

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:***



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1 (a) Shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light
2 commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to
3 license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise
4 complies with the requirements for registration and licensing
5 pursuant to this chapter; and

6 (b) May, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and
7 after approving the final design of the plates, issue those plates for
8 a trailer or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light
9 commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to
10 license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise
11 complies with the requirements for registration and licensing
12 pursuant to this chapter if the Department determines that the
13 manufacture of the plates for such other types of vehicles is
14 feasible. If the Department incurs additional costs to manufacture
15 the plates described in this paragraph, including, without
16 limitation, costs associated with the purchase, manufacture or
17 modification of dies or other equipment as necessary to
18 manufacture the plates for such other types of vehicles, those
19 additional costs must be paid from private sources without any
20 expense to the State of Nevada.

21 A person may request that personalized prestige license plates
22 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates
23 for the support of wildlife in Nevada if that person pays the
24 fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the
25 fees for the license plates for the support of wildlife in Nevada
26 pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

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

31 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license
32 fees and governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in
33 subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates for the
34 support of wildlife in Nevada must pay for the initial issuance of
35 the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the
36 plates an additional fee of \$20, to be distributed pursuant to
37 subsection 5.

38 5. The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to
39 subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State
40 General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis,
41 distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the
42 Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee or its successor. The fees
43 distributed to the Committee or its successor pursuant to this
44 subsection:



1 (a) *Must be used by the Committee or its successor for the*
2 *support of wildlife in Nevada, including, without limitation, for*
3 *purposes of:*

- 4 (1) *The education of persons regarding wildlife in Nevada;*
5 (2) *The improvement of habitat for wildlife in Nevada; and*
6 (3) *The establishment, maintenance and support of an*
7 *interpretive center regarding wildlife in Nevada; and*

8 (b) *May be used by the Committee or its successor to provide*
9 *grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to carry out*
10 *the purposes described in paragraph (a).*

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

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

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

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

21 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the
22 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

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

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

32 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the Department
33 within the period prescribed by the Department;

34 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and
35 properly account for them within the period prescribed by the
36 Department;

37 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
38 4; and

39 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
40 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
41 software.

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

44 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
45 services;



1 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
2 performance of those services;

3 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
4 vehicle; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
21 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
22 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must
23 be paid:

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25	For a certificate of registration..... \$5.00
26	For every substitute number plate or set of plates..... 5.00
27	For every duplicate number plate or set of plates 10.00
28	For every decal displaying a county name..... .50
29	For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab..... 5.00

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

32 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
33 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to
34 482.3816, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

35 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
36 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

37 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.37937 and
38 482.37945, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS
39 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703,
40 a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of
41 those plates.

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



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

6 5. As used in this section:

7 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of
8 license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of
9 a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his
10 registration using the same code.

11 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of
12 license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired
13 plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the
14 code of the previously issued plate or set.

15 **Sec. 4.** On or before October 1, 2005, the Department of
16 Motor Vehicles shall determine and publicly declare the number of
17 applications it has received for the issuance of license plates
18 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

19 **Sec. 5.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by
20 limitation on October 1, 2005, if on that date the Department of
21 Motor Vehicles has received fewer than 1,000 applications for the
22 issuance of license plates pursuant to section 1 of this act.

