## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 401-ASSEMBLYMEN ASSEFA; KRAMER AND MUNK

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### Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the highway funding mechanism. (BDR 43-832)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; imposing a fee based on vehicle miles traveled upon the renewal of registration of certain light-duty motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to calculate and charge such a fee; requiring deposit of certain portions of the fee in the State Highway Fund; requiring the Department of Transportation to provide a report to the Legislature concerning the highways of this State; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, a person registering or renewing the registration of a motor vehicle in this State must pay a registration fee and the governmental services tax. (NRS 371.040, 482.480) **Section 9** of this bill requires that, upon the renewal or transfer of registration for certain light-duty motor vehicles, the person renewing or transferring the registration must pay a vehicle miles traveled fee for the miles the vehicle traveled during the previous registration period. The vehicles to which this fee applies are those motor vehicles manufactured in 1984 or later for the United States market and that have a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than 8,500 pounds. Motorcycles, mopeds and electric bicycles are not included. Section 9 requires that a person must provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle upon initial registration and at each renewal or transfer, so that the vehicle miles traveled can be calculated by the Department. If the vehicle is required to submit evidence of compliance with emissions standards, the form submitted regarding such compliance will contain the odometer reading; otherwise a person must report the mileage registered on the





odometer of the vehicle to the Department. Except for a portion of the fees withheld by the Department to defray the costs of administering the vehicle miles traveled fee, the money collected by the Department is to be deposited in the State Highway Fund. Existing law makes a violation of this new section a misdemeanor. (NRS 482.555) **Sections 12 to 16** of this bill make conforming changes.

Section 10 of this bill provides the methodology the Department must use to calculate the vehicle miles traveled fee for each vehicle to which it applies. The Department must first calculate a vehicle miles traveled fee rate, beginning at 1 and in subsequent years using a target rate adjustment factor and, in certain counties, also using an annual inflation adjustment factor. The vehicle miles traveled fee rate is then multiplied by the miles traveled by the vehicle, based on the odometer readings submitted. The Department must then subtract from that amount an estimated fuel purchase credit to determine the vehicle miles traveled fee. The estimated fuel purchase credit is a calculation based on the miles per gallon rating, established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, for the year, make and model of the vehicle, the miles traveled by the vehicle, and the per gallon fuel tax rate imposed in the county in which the vehicle is based.

**Section 11** of this bill requires the Department to post certain rates and adjustment factors on its Internet website, and to also provide a tool on the website whereby a person can enter a vehicle identification number, county of residence and estimated miles traveled to get an estimate of what the vehicle miles traveled fee would be for that vehicle.

**Section 17** of this bill requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature, beginning in 2023 and every 5 years thereafter, concerning the condition of the state highway system, the performance and condition standards for the state highway system, certain cost and revenue projections, and any recommendations for adjusting the target rate adjustment factor used to calculate the vehicle miles traveled fee rate.

# THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 4 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- Sec. 3. "Annual inflation adjustment factor" means, for any given fiscal year, the adjusted average street and highway construction inflation index, as that term is defined in paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 373.066, for that fiscal year.
- Sec. 4. "Light-duty vehicle" means a motor vehicle manufactured in 1984 or later that was manufactured for the United States market and that has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than 8,500 pounds. The term does not include an electric bicycle, a moped or a motorcycle.





- Sec. 5. "Target rate adjustment factor" means a number calculated each fiscal year by the Department pursuant to section 10 of this act to be used by the Department to calculate a vehicle miles traveled fee imposed pursuant to section 9 of this act and published by the Department pursuant to section 11 of this act.
- Sec. 6. "Vehicle miles traveled fee" means the fee imposed by the Department pursuant to section 9 of this act and calculated pursuant to section 10 of this act.
- Sec. 7. "Vehicle miles traveled fee rate" means the rates charged per mile of travel as calculated by the Department pursuant to section 10 of this act, used by the Department to calculate a vehicle miles traveled fee imposed pursuant to section 9 of this act and published by the Department pursuant to section 11 of this act.
- Sec. 8. The provisions of sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act do not apply to a light-duty motor vehicle that is exempt from the taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 365 and 366 of NRS.
- Sec. 9. 1. Upon application for the initial registration of any light-duty motor vehicle pursuant to NRS 482.205, the applicant shall provide the Department or registered dealer the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle at the time of application. Upon application for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS 482.399 to any light-duty motor vehicle, the applicant shall provide the Department or registered dealer the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred at the time of application.
- 2. At the time of renewal of registration of a light-duty motor vehicle pursuant to NRS 482.280, the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle must be provided to the Department as follows:
- (a) If the vehicle is required upon renewal of registration to submit evidence of compliance with standards for the control of emissions pursuant to chapter 445B of NRS, the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle at the time of the inspection must be noted on the evidence of compliance.
- (b) If the vehicle is not required upon renewal of registration to submit evidence of compliance with standards for the control of emissions pursuant to chapter 445B of NRS, the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle at the time of renewal must be noted by the owner on a form prescribed by the Department.
- 3. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest in a lightduty motor vehicle and the expiration of the registration pursuant to NRS 482.399, the holder of the original registration must





