

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 117—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS
BROWN-MAY AND MONROE-MORENO

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to special license plates.
(BDR 43-48)

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

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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 special license plates; providing for the issuance of special license plates indicating support for the Las Vegas Aces basketball team; exempting the special license plates indicating support for the Las Vegas Aces basketball team from certain provisions otherwise applicable to certain special license plates; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of the special license plates indicating support for the Las Vegas Aces basketball team; eliminating provisions prohibiting certain new vehicle dealers from accepting an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant wishes to obtain special license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the issuance of various special license plates associated
2 with military or public service, membership or affiliation with certain groups and
3 recognition of or support for certain charitable causes or certain classes and types of
4 vehicles. (NRS 482.3672-482.3823) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department
5 of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and issue special license plates indicating
6 support for the Las Vegas Aces, a franchise of the Women’s National Basketball
7 Association. A person wishing to obtain the special license plates must pay to the
8 Department: (1) a fee for initial issuance of \$35 and a fee for renewal of \$10; (2) all
9 applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes; and (3) an
10 additional fee for initial issuance of \$25 and an additional fee for renewal of \$20, to
11 be deposited with the State Treasurer who must, on a quarterly basis, distribute the
12 fees to the Las Vegas Aces Foundation or its successor organization for the
13 programs and activities within this State in support of health and fitness,



14 disadvantaged children and families, education and women in sports. A person
15 wishing to obtain the special license plates may also request that the plates be
16 combined with personalized prestige plates if the person pays the additional fees for
17 the personalized prestige plates. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change
18 to apply provisions relating to the issuance and renewal of a special license plate
19 for certain trailers to include the Las Vegas Aces special license plate. **Section 5** of
20 this bill prohibits the Department from issuing the Las Vegas Aces special license
21 plate for a full trailer or semitrailer.

22 Under existing law, certain special license plates: (1) must be approved by the
23 Department; (2) are subject to a limitation on the number of separate designs of
24 special license plates which the Department may issue at any one time; and (3) may
25 not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department unless a certain number of
26 applications for such plates are received. (NRS 482.367002, 482.367008,
27 482.36705) **Sections 6-8** of this bill exempt the Las Vegas Aces special license
28 plates from these provisions.

29 **Section 9** of this bill excludes the Las Vegas Aces special license plates from
30 the definition of "special license plate" for purposes of existing provisions
31 governing investigations relating to finances of charitable organizations that receive
32 additional fees from special license plates. (NRS 482.38272-482.38279)

33 **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the Director of the Department to order the
34 preparation of sample license plates that are of the same design and size as the Las
35 Vegas Aces special license plates.

36 **Section 10** of this bill makes a conforming change to authorize the holder of
37 the original registration of any vehicle to transfer the registration and use of the Las
38 Vegas Aces special license plates to another vehicle under certain circumstances.

39 **Section 11** of this bill establishes a fee of \$10 for the replacement of a Las
40 Vegas Aces special license plate.

41 Existing law authorizes the Department to authorize a new vehicle dealer to: (1)
42 accept applications for the registration of new motor vehicles he or she sells; and
43 (2) issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the legal requirements
44 to be issued a certificate of registration. Existing law prohibits a new vehicle dealer
45 who is authorized to issue certificates of registration from accepting an application
46 for the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant wishes to obtain special
47 license plates. (NRS 482.216) **Section 3** of this bill eliminates the prohibition
48 against a new vehicle dealer accepting an application for the registration of a motor
49 vehicle if the applicant wishes to obtain special license plates, thereby authorizing a
50 new vehicle dealer to accept an application for registration from such applicants.

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. The Department, in cooperation with the Las Vegas Aces,*
4 *shall design, prepare and issue license plates that indicate support*
5 *for the Las Vegas Aces using any colors and designs which the*
6 *Department deems appropriate.*

7 *2. The Department shall issue license plates that indicate*
8 *support for the Las Vegas Aces for a passenger car or light*
9 *commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to*
10 *license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise*



1 *complies with the requirements for registration and licensing*
2 *pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized*
3 *prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be*
4 *combined with license plates that indicate support for the Las*
5 *Vegas Aces if the person pays the fees for the personalized prestige*
6 *license plates, in addition to the fees for the license plates that*
7 *indicate support for the Las Vegas Aces set forth in subsections 3*
8 *and 4.*

