

SENATE BILL NO. 182—SENATORS DONDERO LOOP, SPEARMAN;  
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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing motor vehicles.  
(BDR 43-674)

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; requiring the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to accept certain proof of ownership from certain manufacturers of fully autonomous vehicles; exempting certain manufacturers of fully autonomous vehicles from certain requirements relating to franchises and facilities for the repair or maintenance of vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires generally that a manufacturer of new vehicles that sells its  
2 vehicles in this State establish a franchise with a new vehicle dealer for the sale of  
3 those vehicles. (NRS 482.36385) Existing law also restricts a manufacturer’s  
4 ownership or operation of a facility for the repair or maintenance of vehicles. (NRS  
5 482.36387) Existing law further exempts manufacturers from such franchise and  
6 repair provisions if the manufacturer: (1) only manufactures passenger cars  
7 powered solely by one or more electric motors; (2) only sells at retail new or new  
8 and used passenger cars that it manufactures; and (3) was selling such passenger  
9 cars at retail in this State on or before January 1, 2016. (NRS 482.36349) **Section 3**  
10 of this bill exempts a manufacturer from existing franchise and repair provisions if  
11 the manufacturer: (1) manufactures fully autonomous vehicles in this State that are  
12 operated exclusively by an automated driving system; and (2) is selling such fully  
13 autonomous vehicles in this State to another legal entity under common control  
14 with the manufacturer.

15 Existing law provides that upon proof of ownership satisfactory to the Director  
16 of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Director shall cause to be issued a



17 certificate of title. (NRS 482.260) **Section 1** of this bill provides that if a  
18 manufacturer who manufactures fully autonomous vehicles in this State that are  
19 operated exclusively by an automated driving system operates one or more of its  
20 fully autonomous vehicles for the purpose of providing delivery services, the  
21 Director shall accept as proof of ownership the manufacturer's certificate of origin  
22 or the manufacturer's statement of origin issued for the fully autonomous vehicle.  
23 **Section 4** of this bill makes a conforming change to amend certain internal  
24 references to subsections of NRS 482.260 that are amended in **section 1**.

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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 482.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     482.260 1. When registering a vehicle, the Department and  
3 its agents or a registered dealer shall:  
4     (a) Collect the fees for license plates and registration as  
5 provided for in this chapter.  
6     (b) Collect the governmental services tax on the vehicle, as  
7 agent for the State and for the county where the applicant intends to  
8 base the vehicle for the period of registration, unless the vehicle is  
9 deemed to have no base.  
10    (c) Collect the applicable taxes imposed pursuant to chapters  
11 372, 374, 377 and 377A of NRS.  
12    (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2085, issue a  
13 certificate of registration.  
14    (e) If the registration is performed by the Department, issue the  
15 regular license plate or plates.  
16    (f) If the registration is performed by a registered dealer, provide  
17 information to the owner regarding the manner in which the regular  
18 license plate or plates will be made available to the owner.  
19    2. Upon proof of ownership satisfactory to the Director or as  
20 otherwise provided in NRS 482.2605, the Director shall cause to be  
21 issued a certificate of title as provided in this chapter.  
22    3. *For the purposes of subsection 2, if a manufacturer*  
23 *described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 482.36349*  
24 *operates one or more of its fully autonomous vehicles for the*  
25 *purpose of providing delivery services, the Director shall accept as*  
26 *proof of ownership the manufacturer's certificate of origin or the*  
27 *manufacturer's statement of origin issued for the fully*  
28 *autonomous vehicle. As used in this paragraph, "fully*  
29 *autonomous vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
30 *NRS 482A.036.*  
31    4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 371.070 and  
32 subsections ~~[6.]~~ 7, ~~[and]~~ 8 ~~[.]~~ and 9, every vehicle being registered  
33 for the first time in Nevada must be taxed for the purposes of the  
34 governmental services tax for a 12-month period.



1 ~~[4.]~~ 5. The Department shall deduct and withhold 2 percent of  
2 the taxes collected pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and  
3 remit the remainder to the Department of Taxation.

4 ~~[5.]~~ 6. A registered dealer shall forward all fees and taxes  
5 collected for the registration of vehicles to the Department.

6 ~~[6.]~~ 7. A trailer being registered pursuant to NRS 482.2065  
7 must be taxed for the purposes of the governmental services tax for  
8 a 3-year period.

9 ~~[7.]~~ 8. A full trailer or semitrailer being registered pursuant to  
10 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 must be taxed for the purposes of the  
11 governmental services tax in the amount of \$86. The governmental  
12 services tax paid pursuant to this subsection is nontransferable and  
13 nonrefundable.