provide to the Department the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle at the time of the transfer.

- 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, upon receipt of the mileage required by subsection 2, the Department shall charge and collect a vehicle miles traveled fee in addition to all other license and registration fees and governmental services taxes due for renewal of registration. The vehicle miles traveled fee must be calculated pursuant to section 10 of this act. If the vehicle miles traveled fee for a light-duty motor vehicle calculated pursuant to section 10 is less than zero, the absolute value of the vehicle miles traveled fee must be subtracted from the registration fees due pursuant to NRS 482.480, except that if the result is less than zero, the registration fee is zero.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, upon receipt of the mileage required by subsection 3, the Department shall charge and collect a vehicle miles traveled fee on the holder of the original registration for the vehicle miles traveled since the last submission of the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle. The fee must be calculated pursuant to section 10 of this act and based on the fiscal year in which the fee is charged. If the vehicle miles traveled fee for a light-duty motor vehicle calculated pursuant to section 10 is zero or less, the amount of the vehicle miles traveled fee is zero.
- 6. Except for the amount withheld by the Department pursuant to subsection 7, all vehicle miles traveled fees collected by the Department pursuant to this section must be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the State Highway Fund.
- 7. The Department may withhold from the vehicle miles traveled fees collected each month a percentage of the money collected. The Department shall adopt in regulation the percentage to be withheld and must base the percentage on an amount calculated to defray the costs of administration of the provisions of sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act.
- 8. The Department or its agents may inspect the odometer of a vehicle for which the mileage registered on the odometer is reported pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 not more than once every 2 years to verify the mileage reported.
- Sec. 10. 1. The Department shall calculate the vehicle miles traveled fee imposed pursuant to section 9 of this act as provided in this section.
- 2. The vehicle miles traveled fee rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 shall be 1 cent per mile. Each subsequent fiscal year, the vehicle miles traveled fee rate shall be adjusted as follows:
- (a) In a county in which excise taxes are imposed pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.066 or paragraph (e) of





subsection 1 of NRS 373.0663, the vehicle miles traveled fee rate for a fiscal year is the product of the vehicle miles traveled fee rate from the previous fiscal year times the target rate adjustment factor, as calculated pursuant to subsection 7, for the previous fiscal year.

(b) In a county in which excise taxes are not imposed pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.066 or paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.0663, the vehicle miles traveled fee rate for a fiscal year is the product of the vehicle miles traveled fee rate from the previous fiscal year times one plus the annual inflation adjustment factor, and this product times the target rate adjustment factor, as calculated pursuant to subsection 7, for the previous fiscal year.

3. To calculate the vehicle miles traveled for a motor vehicle, the Department shall subtract the mileage reported pursuant to section 9 of this act for the current registration period from the mileage reported pursuant to section 9 of this act for the previous

registration period.

4. To calculate the vehicle miles traveled fee for a motor vehicle, the Department shall multiply the vehicle miles traveled as calculated pursuant to subsection 3 times the vehicle miles traveled fee rate, calculated pursuant to subsection 2, for the current fiscal year using the vehicle miles traveled fee rate applicable to the county in which the motor vehicle is based for that fiscal year, and subtract from that product the estimated fuel purchase credit for that year, make and model of motor vehicle as determined pursuant to subsection 5.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, to calculate the estimated fuel purchase credit for a light-duty motor vehicle,

the Department shall:

(a) Multiply the vehicle miles traveled for the motor vehicle pursuant to subsection 4 by the miles per gallon number for that year, make and model of light-duty motor vehicle to determine the gallons of fuel to be credited; and

(b) Multiply the gallons of fuel to be credited by the per gallon fuel tax rate imposed pursuant to chapter 365 of NRS or, if the light-duty motor vehicle uses special fuel, the per gallon fuel tax rate imposed pursuant to chapter 366 of NRS, in the county in which the light-duty motor vehicle is based.