9 3. *The fee for the license plates that indicate support for the*
10 *Las Vegas Aces is \$35, in addition to all other applicable*
11 *registration and license fees and governmental service taxes. The*
12 *license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.*

13 4. *In addition to all other applicable registration and license*
14 *fees and governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed in*
15 *subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates that*
16 *indicate support for the Las Vegas Aces must pay for the initial*
17 *issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25, and an additional*
18 *fee of \$20 for each renewal of the plates, to be deposited in*
19 *accordance with subsection 5.*

20 5. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.38279, the*
21 *Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection*
22 *4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.*
23 *The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees*
24 *deposited pursuant to this subsection to the Las Vegas Aces*
25 *Foundation or its successor organization for its programs and*
26 *activities within this State in support of health and fitness,*
27 *disadvantaged children and families, education and women in*
28 *sports.*

29 6. *The provisions of NRS 482.36705 do not apply to license*
30 *plates described in this section.*

31 7. *If, during a registration period, the holder of license plates*
32 *issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the*
33 *vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:*

34 (a) *Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that*
35 *meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for*
36 *the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or*
37 *governmental services taxes due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or*

38 (b) *Return the plates to the Department within 30 days after*
39 *removing them from the vehicle.*

40 8. *The Department may accept any gifts, grants and*
41 *donations or other sources of money for the production and*
42 *issuance of the special license plates pursuant to this section. All*
43 *money received pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in*
44 *the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates*
45 *created by NRS 482.1805.*



1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.2065 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.2065 1. A trailer may be registered for a 3-year period as
3 provided in this section.

4 2. A person who registers a trailer for a 3-year period must pay
5 upon registration all fees and taxes that would be due during the 3-
6 year period if he or she registered the trailer for 1 year and renewed
7 that registration for 2 consecutive years immediately thereafter,
8 including, without limitation:

9 (a) Registration fees pursuant to NRS 482.480 and 482.483.

10 (b) A fee for each license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.268.

11 (c) Fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a special license
12 plate pursuant to NRS 482.265, if applicable.

13 (d) Fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a personalized
14 prestige license plate pursuant to NRS 482.367, if applicable.

15 (e) Additional fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a
16 special license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,
17 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, which are imposed to generate
18 financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization, if
19 applicable.

20 (f) Governmental services taxes imposed pursuant to chapter
21 371 of NRS, as provided in NRS 482.260.

22 (g) The applicable taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 372, 374,
23 377 and 377A of NRS.

24 3. As used in this section, the term “trailer” does not include a
25 full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of
26 NRS 482.483.

27 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 482.216 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155,
29 upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the Department may
30 authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

31 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor
32 vehicles he or she sells and the related fees and taxes;

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

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

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

40 (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within
41 the period prescribed by the Department;

42 (b) Transmit the fees collected from the applicants and properly
43 account for them within the period prescribed by the Department;

44 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
45 5; and



1 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
2 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
3 software.

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

6 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
7 services;

8 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
9 performance of those services;

10 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
11 vehicle; or

12 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle
13 if the applicant wishes to ~~[-~~

14 ~~— (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667~~
15 ~~to 482.3823, inclusive; or~~

16 ~~— (2) Claim] *claim*~~ the exemption from the governmental
17 services tax provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and
18 their relations.

19 4. The provisions of this section do not apply to the registration
20 of a moped pursuant to NRS 482.2155.

21 5. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
22 carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted
23 pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

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

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

29 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.2703 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 482.2703 1. The Director may order the preparation of
31 sample license plates which must be of the same design and size as
32 regular license plates or license plates issued pursuant to NRS
33 482.384. The Director shall ensure that:

34 (a) Each license plate issued pursuant to this subsection,
35 regardless of its design, is inscribed with the word SAMPLE and an
36 identical designation which consists of the same group of three
37 numerals followed by the same group of three letters; and

38 (b) The designation of numerals and letters assigned pursuant to
39 paragraph (a) is not assigned to a vehicle registered pursuant to this
40 chapter or chapter 706 of NRS.

