
SENATE BILL NO. 215—SENATOR TITUS

MARCH 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special license plates for support of protection and enrichment of natural environment of Red Rock Canyon. (BDR 43-1285)

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 support of the protection and enrichment of the natural environment of Red Rock Canyon; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of such license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for the design, preparation and issuance of a special
2 license plate authorized by the Legislature if the Department of Motor Vehicles
3 receives at least 1,000 applications for the issuance of the plate within 2 years after
4 the plate was authorized by the Legislature. (NRS 482.36705)
5 This bill directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and issue
6 special license plates for support of the protection and enrichment of the natural
7 environment of Red Rock Canyon, a federally designated National Conservation
8 Area in Clark County. The Department must not design, prepare or issue the license
9 plates unless it receives at least 1,000 applications for the issuance of the plates.
10 This bill imposes additional fees for the initial issuance and renewal of the plates to
11 be used to provide funding to the Friends of Red Rock Canyon, or its successor, for
12 its programs for protection and enrichment of the conservation area.



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 Friends of Red Rock Canyon or*
5 *its successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for*
6 *support of the protection and enrichment of the natural*
7 *environment of Red Rock Canyon, using any colors and designs*
8 *that the Department deems appropriate. The Department shall not*
9 *design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least*
10 *1,000 applications for the issuance of those plates.*

11 2. *If the Department receives at least 1,000 applications for*
12 *the issuance of license plates pursuant to this section, the*
13 *Department shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light*
14 *commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to*
15 *license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise*
16 *complies with the requirements for registration and licensing*
17 *pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized*
18 *prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be*
19 *combined with license plates issued pursuant to this section if that*
20 *person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in*
21 *addition to the fees prescribed pursuant to subsections 3 and 4 for*
22 *the license plates issued pursuant to this section.*

23 3. *The fee for license plates issued pursuant to this section is*
24 *\$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees*
25 *and governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable*
26 *upon the payment of \$10.*

27 4. *In addition to all other applicable registration and license*
28 *fees and governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in*
29 *subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates*
30 *pursuant to this section must pay for the initial issuance of the*
31 *plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates*
32 *an additional fee of \$20 to be distributed pursuant to subsection 5.*

33 5. *The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*
34 *subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State*
35 *General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis,*
36 *distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this section to Friends of*
37 *Red Rock Canyon or its successor for its programs and activities*
38 *in support of the protection and enrichment of the natural*
39 *environment of Red Rock Canyon.*

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



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

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

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 ~~H~~, *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 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows:

8 482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate"
9 means:

10 (a) A license plate that the Department has designed and
11 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the
12 system of application and petition described in that section; and

13 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the
14 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,
15 482.37903, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918,
16 482.379185, 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933,
17 482.37934, 482.37935, 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937,
18 482.37938 or 482.37945 ~~§~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

19 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
20 the Department shall not, at any one time, issue more than ~~25~~ **26**
21 separate designs of special license plates.

22 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on
23 October 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of
24 each separate design of special license plate that the Department is
25 currently issuing by determining the total number of validly
26 registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license
27 plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total
28 number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular
29 design of special license plate is affixed if:

30 (a) The particular design of special license plate was designed
31 and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

32 (b) On October 1, that particular design of special license plate
33 has been available to be issued for less than 12 months.

34 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if, on
35 October 1, the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to
36 which a particular design of special license plate is affixed is:

37 (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by
38 the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000; or

39 (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the
40 Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
41 less than the number of applications required to be received by the
42 Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

43 ➤ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner
44 described in subsection 5.



1 5. The notice required pursuant to subsection 4 must be
2 provided:

3 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a
4 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable
5 organization.

6 (b) If the special license plate does not generate financial
7 support for a cause or charitable organization, to an entity which is
8 involved in promoting the activity, place or other matter that is
9 depicted on the plate.

10 6. If, on December 31 of the same year in which notice was
11 provided pursuant to subsections 4 and 5, the total number of validly
12 registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special
13 license plate is affixed is:

14 (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by
15 the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000; or

16 (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the
17 Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
18 less than the number of applications required to be received by the
19 Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

20 the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
21 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no
22 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Such an
23 order does not require existing holders of that particular design of
24 special license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and
25 does not prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

26 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

40 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
41 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or
42 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of
43 \$10.

44 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
45 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.



1 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection
2 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant
3 to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS
4 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the
5 issuance of those plates.

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

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

13 **Sec. 5.** On or before October 1, 2007, 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. 6.** The amendatory provisions of this act expire by
18 limitation on October 1, 2007, 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.