- 6. For a light-duty motor vehicle which is not powered by motor vehicle fuel or special fuel, the estimated fuel tax credit is zero.
- 7. The target rate adjustment factor for fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2024, is 1. Each subsequent fiscal year, the target rate adjustment factor must be





calculated by dividing the average fuel consumption by the quotient of the total vehicle miles traveled by all vehicles required pursuant to section 9 of this act to report to the Department during the previous fiscal year divided by the total gallons of fuel to be credited for all vehicles pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 5 during the previous fiscal year.

8. As used in this section:

- (a) "Average fuel consumption for light-duty vehicles" means, in a given fiscal year, the annual fuel consumption per vehicle, in gallons, for all light-duty vehicles as reported in table VM-1 by the Federal Highway Administration of the United States Department of Transportation for the year 3 years before the first day of the given fiscal year.
- (b) "Miles per gallon number" means the miles per gallon rating calculated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a specific year, make and model of a light-duty vehicle and made available on the Internet website of the United States Department of Energy at https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/findacar.shtml

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- (c) "Motor vehicle fuel" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 365,060.
- (d) "Special fuel" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 366.060.

Sec. 11. The Department shall:

- 1. Publish on the Internet website of the Department:
- (a) The vehicle miles traveled fee rate for each county in this State;
  - (b) The annual inflation adjustment factor; and
  - (c) The target rate adjustment factor,

for the current fiscal year.

- 2. Provide, on the Internet website of the Department, a tool that allows a person to calculate an estimated vehicle miles traveled fee for a light-duty motor vehicle by entering the vehicle identification number of the vehicle, the county in which the vehicle is to be based and an estimated mileage number.
- 3. Adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act.
  - **Sec. 12.** NRS 482.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.215 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155, all applications for registration, except applications for renewal of registration, must be made as provided in this section.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.294, applications for all registrations, except renewals of registration, must be made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the Department or to a registered dealer.





- 3. Each application must be made upon the appropriate form furnished by the Department and contain:
- (a) The signature of the owner, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 482.294, if applicable.
  - (b) The owner's residential address.

- (c) The owner's declaration of the county where he or she intends the vehicle to be based, unless the vehicle is deemed to have no base. The Department shall use this declaration to determine [the]:
- (1) The county to which the governmental services tax is to be paid  $[\cdot]$ ; and
- (2) How to calculate the vehicle miles traveled fee due at renewal or transfer of the registration, pursuant to sections 9 and 10 of this act, if applicable.
- (d) If required pursuant to section 9 of this act, the mileage registered on the odometer of the vehicle at the time of application.
- (e) A brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including the name of the maker, the engine, identification or serial number, whether new or used, and the last license number, if known, and the state in which it was issued, and upon the registration of a new vehicle, the date of sale by the manufacturer or franchised and licensed dealer in this State for the make to be registered to the person first purchasing or operating the vehicle.
- [(e)] (f) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the applicant is not an owner of a fleet of vehicles or a person described in subsection 5:
- (1) Proof satisfactory to the Department or registered dealer that the applicant carries insurance on the vehicle provided by an insurance company licensed by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and approved to do business in this State as required by NRS 485.185; and
- (2) A declaration signed by the applicant that he or she will maintain the insurance required by NRS 485.185 during the period of registration. If the application is submitted by electronic means pursuant to NRS 482.294, the applicant is not required to sign the declaration required by this subparagraph.
- [(f)] (g) If the applicant is an owner of a fleet of vehicles or a person described in subsection 5, evidence of insurance provided by an insurance company licensed by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and approved to do business in this State as required by NRS 485.185:
- (1) In the form of a certificate of insurance on a form approved by the Commissioner of Insurance;