41 2. The Director may order the preparation of sample license
42 plates which must be of the same design and size as any of the
43 special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,
44 inclusive ~~[-~~, *and section 1 of this act.* The Director shall ensure
45 that:



1 (a) Each license plate issued pursuant to this subsection,
2 regardless of its design, is inscribed with the word SAMPLE and the
3 number zero in the location where any other numerals would
4 normally be displayed on a license plate of that design; and

5 (b) The number assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) is not
6 assigned to a vehicle registered pursuant to this chapter or chapter
7 706 of NRS.

8 3. The Director may establish a fee for the issuance of sample
9 license plates of not more than \$15 for each license plate.

10 4. A decal issued pursuant to NRS 482.271 may be displayed
11 on a sample license plate issued pursuant to this section.

12 5. All money collected from the issuance of sample license
13 plates must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the
14 Motor Vehicle Fund.

15 6. A person shall not affix a sample license plate issued
16 pursuant to this section to a vehicle. A person who violates the
17 provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.

18 **Sec. 5.** NRS 482.274 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 482.274 1. The Director shall order the preparation of vehicle
20 license plates for trailers in the same manner provided for motor
21 vehicles in NRS 482.270, except that a vehicle license plate
22 prepared for a full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to
23 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 is not required to have displayed upon
24 it the month and year the registration expires.

25 2. The Director shall order preparation of two sizes of vehicle
26 license plates for trailers. The smaller plates may be used for trailers
27 with a gross vehicle weight of less than 1,000 pounds.

28 3. The Director shall determine the registration numbers
29 assigned to trailers.

30 4. Any license plates issued for a trailer before July 1, 1975,
31 bearing a different designation from that provided for in this section,
32 are valid during the period for which such plates were issued.

33 5. The Department shall not issue for a full trailer or semitrailer
34 that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 a special
35 license plate available pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,
36 inclusive ~~[]~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

37 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.367002 is hereby amended to read as
38 follows:

39 482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department
40 design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an
41 application to the Department. A person may submit an application
42 for a special license plate that is intended to generate financial
43 support for an organization only if:

44 (a) For an organization which is not a governmental entity, the
45 organization is established as a nonprofit charitable organization



1 which provides services to the community relating to public health,
2 education or general welfare;

3 (b) For an organization which is a governmental entity, the
4 organization only uses the financial support generated by the special
5 license plate for charitable purposes relating to public health,
6 education or general welfare;

7 (c) The organization is registered with the Secretary of State, if
8 registration is required by law, and has filed any documents required
9 to remain registered with the Secretary of State;

10 (d) The name and purpose of the organization do not promote,
11 advertise or endorse any specific product, brand name or service that
12 is offered for profit;

13 (e) The organization is nondiscriminatory; and

14 (f) The license plate will not promote a specific religion, faith or
15 antireligious belief.

16 2. An application submitted to the Department pursuant to
17 subsection 1:

18 (a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the
19 Department;

20 (b) Must specify whether the special license plate being
21 requested is intended to generate financial support for a particular
22 cause or charitable organization and, if so:

23 (1) The name of the cause or charitable organization; and

24 (2) Whether the financial support intended to be generated
25 for the particular cause or charitable organization will be for:

26 (I) General use by the particular cause or charitable
27 organization; or

28 (II) Use by the particular cause or charitable organization
29 in a more limited or specific manner;

30 (c) Must include the name and signature of a person who
31 represents:

32 (1) The organization which is requesting that the Department
33 design, prepare and issue the special license plate; and

34 (2) If different from the organization described in
35 subparagraph (1), the cause or charitable organization for which the
36 special license plate being requested is intended to generate
37 financial support;

38 (d) Must include proof that the organization satisfies the
39 requirements set forth in subsection 1;

40 (e) Must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the
41 Department in the amount of \$5,000, except that if the special
42 license plate being requested is one of the type described in
43 subsection 3 of NRS 482.367008, the application must be
44 accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the
45 amount of \$20,000;



1 (f) Must, if the organization is a charitable organization, not
2 including a governmental entity whose budget is included in the
3 executive budget, include a budget prepared by or for the charitable
4 organization which includes, without limitation, the proposed
5 operating and administrative expenses of the charitable
6 organization; and

7 (g) Must be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and
8 colors to be used in the special license plate. The suggestion must be
9 made in consultation with the charitable organization for which the
10 special license plate is intended to generate financial support, if any.