14 ~~[8.]~~ 9. A moped being registered pursuant to NRS 482.2155  
15 must be taxed for the purposes of the governmental services tax for  
16 only the 12-month period following the registration. The  
17 governmental services tax paid pursuant to this subsection is  
18 nontransferable and nonrefundable.

19 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 482.285 1. If any certificate of registration or certificate of  
21 title is lost, mutilated or illegible, the person to whom it was issued  
22 shall immediately make application for and obtain a duplicate or  
23 substitute therefor upon furnishing information satisfactory to the  
24 Department and upon payment of the required fees. An applicant  
25 who is unable to furnish information satisfactory to the Department  
26 that the applicant is entitled to a duplicate or substitute certificate of  
27 title pursuant to this subsection may obtain a new certificate of title  
28 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.2605.

29 2. If any license plate or plates or any decal is lost, mutilated or  
30 illegible, the person to whom it was issued shall immediately make  
31 application for and obtain:

32 (a) A duplicate number plate or a substitute number plate;

33 (b) A substitute decal; or

34 (c) A combination of both (a) and (b),

35 ➤ as appropriate, upon furnishing information satisfactory to the  
36 Department and payment of the fees required by NRS 482.500.

37 3. If any license plate or plates or any decal is stolen, the  
38 person to whom it was issued shall immediately make application  
39 for and obtain:

40 (a) A substitute number plate;

41 (b) A substitute decal; or

42 (c) A combination of both (a) and (b),

43 ➤ as appropriate, upon furnishing information satisfactory to the  
44 Department and payment of the fees required by NRS 482.500.



1 4. The Department shall issue duplicate number plates or  
2 substitute number plates and, if applicable, a substitute decal, if the  
3 applicant:

4 (a) Returns the mutilated or illegible plates to the Department or  
5 signs a declaration that the plates were lost, mutilated or illegible;  
6 and

7 (b) Complies with the provisions of subsection 6.

8 5. The Department shall issue substitute number plates and, if  
9 applicable, a substitute decal, if the applicant:

10 (a) Signs a declaration that the plates were stolen; and

11 (b) Complies with the provisions of subsection 6.

12 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an applicant  
13 who desires duplicate number plates or substitute number plates  
14 must make application for renewal of registration. Except as  
15 otherwise provided in subsection ~~7 or~~ 8 or 9 of NRS 482.260,  
16 credit must be allowed for the portion of the registration fee and  
17 governmental services tax attributable to the remainder of the  
18 current registration period. In lieu of making application for renewal  
19 of registration, an applicant may elect to make application solely  
20 for:

21 (a) Duplicate number plates or substitute number plates, and a  
22 substitute decal, if the previous license plates were lost, mutilated or  
23 illegible; or

24 (b) Substitute number plates and a substitute decal, if the  
25 previous license plates were stolen.

26 7. An applicant who makes the election described in subsection  
27 6 retains the current date of expiration for the registration of the  
28 applicable vehicle and is not, as a prerequisite to receiving duplicate  
29 number plates or substitute number plates or a substitute decal,  
30 required to:

31 (a) Submit evidence of compliance with controls over emission;  
32 or

33 (b) Pay the registration fee and governmental services tax  
34 attributable to a full period of registration.

35 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.36349 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 482.36349 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~2,~~  
37 **3,** a manufacturer is not subject to the provisions of NRS 482.36311  
38 to 482.36425, inclusive, if the manufacturer:

39 (a) Only manufactures passenger cars powered solely by one or  
40 more electric motors;

41 (b) Only sells at retail new or new and used passenger cars that  
42 it manufactures; and

43 (c) Was selling such passenger cars at retail in this State on or  
44 before January 1, 2016.



1       2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a*  
2 *manufacturer is not subject to the provisions of NRS 482.36311 to*  
3 *482.36425, inclusive, if the manufacturer:*

4       (a) *Manufactures fully autonomous vehicles in this State that*  
5 *are operated exclusively by an automated driving system; and*

6       (b) *Is selling such fully autonomous vehicles in this State to*  
7 *another legal entity under common control with the manufacturer.*

8       ~~2.~~ 3. A manufacturer described in subsection 1 *or 2* is subject  
9 to the provisions of NRS 482.363574.

