicle.

14 5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section must  
15 display the international symbol of access in a color which contrasts  
16 with the background and is the same size as the numerals and letters  
17 on the plate.

18 6. Upon the application of a person with a *permanent*  
19 disability ~~which limits or impairs the ability to walk.~~ *or disability*  
20 *of moderate duration,* the Department may issue:

21 (a) A special parking placard for a vehicle other than a  
22 motorcycle. Upon request, the Department may issue one additional  
23 placard to an applicant to whom special license plates have not been  
24 issued pursuant to this section.

25 (b) A special parking sticker for a motorcycle.  
26 The application must include a statement from a licensed physician  
27 certifying that the applicant is a person with a *permanent* disability  
28 ~~which limits or impairs the ability to walk.~~ *or disability of*  
29 *moderate duration.*

30 7. A special parking placard issued pursuant to subsection 6  
31 must:

32 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access  
33 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the placard and is  
34 white on a blue background;

35 (b) Have an identification number and date of expiration ~~of~~ of:  
36 (1) *If the special parking placard is issued to a person with*  
37 *a permanent disability, 10 years after the initial date of issuance;*  
38 *or*

39 (2) *If the special parking placard is issued to a person with*  
40 *a disability of moderate duration, 2 years after the initial date of*  
41 *issuance;*

42 (c) Have placed or inscribed on it the seal or other identification  
43 of the Department; and





1 (d) Have a form of attachment which enables a person using the  
2 placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of the  
3 vehicle.

4 8. A special parking sticker issued pursuant to subsection 6  
5 must:

6 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access  
7 which complies with any applicable federal standards, is centered on  
8 the sticker and is white on a blue background;

9 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration ~~[:]~~ of:

10 *(1) If the special parking sticker is issued to a person with a*  
11 *permanent disability, 10 years after the initial date of issuance; or*

12 *(2) If the special parking sticker is issued to a person with a*  
13 *disability of moderate duration, 2 years after the initial date of*  
14 *issuance; and*

15 (c) Have placed or inscribed on it the seal or other identification  
16 of the Department.

17 9. *Before the date of expiration of a special parking placard*  
18 *or special parking sticker issued to a person with a permanent*  
19 *disability or disability of moderate duration, the person shall*  
20 *renew his special parking placard or special parking sticker. If the*  
21 *applicant for renewal is a person with a disability of moderate*  
22 *duration, the applicant must include with his application for*  
23 *renewal a statement from a licensed physician certifying that the*  
24 *applicant is a person with a disability which limits or impairs the*  
25 *ability to walk, and that such disability, although not irreversible,*  
26 *is estimated to last longer than 6 months. A person with a*  
27 *permanent disability is not required to submit evidence of a*  
28 *continuing disability with his application for renewal.*

29 10. The Department, or a city or county, may issue, and charge  
30 a reasonable fee for, a temporary parking placard for a vehicle other  
31 than a motorcycle or a temporary parking sticker for a motorcycle  
32 upon the application of a person with a temporary disability . ~~[which~~  
33 ~~limits or impairs the ability to walk.]~~ Upon request, the Department,  
34 city or county may issue one additional temporary parking placard  
35 to an applicant. The application must include a certificate from a  
36 licensed physician indicating:

37 (a) That the applicant has a temporary disability ; ~~[which limits~~  
38 ~~or impairs the ability to walk;]~~ and

39 (b) The estimated period of the disability.

40 ~~[10.]~~ 11. A temporary parking placard issued pursuant to  
41 subsection ~~[9]~~ 10 must:

42 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access  
43 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the placard and is  
44 white on a red background; and





1 (b) Have a form of attachment which enables a person using the  
2 placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of the  
3 vehicle.

4 ~~{11.}~~ **12.** A temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to  
5 subsection ~~{9}~~ **10** must have inscribed on it the international symbol  
6 of access which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the  
7 sticker and is white on a red background.

8 ~~{12.}~~ **13.** A temporary parking placard or temporary parking  
9 sticker is valid only for the period for which a physician has  
10 certified the disability, but in no case longer than 6 months.

11 ~~{13.}~~ *If the temporary disability continues after the period for*  
12 *which the physician has certified the disability, the person with the*  
13 *temporary disability must renew the temporary parking placard*  
14 *or temporary parking sticker before the temporary parking placard*  
15 *or temporary parking sticker expires. The person with the*  
16 *temporary disability shall include with his application for renewal*  
17 *a statement from a licensed physician certifying that the applicant*  
18 *continues to be a person with a temporary disability and the*  
19 *estimated period of the disability.*

20 **14.** A special or temporary parking placard must be displayed  
21 in the vehicle when the vehicle is parked by hanging or attaching the  
22 placard to the rearview mirror of the vehicle. If the vehicle has no  
23 rearview mirror, the placard must be placed on the dashboard of the  
24 vehicle in such a manner that the placard can easily be seen from  
25 outside the vehicle when the vehicle is parked.