11 3. If an application for a special license plate has been
12 submitted pursuant to this section but the Department has not yet
13 designed, prepared or issued the plate, the applicant shall amend the
14 application with updated information when any of the following
15 events take place:

16 (a) The name of the organization that submitted the application
17 has changed since the initial application was submitted.

18 (b) The cause or charitable organization for which the special
19 license plate being requested is intended to generate financial
20 support has a different name than that set forth on the initial
21 application.

22 (c) The cause or charitable organization for which the special
23 license plate being requested is intended to generate financial
24 support is different from that set forth on the initial application.

25 (d) A charitable organization which submitted a budget pursuant
26 to paragraph (f) of subsection 2 prepares or has prepared a new or
27 subsequent budget.

28 ➔ The updated information described in this subsection must be
29 submitted to the Department within 90 days after the relevant
30 change takes place, unless the applicant has received notice that the
31 special license plate is on an agenda to be heard at a public meeting
32 of the Department held pursuant to subsection 4, in which case the
33 updated information must be submitted to the Department within 48
34 hours after the applicant receives such notice. The updating of
35 information pursuant to this subsection does not alter, change or
36 otherwise affect the issuance of special license plates by the
37 Department in accordance with the chronological order of their
38 authorization or approval, as described in subsection 2 of
39 NRS 482.367008.

40 4. The Department shall hold a public meeting before
41 determining whether to approve or disapprove:

42 (a) An application for the design, preparation and issuance of a
43 special license plate that is submitted to the Department pursuant to
44 subsection 1; and



1 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an application
2 for the design, preparation and issuance of a special license plate
3 that has been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1,
4 2007.

5 ↪ In determining whether to approve such an application, the
6 Department shall consider, without limitation, whether it would be
7 appropriate and feasible for the Department to design, prepare and
8 issue the particular special license plate. The Department shall
9 consider each application in the chronological order in which the
10 application was received by the Department.

11 5. Before holding a public meeting pursuant to subsection 4,
12 the Department shall:

13 (a) At least 30 days before the public meeting is held, notify:

14 (1) The person who requested the special license plate
15 pursuant to subsection 1; and

16 (2) The charitable organization for which the special license
17 plate is intended to generate financial support, if any; and

18 (b) Post a notice of the public meeting that complies with
19 chapter 241 of NRS.

20 6. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 4 do not apply
21 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS
22 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,
23 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.37907, 482.3791,
24 482.3794 or 482.3817 ~~§~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

25 7. The Department may design and prepare a special license
26 plate requested pursuant to subsection 1 if the Department:

27 (a) Determines that the application for that plate complies with
28 subsection 2; and

29 (b) Approves the application for that plate after holding the
30 public meeting required pursuant to subsection 4.

31 8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.367008, the
32 Department may issue a special license plate that:

33 (a) The Department has designed and prepared pursuant to
34 subsection 7; and

35 (b) Complies with the requirements of NRS 482.367003,

36 ↪ for any motorcycle, passenger car or light commercial vehicle
37 upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates
38 pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the
39 requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter.
40 A person may request that personalized prestige license plates
41 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with a special
42 license plate issued pursuant to this section if that person pays the
43 fees for personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees
44 for the special license plate.



1 9. Upon making a determination to issue a special license plate
2 pursuant to subsection 8, the Department shall notify:

3 (a) The person who requested the special license plate pursuant
4 to subsection 1; and

5 (b) The charitable organization for which the special license
6 plate is intended to generate financial support, if any.

7 10. After making a determination to issue a special license
8 plate pursuant to this section, if the Department determines not to
9 use the design or colors suggested pursuant to paragraph (g) of
10 subsection 2, the Department shall notify the person who requested
11 the special license plate pursuant to subsection 1. The notice must
12 include, without limitation, the reasons the Department did not use
13 the design or colors suggested pursuant to paragraph (g) of
14 subsection 2.

15 11. Within 180 days after receiving the notice pursuant to
16 subsection 10, the person who requested the special license plate
17 pursuant to subsection 1 shall, in consultation with the charitable
18 organization for which the special license plate is intended to
19 generate financial support, if any, submit a revised suggestion for
20 the design of and colors to be used in the special license plate. If the
21 person does not submit a revised suggestion within 180 days after
22 receiving the notice pursuant to subsection 10, the Department must:

23 (a) Not issue the special license plate; and

24 (b) Notify:

25 (1) The person who requested the special license plate
26 pursuant to subsection 1; and

27 (2) The charitable organization for which the special license
28 plate is intended to generate financial support, if any.

