
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 358—ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for design, preparation and issuance of special license plates by petition to Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1140)

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.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates by petition to the Department of Motor Vehicles; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of such license plates; providing in certain circumstances for the withdrawal from use of a particular design of such license plates; 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, 3 and 4 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2. 1. *A person may request that the Department***
- 4 ***design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an***
- 5 ***application to the Department.***
- 6 **2. *An application submitted to the Department pursuant to***
- 7 ***subsection 1:***
- 8 ***(a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the***
- 9 ***Department;***
- 10 ***(b) Must be accompanied by a petition containing the***
- 11 ***signatures of at least 250 persons who wish to obtain the special***
- 12 ***license plate;***
- 13 ***(c) Must specify whether the special license plate being***
- 14 ***requested is intended to generate financial support for a particular***



1 *cause or charitable organization and, if so, the name of the cause*
2 *or charitable organization; and*

3 *(d) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and*
4 *colors to be used in the special license plate.*

5 *3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*
6 *Department may design and prepare a special license plate*
7 *requested pursuant to subsection 1 if the Department determines*
8 *that the application for that plate complies with subsection 2. The*
9 *Department shall not design and prepare a special license plate*
10 *requested pursuant to subsection 1 if:*

11 *(a) The Department receives fewer than 1,000 applications for*
12 *the issuance of the plate within 2 years after the date on which the*
13 *Department received the initial application for the design,*
14 *preparation and issuance of the plate pursuant to subsection 1; or*

15 *(b) The Department determines that the special license plate is*
16 *inappropriate or not feasible.*

17 *4. Except as otherwise provided in section 4 of this act, the*
18 *Department may issue a special license plate that the Department*
19 *has designed and prepared pursuant to this section for any*
20 *passenger car, light commercial vehicle or motorcycle upon*
21 *application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant*
22 *to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the*
23 *requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this*
24 *chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license*
25 *plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with a*
26 *special license plate issued pursuant to this section if that person*
27 *pays the fees for personalized prestige license plates in addition to*
28 *the fees for the special license plate.*

29 *5. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates*
30 *issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the*
31 *vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:*

32 *(a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that*
33 *meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for*
34 *the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or*
35 *governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or*

36 *(b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle,*
37 *return them to the Department.*

38 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The fee for special license plates designed,*
39 *prepared and issued pursuant to section 2 of this act is \$35, in*
40 *addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and*
41 *governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable*
42 *upon the payment of \$10.*

43 **2.** *In addition to all other applicable registration and license*
44 *fees and governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in*
45 *subsection 1, if a special license plate is designed, prepared and*



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1 issued pursuant to section 2 of this act to generate financial
2 support for a particular cause or charitable organization, a person
3 who requests a set of such license plates must pay for the initial
4 issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each
5 renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be distributed in
6 the manner described in subsection 3.

7 3. The Department shall deposit the additional fees collected
8 pursuant to subsection 2 with the State Treasurer for credit to an
9 account created in the State General Fund for the benefit of the
10 particular cause or charitable organization for whose financial
11 benefit the special license plate was created. The Department shall
12 designate an appropriate state agency to administer the account.
13 The state agency designated by the Department to administer the
14 account shall, at least once each quarter, distribute the fees
15 deposited pursuant to this subsection to the particular cause or
16 charitable organization for whose benefit the special license plate
17 was created.

18 4. Money in an account created pursuant to subsection 3 does
19 not lapse to the State General Fund at the end of a fiscal year. The
20 interest and income earned on money in such an account, after
21 deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the account.

22 **Sec. 4. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
23 on October 1 of each year the Department shall, for each separate
24 design of a special license plate issued pursuant to section 2 of this
25 act, determine the total number of validly registered motor vehicles
26 to which that design of the special license plate is affixed. The
27 Department shall not determine the total number of validly
28 registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of a special
29 license plate is affixed if, on October 1, that particular design of
30 the special license plate has been available to be issued for less
31 than 12 months.

32 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if, on
33 October 1, the total number of validly registered vehicles to which
34 a particular design of a special license plate is affixed is less than
35 the number of initial requests required for the design and
36 preparation of that special license plate as set forth in paragraph
37 (a) of subsection 3 of section 2 of this act, the Director shall
38 provide notice of that fact to:

39 (a) If the plate generates financial support for a cause or
40 charitable organization, that cause or charitable organization.

41 (b) If the plate does not generate financial support for a cause
42 or charitable organization, an entity which is involved in
43 promoting the activity, place or other matter that is depicted on the
44 plate.



1 3. *If, on October 1 of the year immediately succeeding the*
2 *year in which notice was provided pursuant to subsection 2, the*
3 *total number of validly registered vehicles to which a particular*
4 *design of a special license plate is affixed is less than the number*
5 *of initial requests required for the design and preparation of that*
6 *special license plate as set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 3*
7 *of section 2 of this act, the Director shall issue an order*
8 *withdrawing that particular design of the special license plate*
9 *from use.*

10 4. *If the Director issues an order pursuant to subsection 3:*

11 (a) *The Department shall provide notice of the order to each*
12 *holder of the special license plate withdrawn from use. In*
13 *providing notice of the order, the Department may combine the*
14 *notice with any documents mailed to the holder for the renewal of*
15 *the registration of the vehicle to which the plate is affixed.*

16 (b) *The order must provide that a holder of the special license*
17 *plate withdrawn from use is not required to replace the withdrawn*
18 *plate until:*

19 (1) *The holder renews the registration of the vehicle to*
20 *which the plate is affixed; or*

21 (2) *The registration of the vehicle to which the plate is*
22 *affixed expires,*
23 *whichever occurs first.*

24 **Sec. 5.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the
26 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

27 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor
28 vehicles he sells and the related fees and taxes;

29 (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the
30 requirements of this chapter; and

31 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant
32 to NRS 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle
33 dealer a new vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

34 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates
35 of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

36 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the Department
37 within the period prescribed by the Department;

38 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and
39 properly account for them within the period prescribed by the
40 Department;

41 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
42 4; and

43 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
44 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
45 software.



1 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates
2 of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:

3 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
4 services;

5 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
6 performance of those services;

7 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
8 vehicle; or

9 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle
10 if the applicant wishes to:

11 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667
12 to 482.3825, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 2 of this act*; or

13 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax
14 provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

15 4. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
16 carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted
17 pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

18 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and
19 decals by the Department; and

20 (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle
21 dealer pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the
22 regulations adopted by the Department.

23 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
25 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
26 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must
27 be paid:

28	For a certificate of registration.....	\$5.00
29	For every substitute number plate or set of plates.....	5.00
30	For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....	10.00
31	For every decal displaying a county name.....	.50
32	For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab.....	5.00
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35 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or
36 set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

37 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
38 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to
39 482.3816, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

40 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
41 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

42 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.37937 and
43 482.37945, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS
44 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703,



1 a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of
2 those plates.

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

5 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and
6 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State
7 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the
8 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and
9 manufacturing the decals.

10 5. As used in this section:

11 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of
12 license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of
13 a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his
14 registration using the same code.

15 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of
16 license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired
17 plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the
18 code of the previously issued plate or set.

