

---

---

SENATE BILL NO. 202—SENATORS RAGGIO, RAWSON, SCHNEIDER,  
CARE, HARDY, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS, SHAFFER,  
WASHINGTON AND WIENER

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

---

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN GRIFFIN,  
HETRICK AND PERKINS

---

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for  
support of conservation of wetlands.  
(BDR 43-1040)

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

~

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 the conservation  
of wetlands; imposing a fee for the issuance and 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 Nevada Ducks Unlimited or its*  
5     *successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the*  
6     *support of the conservation of wetlands, using any colors and*  
7     *designs that the Department deems appropriate. The Department*  
8     *shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it*  
9     *receives at least 1,000 applications for the issuance of those plates.*



\* S B 2 0 2 \*

1       2. *If the Department receives at least 1,000 applications for*  
2 *the issuance of license plates for the support of the conservation of*  
3 *wetlands, the Department shall issue those plates for a passenger*  
4 *car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who*  
5 *is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who*  
6 *otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and*  
7 *licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that*  
8 *personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS*  
9 *482.3667 be combined with license plates for the support of the*  
10 *conservation of wetlands if that person pays the fees for*  
11 *the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for*  
12 *the license plates for the support of the conservation of wetlands*  
13 *pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.*

14       3. *The fee for license plates for the support of the*  
15 *conservation of wetlands is \$35, in addition to all other applicable*  
16 *registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The*  
17 *license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.*

18       4. *In addition to all other applicable registration and license*  
19 *fees and governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in*  
20 *subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates for the*  
21 *support of the conservation of wetlands must pay for the initial*  
22 *issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each*  
23 *renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be distributed*  
24 *pursuant to subsection 5.*

25       5. *The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*  
26 *subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State*  
27 *General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis,*  
28 *distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the*  
29 *Treasurer of Nevada Ducks Unlimited or its successor for use by*  
30 *Nevada Ducks Unlimited or its successor in carrying out:*

31       (a) *Projects for the conservation of wetlands that are:*

32           (1) *Conducted within Nevada; and*

33           (2) *Sponsored or participated in by Nevada Ducks*  
34 *Unlimited or its successor; and*

35       (b) *Fundraising activities for the conservation of wetlands that*  
36 *are:*

37           (1) *Conducted within Nevada; and*

38           (2) *Sponsored or participated in by Nevada Ducks*  
39 *Unlimited or its successor.*

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

43       (a) *Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that*  
44 *meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for*



1 *the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or*  
2 *governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or*  
3 *(b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle,*  
4 *return them to the Department.*

5 *7. As used in this section, "wetland" has the meaning*  
6 *ascribed to it in NRS 244.388.*

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
8 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the  
9 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

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

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

19 (a) Transmit the applications he receives to the Department  
20 within the period prescribed by the Department;

21 (b) Transmit the fees he collects from the applicants and  
22 properly account for them within the period prescribed by the  
23 Department;

24 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection  
25 4; and

26 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue  
27 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or  
28 software.

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

31 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those  
32 services;

33 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the  
34 performance of those services;

35 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor  
36 vehicle; or

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

7 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,  
8 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of  
9 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must  
10 be paid:

11	
12	For a certificate of registration..... \$5.00
13	For every substitute number plate or set of plates..... 5.00
14	For every duplicate number plate or set of plates ..... 10.00
15	For every decal displaying a county name..... .50
16	For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab..... 5.00
17	

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

20 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,  
21 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or 482.379 to  
22 482.3816, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

23 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,  
24 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

25 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.37937 and  
26 482.37945, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS  
27 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703,  
28 a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of  
29 those plates.

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

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

37 5. As used in this section:

38 (a) "Duplicate number plate" means a license plate or a set of  
39 license plates issued to a registered owner which repeat the code of  
40 a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain his  
41 registration using the same code.

42 (b) "Substitute number plate" means a license plate or a set of  
43 license plates issued in place of a previously issued and unexpired  
44 plate or set of plates. The plate or set of plates does not repeat the  
45 code of the previously issued plate or set.



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

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

Ⓢ