29 12. After receiving the suggested design of and colors to be
30 used in the special license plate pursuant to paragraph (g) of
31 subsection 2 or subsection 11 and upon determining the design of
32 and the colors to be used in the special license plate, the Department
33 shall submit the design of and the colors to be used in the special
34 license plate to the person who requested the special license plate
35 pursuant to subsection 1 and to the charitable organization for which
36 the special license plate is intended to generate financial support, if
37 any. The person and the charitable organization, if any, shall
38 respond to the Department within 30 days after receiving the design
39 of and the colors to be used in the special license plate and shall:

40 (a) Approve the design of and the colors to be used in the
41 special license plate; or

42 (b) Submit suggestions to revise the design of or colors to be
43 used in the special license plate.

44 ↪ If the person who requested the special license plate pursuant to
45 subsection 1 and the charitable organization for which the special



1 license plate is intended to generate financial support, if any, fail to
2 respond within 30 days after receiving the design of and the colors
3 to be used in the special license plate, the person and charitable
4 organization shall be deemed to approve the design of and the colors
5 to be used in the special license plate. The Department may adopt
6 regulations to carry out this subsection.

7 13. The Department must promptly release the surety bond
8 posted pursuant to subsection 2:

9 (a) If the Department determines not to issue the special license
10 plate;

11 (b) If the Department distributes the additional fees collected on
12 behalf of a charitable organization to another charitable organization
13 pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 of
14 NRS 482.38279 and the surety bond has not been released to the
15 initial charitable organization; or

16 (c) If it is determined that at least 1,000 special license plates
17 have been issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the
18 design of the special license plate conducted pursuant to NRS
19 482.367008, except that if the special license plate is one of the type
20 described in subsection 3 of NRS 482.367008, the Department must
21 promptly release the surety bond posted pursuant to subsection 2 if
22 it is determined that at least 3,000 special license plates have been
23 issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design of the
24 special license plate conducted pursuant to NRS 482.367008.

25 14. If, during a registration period, the holder of license plates
26 issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the
27 vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

28 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets
29 the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for the
30 transfer of the registration and any registration fee or governmental
31 services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or

32 (b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle,
33 return them to the Department.

34 15. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the
35 Department shall compile a list of each special license plate the
36 Department, during the immediately preceding fiscal year, designed
37 and prepared pursuant to subsection 7 or issued pursuant to
38 subsection 8. The list must set forth, for each such plate, the cause
39 or charitable organization for which the special license plate
40 generates or would generate financial support, and the intended use
41 to which the financial support is being put or would be put. The
42 Department shall make that information available on its Internet
43 website.

44 16. On or before January 31 of each year, the Department shall:

45 (a) Compile a report that contains information detailing:



- 1 (1) The requests submitted pursuant to subsection 1;
- 2 (2) The list compiled pursuant to subsection 15 for the
- 3 immediately preceding fiscal year;
- 4 (3) Any special license plates that the Department will no
- 5 longer issue pursuant to NRS 482.367008;
- 6 (4) The results of any activities conducted pursuant to NRS
- 7 482.38272 to 482.38279, inclusive; and
- 8 (5) Any actions taken by the Department pursuant to
- 9 subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 482.38279; and
- 10 (b) Submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
- 11 Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, if the Legislature is in
- 12 session, or to the Legislative Commission, if the Legislature is not
- 13 in session.

14 **Sec. 7.** NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as

15 follows:

16 482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate"

17 means:

18 (a) A license plate that the Department has designed and

19 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the

20 system of application described in that section;

21 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the

22 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,

23 482.37903, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918, 482.37919,

24 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935,

25 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938,

26 482.37939, 482.37945 or 482.37947; and

27 (c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS

28 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,

29 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.37907, 482.3791,

30 482.3794, 482.37941 or 482.3817, *or section 1 of this act*, a license

31 plate that is approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005.

32 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,

33 and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Department

34 shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30 separate designs of

35 special license plates. Whenever the total number of separate

36 designs of special license plates issued by the Department at any one

37 time is less than 30, the Department shall issue a number of

38 additional designs of special license plates that have been authorized

39 by an act of the Legislature or the application for which has been

40 approved by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, not to

41 exceed a total of 30 designs issued by the Department at any one

42 time. Such additional designs must be issued by the Department in

43 accordance with the chronological order of their authorization or

44 approved by the Department.