26 ~~{14.}~~ **15.** A special or temporary parking sticker must be  
27 affixed to the windscreen of the motorcycle. If the motorcycle has  
28 no windscreen, the sticker must be affixed to any other part of the  
29 motorcycle which may be easily seen when the motorcycle is  
30 parked.

31 ~~{15.}~~ **16.** Special or temporary parking placards, special or  
32 temporary parking stickers, or special license plates issued pursuant  
33 to this section do not authorize parking in any area on a highway  
34 where parking is prohibited by law.

35 ~~{16.}~~ **17.** No person, other than the person certified as being a  
36 person with a *permanent* disability ~~{which limits or impairs the~~  
37 ~~ability to walk.}~~ , *disability of moderate duration or temporary*  
38 *disability*, or a person actually transporting such a person, may use  
39 the special license plates or a special or temporary parking placard,  
40 or a special or temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to this  
41 section to obtain any special parking privileges available pursuant to  
42 this section.

43 ~~{17.}~~ **18.** Any person who violates the provisions of subsection  
44 ~~{16}~~ **17** is guilty of a misdemeanor.



1 ~~[18.]~~ 19. The Department may review the eligibility of each  
2 holder of a special parking placard, a special parking sticker or  
3 special license plates, or any combination thereof. Upon a  
4 determination of ineligibility by the Department, the holder shall  
5 surrender the special parking placard, special parking sticker or  
6 special license plates, or any combination thereof, to the  
7 Department.

8 ~~[19.]~~ 20. The Department may adopt such regulations as are  
9 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

10 **Sec. 14.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,  
12 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of  
13 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must  
14 be paid:

- 15
- 16 For a certificate of registration..... \$5.00
- 17 For every substitute number plate or set of plates..... 5.00
- 18 For every duplicate number plate or set of plates ..... 10.00
- 19 For every decal displaying a county name..... .50
- 20 For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab..... 5.00
- 21

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

24 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,  
25 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to  
26 482.3816, inclusive, a fee of \$10.

27 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,  
28 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

29 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.37937 and  
30 482.37945, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS  
31 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703,  
32 a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of  
33 those plates.

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

36 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and  
37 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State  
38 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the  
39 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and  
40 manufacturing the decals.

41 ~~[5.—As used in this section:~~  
42 ~~—(a) “Duplicate number plate” means a license plate or a set of~~  
43 ~~license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of~~  
44 ~~a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his~~  
45 ~~registration using the same code.~~



1 ~~—(b) “Substitute number plate” means a license plate or a set of~~  
2 ~~license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired~~  
3 ~~plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the~~  
4 ~~code of the previously issued plate or set.]~~

5 **Sec. 15.** Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
6 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 16, 17 and 18 of this act.

7 **Sec. 16.** *“Person with a disability of moderate duration” has*  
8 *the meaning ascribed to it in section 4 of this act.*

9 **Sec. 17.** *“Person with a permanent disability” has the*  
10 *meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.*

11 **Sec. 18.** *“Person with a temporary disability” has the*  
12 *meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.*

13 **Sec. 19.** NRS 484.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 484.013 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
15 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 484.014 to 484.217,  
16 inclusive, *and sections 16, 17 and 18 of this act* have the meanings  
17 ascribed to them in those sections.

18 **Sec. 20.** NRS 484.407 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 484.407 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an  
20 owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a special parking  
21 placard, a special parking sticker, a temporary parking placard, a  
22 temporary parking sticker or special plates issued pursuant to NRS  
23 482.384, or special plates for a disabled veteran issued pursuant to  
24 NRS 482.377, may park the motor vehicle for not more than 4 hours  
25 at any one time in a parking zone restricted as to the length of time  
26 parking is permitted, without penalty, removal or impoundment of  
27 the vehicle if the parking is otherwise consistent with public safety  
28 and is done by a person with a *permanent* disability ~~[which limits or~~  
29 ~~impairs the ability to walk,]~~ , *disability of moderate duration or*  
30 *temporary disability*, a disabled veteran , or a person transporting  
31 *any* such ~~[a]~~ person.

32 2. An owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying special  
33 plates for a disabled veteran issued pursuant to NRS 482.377 may,  
34 without displaying a special license plate, placard or sticker issued  
35 pursuant to NRS 482.384, park in a parking space designated for the  
36 handicapped if:

37 (a) The parking is done by a disabled veteran; or

38 (b) A disabled veteran is a passenger in the motor vehicle being  
39 parked.