10       4. *As used in this section:*

11       (a) *“Automated driving system” has the meaning ascribed to it*  
12 *in NRS 482A.025.*

13       (b) *“Fully autonomous vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to it*  
14 *in NRS 482A.036.*

15       **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.399 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16       482.399 1. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest  
17 in any vehicle by any holder of a valid registration, or upon  
18 destruction of the vehicle, the registration expires.

19       2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155 and  
20 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, the holder of the original registration  
21 may transfer the registration to another vehicle to be registered by  
22 the holder and use the same regular license plate or plates or special  
23 license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to  
24 482.3823, inclusive, or 482.384, on the vehicle from which the  
25 registration is being transferred, if the license plate or plates are  
26 appropriate for the second vehicle, upon filing an application for  
27 transfer of registration and upon paying the transfer registration fee  
28 and the excess, if any, of the registration fee and governmental  
29 services tax on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred  
30 over the total registration fee and governmental services tax paid on  
31 all vehicles from which he or she is transferring ownership or  
32 interest. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.294, an  
33 application for transfer of registration must be made in person, if  
34 practicable, to any office or agent of the Department or to a  
35 registered dealer, and the license plate or plates may not be used  
36 upon a second vehicle until registration of that vehicle is complete.

37       3. In computing the governmental services tax, the  
38 Department, its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion  
39 of the tax paid on the first vehicle attributable to the remainder of  
40 the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly  
41 basis against the tax due on the second vehicle or on any other  
42 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. If any person  
43 transfers ownership or interest in two or more vehicles, the  
44 Department or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax  
45 paid on all of the vehicles attributable to the remainder of the



1 current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly  
2 basis against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is  
3 transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the  
4 registered owner. The certificates of registration and unused license  
5 plates of the vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or  
6 interest must be submitted before credit is given against the tax due  
7 on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other  
8 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner.

9 4. In computing the registration fee, the Department or its  
10 agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the  
11 registration fee paid on each vehicle attributable to the remainder of  
12 the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis  
13 against the registration fee due on the vehicle to which registration  
14 is transferred.

15 5. If the amount owed on the registration fee or governmental  
16 services tax on the vehicle to which registration is transferred is less  
17 than the credit on the total registration fee or governmental services  
18 tax paid on all vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or  
19 interest, the person may apply the unused portion of the credit to the  
20 registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused  
21 portion of such a credit expires on the date the registration of the  
22 vehicle from which the person transferred the registration was due  
23 to expire.

24 6. If the license plate or plates are not appropriate for the  
25 second vehicle, the plate or plates must be surrendered to the  
26 Department or registered dealer and an appropriate plate or plates  
27 must be issued by the Department. The Department shall not reissue  
28 the surrendered plate or plates until the next succeeding licensing  
29 period.

30 7. If application for transfer of registration is not made within  
31 60 days after the destruction or transfer of ownership of or interest  
32 in any vehicle, the license plate or plates must be surrendered to the  
33 Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the  
34 registration.

35 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS  
36 371.040, NRS 482.2155, subsections ~~7 and~~ 8 and 9 of NRS  
37 482.260 and subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, if a person cancels his or  
38 her registration and surrenders to the Department the license plates  
39 for a vehicle, the Department shall:

40 (a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to  
41 the person a refund of the portion of the registration fee and  
42 governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the  
43 remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro  
44 rata basis; or



1 (b) If the person does not qualify for a refund in accordance with  
2 the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a credit in the  
3 amount of the portion of the registration fee and governmental  
4 services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the  
5 current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis. Such  
6 a credit may be applied by the person to the registration of any other  
7 vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of the credit  
8 expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the  
9 person obtained a refund was due to expire.

10 9. The Department shall issue a refund pursuant to subsection 8  
11 only if the request for a refund is made at the time the registration is  
12 cancelled and the license plates are surrendered, the person  
13 requesting the refund is a resident of Nevada, the amount eligible  
14 for refund exceeds \$100, and evidence satisfactory to the  
15 Department is submitted that reasonably proves the existence of  
16 extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, the  
17 term "extenuating circumstances" means circumstances wherein:

18 (a) The person has recently relinquished his or her driver's  
19 license and has sold or otherwise disposed of his or her vehicle.

20 (b) The vehicle has been determined to be inoperable and the  
21 person does not transfer the registration to a different vehicle.

22 (c) The owner of the vehicle is seriously ill or has died and the  
23 guardians or survivors have sold or otherwise disposed of the  
24 vehicle.

25 (d) Any other event occurs which the Department, by regulation,  
26 has defined to constitute an "extenuating circumstance" for the  
27 purposes of this subsection.