1 3. In addition to the special license plates described in
2 subsection 2, the Department may issue not more than five separate
3 designs of special license plates in excess of the limit set forth in
4 that subsection. To qualify for issuance pursuant to this subsection:

5 (a) The Department must approve the design, preparation and
6 issuance of the special plates as described in NRS 482.367002; and

7 (b) The special license plates must have been applied for,
8 designed, prepared and issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002, except
9 that:

10 (1) The application for the special license plates must be
11 accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the
12 amount of \$20,000; and

13 (2) Pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design
14 of the special license plates that is conducted pursuant to this
15 section, it is determined that at least 3,000 special license plates
16 have been issued.

17 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on October
18 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of each
19 separate design of special license plate that the Department is
20 currently issuing by determining the total number of validly
21 registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license
22 plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total
23 number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular
24 design of special license plate is affixed if:

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

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

29 5. If, on October 1, the total number of validly registered motor
30 vehicles to which a particular design of special license plate is
31 affixed is:

32 (a) In the case of special license plates not described in
33 subsection 3, less than 1,000; or

34 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection
35 3, less than 3,000,

36 ➤ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner
37 described in subsection 6.

38 6. The notice required pursuant to subsection 5 must be
39 provided:

40 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a
41 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable
42 organization.

43 (b) If the special license plate does not generate financial
44 support for a cause or charitable organization, to an entity which is



1 involved in promoting the activity, place or other matter that is
2 depicted on the plate.

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

7 (a) In the case of special license plates not described in
8 subsection 3, less than 1,000; or

9 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection
10 3, less than 3,000,

11 ➤ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
12 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no
13 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Such an
14 order does not require existing holders of that particular design of
15 special license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and
16 does not prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

17 **Sec. 8.** NRS 482.36705 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18 482.36705 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

19 (a) If a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
20 Legislature after January 1, 2003, other than a special license plate
21 that is authorized pursuant to NRS 482.379375, the Legislature will
22 direct that the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by
23 the Department unless the Department receives at least 1,000
24 applications for the issuance of that plate within 2 years after the
25 effective date of the act of the Legislature that authorized the plate.

26 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (a), if a
27 new special license plate is authorized by an act of the Legislature
28 after July 1, 2005, the Legislature will direct that the license plate
29 not be issued by the Department unless its issuance complies with
30 subsection 2 of NRS 482.367008.

31 (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and
32 (b), if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
33 Legislature after January 1, 2007, the Legislature will direct that the
34 license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department
35 unless the Department approves the application for the authorized
36 plate pursuant to NRS 482.367002.

37 (d) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a),
38 (b) and (c), if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of
39 the Legislature after July 1, 2021, the Legislature will direct that the
40 license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department
41 unless the organization meeting the requirements described in
42 subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002 submits suggestions for the design
43 of and colors to be used in the special license plate within 180 days
44 after the authorization of the special license plate. The provisions of



1 subsections 10, 11 and 12 of NRS 482.367002 apply to suggestions
2 submitted pursuant to this paragraph.

3 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with regard to
4 special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3746,
5 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785, 482.3787,
6 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.37907, 482.3791, 482.3794,
7 482.37941 or 482.3817 **H** or *section 1 of this act*.

8 **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.38276 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 482.38276 “Special license plate” means:

10 1. 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;

13 2. A license plate approved by the Legislature that the
14 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,
15 482.37903, 482.37904, 482.37905, 482.37907, 482.37917,
16 482.379175, 482.37918, 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793,
17 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935, 482.379355, 482.379365,
18 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938, 482.37939, 482.37945 or
19 482.37947; and

20 3. Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS
21 482.3746, 482.3757, 482.3785, 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902,
22 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794 or 482.37941, *or section 1 of this*
23 *act*, a license plate that is approved by the Legislature after July 1,
24 2005.

25 **Sec. 10.** NRS 482.399 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 482.399 1. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest
27 in any vehicle by any holder of a valid registration, or upon
28 destruction of the vehicle, the registration expires.