40 3. This section does not authorize the parking of a motor  
41 vehicle in any privately or municipally owned facility for parking  
42 off the highway without paying the required fee for the time during  
43 which the vehicle is so parked.



1       **Sec. 21.** NRS 484.408 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       484.408 1. Any parking space designated for the  
3 handicapped must be indicated by a sign:  
4       (a) Bearing the international symbol of access with or without  
5 the words "Parking," "Handicapped Parking," "Handicapped  
6 Parking Only " ~~["]~~ or "Reserved for the Handicapped," or any other  
7 word or combination of words indicating that the space is  
8 designated for the handicapped;  
9       (b) Stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for use by others" or  
10 equivalent words; and  
11       (c) The bottom of which must be not less than 4 feet above the  
12 ground.  
13       2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, a parking  
14 space designated for the handicapped which:  
15       (a) Is designed for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-  
16 loading wheelchair lift; and  
17       (b) Is located in a parking lot with 60 or more parking  
18 spaces,  
19 must be indicated by a sign using a combination of words to state  
20 that the space is for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-  
21 loading wheelchair lift.  
22       3. If a parking space is designed for the use of a vehicle with a  
23 side-loading wheelchair lift, the space which is immediately  
24 adjacent and intended for use in the loading and unloading of a  
25 wheelchair into or out of such a vehicle must be indicated by a sign:  
26       (a) Stating "No Parking" or similar words which indicate that  
27 parking in such a space is prohibited;  
28       (b) Stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for violation" or similar  
29 words indicating that the minimum fine for parking in such a space  
30 is \$100; and  
31       (c) The bottom of which must not be less than 4 feet above the  
32 ground.  
33       4. An owner of private property upon which is located a  
34 parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 shall erect and  
35 maintain or cause to be erected and maintained any sign required  
36 pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3, whichever is applicable. If a  
37 parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 is located on public  
38 property, the governmental entity having control over that public  
39 property shall erect and maintain or cause to be erected and  
40 maintained any sign required pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3,  
41 whichever is applicable.  
42       5. A person shall not park a vehicle in a space designated for  
43 the handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection  
44 1, whether on public or privately owned property, unless he is  
45 eligible to do so and the vehicle displays:



- 1 (a) Special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.384;
- 2 (b) A special or temporary parking placard issued pursuant to
- 3 NRS 482.384;
- 4 (c) A special or temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to
- 5 NRS 482.384;
- 6 (d) Special license plates, a special or temporary parking sticker,
- 7 or a special or temporary parking placard displaying the
- 8 international symbol of access issued by another state or a foreign
- 9 country; or
- 10 (e) Special license plates for a disabled veteran issued pursuant
- 11 to NRS 482.377.

12 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person  
13 shall not park a vehicle in a space that is reserved for the exclusive  
14 use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift and is designated  
15 for the handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements of  
16 subsection 2, whether on public or privately owned property, unless:

- 17 (a) He is eligible to do so;
- 18 (b) The vehicle displays the special license plates or placard set
- 19 forth in subsection 5; and
- 20 (c) The vehicle is equipped with a side-loading wheelchair
- 21 lift.

22 A person who meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) may  
23 park a vehicle that is not equipped with a side-loading wheelchair  
24 lift in such a parking space if the space is in a parking lot with fewer  
25 than 60 parking spaces.

26 7. A person shall not park in a space which:

- 27 (a) Is immediately adjacent to a space designed for use by a
- 28 vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift; and
- 29 (b) Is designated as a space in which parking is prohibited by a
- 30 sign that meets the requirements of subsection 3,
- 31 whether on public or privately owned property.

32 8. A person shall not use a plate, sticker or placard set forth in  
33 subsection 5 to park in a space designated for the handicapped  
34 unless he is a person with a *permanent* disability ~~[which limits or~~  
35 ~~impairs the ability to walk,]~~ , *disability of moderate duration or*  
36 *temporary disability*, a disabled veteran , or the driver of a vehicle  
37 in which *any* such ~~fa~~ person is a passenger.

38 9. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsections 5  
39 to 8, inclusive, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished:

- 40 (a) Upon the first offense, by a fine of \$100.
- 41 (b) Upon the second offense, by a fine of \$250 and not less than
- 42 8 hours, but not more than 50 hours, of community service.
- 43 (c) Upon the third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less
- 44 than \$500, but not more than \$1,000 and not less than 25 hours, but
- 45 not more than 100 hours, of community service.



1     **Sec. 22.** 1. This section and sections 1, 3, 7, 8, 11 and 14 of  
2 this act become effective on July 1, 2003.

3     2. Sections 9 and 10 of this act become effective on October 1,  
4 2003.

5     3. Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 15 to 21, inclusive, of this act  
6 become effective on January 1, 2004.

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