- (2) In the form of a card issued pursuant to NRS 690B.023 which identifies the vehicle or the registered owner of the vehicle; or
- (3) In another form satisfactory to the Department, including, without limitation, an electronic format authorized by NRS 690B.023.
- → The Department may file that evidence, return it to the applicant or otherwise dispose of it.
- **[(g)]** (h) If required, evidence of the applicant's compliance with controls over emission.
- [(h)] (i) If the application for registration is submitted via the Internet, a statement which informs the applicant that he or she may make a nonrefundable monetary contribution of \$2 for each vehicle registered for the Complete Streets Program, if any, created pursuant to NRS 244.2643, 277A.285 or 403.575, as applicable, based on the declaration made pursuant to paragraph (c). The application form must state in a clear and conspicuous manner that a contribution for a Complete Streets Program is nonrefundable and voluntary and is in addition to any fees required for registration, and must include a method by which the applicant must indicate his or her intention to opt in or opt out of making such a contribution.
- 4. The application must contain such other information as is required by the Department or registered dealer and must be accompanied by proof of ownership satisfactory to the Department.
- 5. For purposes of the evidence required by paragraph  $\frac{\{(f)\}}{g}$  of subsection 3:
- (a) Vehicles which are subject to the fee for a license and the requirements of registration of the Interstate Highway User Fee Apportionment Act, and which are based in this State, may be declared as a fleet by the registered owner thereof on his or her original application for or application for renewal of a proportional registration. The owner may file a single certificate of insurance covering that fleet.
- (b) Other fleets composed of 10 or more vehicles based in this State or vehicles insured under a blanket policy which does not identify individual vehicles may each be declared annually as a fleet by the registered owner thereof for the purposes of an application for his or her original or any renewed registration. The owner may file a single certificate of insurance covering that fleet.
- (c) A person who qualifies as a self-insurer pursuant to the provisions of NRS 485.380 may file a copy of his or her certificate of self-insurance.
- (d) A person who qualifies for an operator's policy of liability insurance pursuant to the provisions of NRS 485.186 and 485.3091 may file or provide electronic evidence of that insurance.





Sec. 13. NRS 482.280 is hereby amended to read as follows: 482.280 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155, the registration of every vehicle expires at midnight on the day specified on the receipt of registration, unless the day specified falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. If the day specified on the receipt of registration is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the registration of the vehicle expires at midnight on the next judicial day. The Department shall mail to each holder of a certificate of registration a notification for renewal of registration for the following period of registration. The notifications must be mailed by the Department in sufficient time to allow all applicants to mail the notifications to the Department or to renew the certificate of registration at a kiosk or authorized inspection station or via the Internet or an interactive response system and to receive new certificates of registration and license plates, stickers, tabs or other suitable devices by mail before the expiration of their registrations. An applicant may present or submit the notification to any agent or

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- (a) Mailed or presented to the Department or to a county assessor pursuant to the provisions of this section;
  - (b) Submitted to the Department pursuant to NRS 482.294; or
- (c) Presented to an authorized inspection station or authorized station pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.281,
- must include, if required, evidence of compliance with standards for the control of emissions.
- 3. The Department shall include with each notification mailed pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) The amount of the governmental services tax to be collected pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.260.
- (b) The amount set forth in a notice of nonpayment filed with the Department by a local authority pursuant to NRS 484B.527.
  - (c) A statement which informs the applicant:
- (1) That, pursuant to NRS 485.185, the applicant is legally required to maintain insurance during the period in which the motor vehicle is registered which must be provided by an insurance company licensed by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and approved to do business in this State; and
- (2) Of any other applicable requirements set forth in chapter 485 of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- (d) A statement which informs the applicant that, if the applicant is required to pay the vehicle miles traveled fee imposed pursuant to section 9 of this act, the applicant must:





- (1) Submit to the Department the mileage indicated on the odometer of the vehicle as required pursuant to subsection 2 of section 9 of this act; and
- (2) Pay the vehicle miles traveled fee calculated by the Department pursuant to section 10 of this act.
- (e) A statement which informs the applicant that, if the applicant renews a certificate of registration at a kiosk or via the Internet, he or she may make a nonrefundable monetary contribution of \$2 for each vehicle registration renewed for the Complete Streets Program, if any, created pursuant to NRS 244.2643, 277A.285 or 403.575, as applicable, based on the declaration made pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 482.215. The notification must state in a clear and conspicuous manner that a contribution for a Complete Streets Program is nonrefundable and voluntary and is in addition to any fees required for registration.
- [(e)] (f) Any amount due for reissuance of a license plate or a plate reissued pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 482.265, if applicable.
- 4. An application for renewal of a certificate of registration submitted at a kiosk or via the Internet must include a statement which informs the applicant that he or she may make a nonrefundable monetary contribution of \$2, for each vehicle registration which is renewed at a kiosk or via the Internet, for the Complete Streets Program, if any, created pursuant to NRS 244.2643, 277A.285 or 403.575, as applicable, based on the declaration made pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 482.215. The application must state in a clear and conspicuous manner that a contribution for a Complete Streets Program is nonrefundable and voluntary and is in addition to any fees required for registration, and must include a method by which the applicant must indicate his or her intention to opt in or opt out of making such a contribution.
- 5. An owner who has made proper application for renewal of registration before the expiration of the current registration but who has not received the license plate or plates or card of registration for the ensuing period of registration is entitled to operate or permit the operation of that vehicle upon the highways upon displaying thereon the license plate or plates issued for the preceding period of registration for such a time as may be prescribed by the Department as it may find necessary for the issuance of the new plate or plates or card of registration.
  - **Sec. 14.** NRS 482.399 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.399 1. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest in any vehicle by any holder of a valid registration, or upon destruction of the vehicle, the registration expires.





- Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155 and subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, the holder of the original registration may transfer the registration to another vehicle to be registered by the holder and use the same regular license plate or plates or special license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive, or 482.384, on the vehicle from which the registration is being transferred, if the license plate or plates are appropriate for the second vehicle, upon filing an application for transfer of registration and upon paying the transfer registration fee, the vehicle miles traveled fee, if any, imposed pursuant to subsection 5 of section 9 of this act, and the excess, if any, of the registration fee and governmental services tax on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred over the total registration fee and governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which he or she is transferring ownership or interest. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.294, an application for transfer of registration must be made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the Department or to a registered dealer, and the license plate or plates may not be used upon a second vehicle until registration of that vehicle is complete.
- the governmental services In computing the Department, its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax paid on the first vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly basis against the tax due on the second vehicle or on any other vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. If any person transfers ownership or interest in two or more vehicles, the Department or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax paid on all of the vehicles attributable to the remainder of the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly basis against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. The certificates of registration and unused license plates of the vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or interest must be submitted before credit is given against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the registered owner.
- 4. In computing the registration fee, the Department or its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the registration fee paid on each vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis against the registration fee due on the vehicle to which registration is transferred.
- 5. If the amount owed on the registration fee or governmental services tax on the vehicle to which registration is transferred is less



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than the credit on the total registration fee or governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or interest, the person may apply the unused portion of the credit to the registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of such a credit expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the person transferred the registration was due to expire.

- 6. If the license plate or plates are not appropriate for the second vehicle, the plate or plates must be surrendered to the Department or registered dealer and an appropriate plate or plates must be issued by the Department. The Department shall not reissue the surrendered plate or plates until the next succeeding licensing period.
- 7. If application for transfer of registration is not made within 60 days after the destruction or transfer of ownership of or interest in any vehicle, the license plate or plates must be surrendered to the Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the registration.
- 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 371.040, NRS 482.2155, subsections 7 and 8 of NRS 482.260 and subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, if a person cancels his or her registration and surrenders to the Department the license plates for a vehicle, the Department shall:
- (a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a refund of the portion of the registration fee and governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis; or
- (b) If the person does not qualify for a refund in accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a credit in the amount of the portion of the registration fee and governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis. Such a credit may be applied by the person to the registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of the credit expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the person obtained a refund was due to expire.
- 9. The Department shall issue a refund pursuant to subsection 8 only if the request for a refund is made at the time the registration is cancelled and the license plates are surrendered, the person requesting the refund is a resident of Nevada, the amount eligible for refund exceeds \$100, and evidence satisfactory to the Department is submitted that reasonably proves the existence of extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "extenuating circumstances" means circumstances wherein:





- (a) The person has recently relinquished his or her driver's license and has sold or otherwise disposed of his or her vehicle.
- (b) The vehicle has been determined to be inoperable and the person does not transfer the registration to a different vehicle.
- (c) The owner of the vehicle is seriously ill or has died and the guardians or survivors have sold or otherwise disposed of the vehicle.
- (d) Any other event occurs which the Department, by regulation, has defined to constitute an "extenuating circumstance" for the purposes of this subsection.
  - **Sec. 15.** NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.480 There must be paid to the Department for the registration or the transfer or reinstatement of the registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, fees according to the following schedule:
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section [,] and section 9 of this act, for each stock passenger car and each reconstructed or specially constructed passenger car registered to a person, regardless of weight or number of passenger capacity, a fee for registration of \$33.
  - 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:
- (a) For each of the fifth and sixth such cars registered to a person, a fee for registration of \$16.50.
- (b) For each of the seventh and eighth such cars registered to a person, a fee for registration of \$12.
- (c) For each of the ninth or more such cars registered to a person, a fee for registration of \$8.
  - 3. The fees specified in subsection 2 do not apply:
- (a) Unless the person registering the cars presents to the Department at the time of registration the registrations of all the cars registered to the person.
  - (b) To cars that are part of a fleet.
- 4. For every motorcycle, a fee for registration of \$33 and for each motorcycle other than a trimobile, an additional fee of \$6 for motorcycle safety. The additional fee must be deposited in the State General Fund for credit to the Account for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders created by NRS 486.372.
  - 5. For every moped, a one-time fee for registration of \$33.
- 6. For each transfer of registration, a fee of \$6 in addition to any other fees.
- 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of NRS 485.317, to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is suspended pursuant to that section:
- (a) A fee as specified in NRS 482.557 for a registered owner who failed to have insurance on the date specified by the





Department, which fee is in addition to any fine or penalty imposed pursuant to NRS 482.557; or

- (b) A fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who cancelled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the insurance coverage for that vehicle to expire without first cancelling the registration for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 485.320,
- → both of which must be deposited in the Account for Verification of Insurance which is hereby created in the State Highway Fund. The money in the Account must be used to carry out the provisions of NRS 485.313 to 485.318, inclusive.
  - 3. For every travel trailer, a fee for registration of \$27.
- 9. For every permit for the operation of a golf cart, an annual fee of \$10.
- 10. For every low-speed vehicle, as that term is defined in NRS 484B.637, a fee for registration of \$33.
- 11. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is suspended pursuant to NRS 482.451 or 482.458, a fee of \$33.
- 12. For each vehicle for which the registered owner has indicated his or her intention to opt in to making a contribution pursuant to paragraph [(h)] (i) of subsection 3 of NRS 482.215 or subsection 4 of NRS 482.280, a contribution of \$2. The contribution must be distributed to the appropriate county pursuant to NRS 482.1825.
  - **Sec. 16.** NRS 482.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.515 1. Whenever a person operates any vehicle upon the public highways of this State without having paid therefor the registration [or], transfer *or vehicle miles traveled* fee required by this chapter, the required fee shall be deemed delinquent.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.209, if the fee for registration is not paid by the end of the last working day of the preceding period of registration, a penalty of \$6 must be added for each period of 30 calendar days or fraction thereof during which the delinquency continues, unless the vehicle has not been operated on the highways since the expiration of the prior registration or has not been operated on the highways since the expiration of the temporary placard issued by a vehicle dealer or rebuilder in this State. Evidence of nonoperation of a vehicle must be furnished by an affidavit executed by a person having knowledge of the fact. The affidavit must accompany the application for renewal of registration.
- 3. If the transferee of a vehicle, required to be registered under the provisions of NRS 482.205, has not registered the vehicle within 10 days after the transfer, a penalty of \$6 must be added to the fee for registration. The provisions of this section do not apply to





vehicles which come within the provisions of NRS 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive.

- 4. In addition to the penalties prescribed in subsections 2 and 3, the Department and its agents shall collect the fees for license plates and registration for each period of 30 calendar days, or portion thereof in excess of 15 days, during which the delinquency has continued or for which the vehicle has not been registered pursuant to NRS 482.205.
- **Sec. 17.** 1. On or before January 1, 2023, and every 5 years thereafter, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report that complies with subsection 2 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Nevada Legislature.
- 2. Each report required to be filed pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:
- (a) The performance and condition standards for all aspects of the operations, maintenance and physical assets of the state highway system, and information on the current performance and condition of the state highway system.
  - (b) Projections of the:

- (1) Total annualized costs for meeting the performance and condition standards required by paragraph (a) for the ten-year period following the report, including, without limitation, the costs of administration, planning, design, operations, maintenance and the construction and reconstruction of all assets of the state highway system; and
- (2) Total revenues expected from existing sources of funding for the ten-year period following the report; and
- (3) Based on the projections provided for subparagraphs (1) and (2), whether a shortfall or surplus is projected.
- (c) If, pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) a shortfall is projected, recommendations for making up the projected shortfall, including, without limitation, adjustments to the target rate adjustment factor calculated pursuant to section 10 of this act.
- **Sec. 18.** The provisions of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.
  - **Sec. 19.** This act becomes effective:
- 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
  - 2. On July 1, 2020 for all other purposes.





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