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SENATE BILL NO. 214—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning enforcement of requirement of registration of motor vehicle by new resident of this state. (BDR 43-1058)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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; requiring the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a toll-free telephone number for the reporting of certain violations relating to the registration of a vehicle; requiring the Department to notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of violations; making an appropriation; 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     *The Director shall:*  
4     1. *Establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for*  
5 *persons to report to the Department information concerning*  
6 *alleged violations of subsection 3 of NRS 482.385.*  
7     2. *Establish procedures pursuant to which employees of the*  
8 *Department will receive information reported pursuant to*  
9 *subsection 1 and, based upon the information so received,*  
10 *determine the appropriate action to be taken in response to the*  
11 *information.*



1       **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       482.385 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and  
3 NRS 482.390, a nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to  
4 registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, owning any  
5 vehicle which has been registered for the current year in the state,  
6 country or other place of which the owner is a resident and which at  
7 all times when operated in this state has displayed upon it the  
8 registration license plate issued for the vehicle in the place of  
9 residence of the owner, may operate or permit the operation of the  
10 vehicle within this state without its registration in this state pursuant  
11 to the provisions of this chapter and without the payment of any  
12 registration fees to this state.  
13       2. This section does not:  
14       (a) Prohibit the use of manufacturers', distributors' or dealers'  
15 license plates issued by any state or country by any nonresident in  
16 the operation of any vehicle on the public highways of this state.  
17       (b) Require registration of vehicles of a type subject to  
18 registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter operated by  
19 nonresident common motor carriers of persons or property, contract  
20 motor carriers of persons or property, or private motor carriers of  
21 property as stated in NRS 482.390.  
22       (c) Require registration of a vehicle operated by a border state  
23 employee.  
24       3. When a person, formerly a nonresident, becomes a resident  
25 of this state, he shall:  
26       (a) Within 30 days after becoming a resident; or  
27       (b) At the time he obtains his driver's license,  
28 whichever occurs earlier, apply for the registration of any vehicle  
29 which he owns and which is operated in this state. *If a person fails*  
30 *to register a vehicle within 10 days after the last day allowed for*  
31 *timely registration pursuant to this subsection, the Department*  
32 *shall notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency that the*  
33 *person is in violation of this subsection.*  
34       4. Any resident operating a motor vehicle upon a highway of  
35 this state which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to  
36 the resident operator for his continuous use within this state, shall  
37 cause that vehicle to be registered within 30 days after beginning its  
38 operation within this state.  
39       5. A person registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of  
40 subsection 3, 4 or 6 ~~[of this section]~~ or pursuant to NRS 482.390  
41 must be assessed the registration fees and governmental services  
42 tax, as required by the provisions of this chapter and chapter 371 of  
43 NRS. He must not be allowed credit on those taxes and fees for the  
44 unused months of his previous registration.



1 6. If a vehicle is used in this state for a gainful purpose, the  
2 owner shall immediately apply to the Department for registration,  
3 except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.390, 482.395 and 706.801  
4 to 706.861, inclusive.

5 7. An owner registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of  
6 this section shall surrender the existing nonresident license plates  
7 and registration certificates to the Department for cancelation.

8 8. A vehicle may be cited for a violation of this section  
9 regardless of whether it is in operation or is parked on a highway, in  
10 a public parking lot or on private property which is open to the  
11 public if, after communicating with the owner or operator of the  
12 vehicle, the peace officer issuing the citation determines that:

- 13 (a) The owner of the vehicle is a resident of this state; or  
14 (b) The vehicle is used in this state for a gainful purpose.

15 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
16 Highway Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles the sum of  
17 \$109,000 for the purchase of equipment to establish and maintain  
18 the toll-free telephone number pursuant to section 1 of this act and  
19 for the costs related to a multimedia advertising campaign to inform  
20 the public about the toll-free telephone number and its purpose.

21 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
22 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
23 2005, and reverts to the State Highway Fund as soon as all  
24 payments of money committed have been made.

25 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

