
SENATE BILL NO. 15—SENATOR MCGINNESS

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for support of wildlife in Nevada. (BDR 43-332)

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 issuance of special license plates for the support of wildlife in Nevada, including support for the programs and activities of the Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee or its successor; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal 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 a new section to read as follows:
- 3 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the***
- 4 ***Department, in cooperation with the Nevada Wildlife Record Book***
- 5 ***Committee or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue license***
- 6 ***plates for the support of wildlife in Nevada, using any colors and***
- 7 ***designs that the Department deems appropriate. The design of the***
- 8 ***license plates must include a depiction of Nevada’s desert bighorn***
- 9 ***sheep (Ovis canadensis nelsoni). The Department shall not design,***
- 10 ***prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 1,000***
- 11 ***applications for the issuance of those plates.***
- 12 ***2. If the Department receives at least 1,000 applications for***
- 13 ***the issuance of license plates for the support of wildlife in Nevada,***
- 14 ***the Department shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light***
- 15 ***commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to***



1 *license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise*
2 *complies with the requirements for registration and licensing*
3 *pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized*
4 *prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be*
5 *combined with license plates for the support of wildlife in Nevada*
6 *if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license*
7 *plates in addition to the fees for the license plates for the support*
8 *of wildlife in Nevada pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.*

9 *3. The fee for license plates for the support of wildlife in*
10 *Nevada is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and*
11 *license fees and governmental services taxes. The license plates*
12 *are renewable upon the payment of \$10.*

13 *4. In addition to all fees for the license, registration and*
14 *governmental services taxes, a person who requests a set of license*
15 *plates for the support of wildlife in Nevada must pay for the initial*
16 *issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each*
17 *renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 to finance projects*
18 *for the support of wildlife in Nevada, including, without limitation,*
19 *the establishment, maintenance and support of an interpretive*
20 *center relating to wildlife in this state.*

21 *5. The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*
22 *subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account for*
23 *License Plates for the Support of Wildlife in Nevada created*
24 *pursuant to section 4 of this act.*

25 *6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates*
26 *issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the*
27 *vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:*

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

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

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the
36 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

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

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



1 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the Department
2 within the period prescribed by the Department;

3 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and
4 properly account for them within the period prescribed by the
5 Department;

6 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
7 4; and

8 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
9 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
10 software.

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

13 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
14 services;

15 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
16 performance of those services;

17 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
18 vehicle; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
35 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
36 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must
37 be paid:

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39	For a certificate of registration..... \$5.00
40	For every substitute number plate or set of plates..... 5.00
41	For every duplicate number plate or set of plates 10.00
42	For every decal displaying a county name50
43	For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab 5.00



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

3 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
4 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to
5 482.3816, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

6 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
7 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

8 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.37937 and
9 482.37945, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS
10 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703,
11 a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of
12 those plates.

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

15 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and
16 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State
17 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the
18 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and
19 manufacturing the decals.

20 5. As used in this section:

21 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of
22 license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of
23 a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his
24 registration using the same code.

25 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of
26 license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired
27 plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the
28 code of the previously issued plate or set.

29 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
30 thereto a new section to read as follows:

31 *1. The Account for License Plates for the Support of Wildlife*
32 *in Nevada is hereby created in the State General Fund. The*
33 *Administrator shall administer the Account.*

34 *2. The money in the Account does not lapse to the State*
35 *General Fund at the end of a fiscal year. The interest and income*
36 *earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any*
37 *applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.*

38 *3. The money in the Account:*

39 *(a) Must be used for the support of wildlife in Nevada,*
40 *including, without limitation, the establishment, maintenance and*
41 *support of an interpretive center regarding wildlife in this state;*
42 *and*

43 *(b) Must not be used to replace or supplant funding available*
44 *from other sources.*



1 **4. The Administrator may provide grants from the Account to**
2 **other public agencies to carry out the provisions of this section.**

3 **5. As used in this section, "Administrator" means the**
4 **Administrator of the Division of Wildlife appointed pursuant to**
5 **NRS 232.138.**

6 **Sec. 5.** NRS 232.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 232.010 As used in NRS 232.010 to 232.150, inclusive ~~§~~ ,
8 **and section 4 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires:**

9 1. "Department" means the State Department of Conservation
10 and Natural Resources.

11 2. "Director" means the Director of the ~~[State Department of~~
12 ~~Conservation and Natural Resources.] Department.~~

13 **Sec. 6.** On or before October 1, 2005, the Department of
14 Motor Vehicles shall determine and publicly declare the number of
15 applications it has received for the issuance of license plates
16 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

17 **Sec. 7.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by
18 limitation on October 1, 2005, if on that date the Department of
19 Motor Vehicles has received fewer than 1,000 applications for the
20 issuance of license plates pursuant to section 1 of this act.