29 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155 and
30 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, the holder of the original registration
31 may transfer the registration to another vehicle to be registered by
32 the holder and use the same regular license plate or plates or special
33 license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
34 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or *NRS* 482.384, on
35 the vehicle from which the registration is being transferred, if the
36 license plate or plates are appropriate for the second vehicle, upon
37 filing an application for transfer of registration and upon paying the
38 transfer registration fee and the excess, if any, of the registration fee
39 and governmental services tax on the vehicle to which the
40 registration is transferred over the total registration fee and
41 governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which he or she
42 is transferring ownership or interest. Except as otherwise provided
43 in NRS 482.294, an application for transfer of registration must be
44 made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the
45 Department or to a registered dealer, and the license plate or plates



1 may not be used upon a second vehicle until registration of that
2 vehicle is complete.

3 3. In computing the governmental services tax, the
4 Department, its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion
5 of the tax paid on the first vehicle attributable to the remainder of
6 the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly
7 basis against the tax due on the second vehicle or on any other
8 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. If any person
9 transfers ownership or interest in two or more vehicles, the
10 Department or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax
11 paid on all of the vehicles attributable to the remainder of the
12 current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly
13 basis against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is
14 transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the
15 registered owner. The certificates of registration and unused license
16 plates of the vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or
17 interest must be submitted before credit is given against the tax due
18 on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other
19 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner.

20 4. In computing the registration fee, the Department or its
21 agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the
22 registration fee paid on each vehicle attributable to the remainder of
23 the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis
24 against the registration fee due on the vehicle to which registration
25 is transferred.

26 5. If the amount owed on the registration fee or governmental
27 services tax on the vehicle to which registration is transferred is less
28 than the credit on the total registration fee or governmental services
29 tax paid on all vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or
30 interest, the person may apply the unused portion of the credit to the
31 registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused
32 portion of such a credit expires on the date the registration of the
33 vehicle from which the person transferred the registration was due
34 to expire.

35 6. If the license plate or plates are not appropriate for the
36 second vehicle, the plate or plates must be surrendered to the
37 Department or registered dealer and an appropriate plate or plates
38 must be issued by the Department. The Department shall not reissue
39 the surrendered plate or plates until the next succeeding licensing
40 period.

41 7. If application for transfer of registration is not made within
42 60 days after the destruction or transfer of ownership of or interest
43 in any vehicle, the license plate or plates must be surrendered to the
44 Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the
45 registration.



1 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS
2 371.040, NRS 482.2155, subsections 8 and 9 of NRS 482.260 and
3 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, if a person cancels his or her
4 registration and surrenders to the Department the license plates for a
5 vehicle, the Department shall:

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

11 (b) If the person does not qualify for a refund in accordance with
12 the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a credit in the
13 amount of the portion of the registration fee and governmental
14 services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the
15 current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis. Such
16 a credit may be applied by the person to the registration of any other
17 vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of the credit
18 expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the
19 person obtained a refund was due to expire.

20 9. The Department shall issue a refund pursuant to subsection 8
21 only if the request for a refund is made at the time the registration is
22 cancelled and the license plates are surrendered, the person
23 requesting the refund is a resident of Nevada, the amount eligible
24 for refund exceeds \$100, and evidence satisfactory to the
25 Department is submitted that reasonably proves the existence of
26 extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, the
27 term "extenuating circumstances" means circumstances wherein:

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

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

32 (c) The owner of the vehicle is seriously ill or has died and the
33 guardians or survivors have sold or otherwise disposed of the
34 vehicle.

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

38 **Sec. 11.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3
40 or specifically provided by statute, whenever upon application any
41 duplicate or substitute certificate of registration, indicator, decal or
42 number plate is issued, the following fees must be paid:
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44 For a certificate of registration \$5.00
45 For every substitute number plate or set of plates 5.00



1	For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....	\$10.00
2	For every decal displaying a county name50
3	For every other indicator, decal, license plate	
4	sticker or tab.....	5.00

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6 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement
7 number plate or set of plates issued for the following special license
8 plates:

9 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
10 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.370 to 482.3755, inclusive, 482.376 or
11 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of
12 \$10.

13 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
14 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

15 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection
16 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant
17 to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS
18 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the
19 issuance of those plates.

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

22 4. The fees which are paid for replacement number plates,
23 duplicate number plates and decals displaying county names must
24 be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle
25 Fund and allocated to the Department to defray the costs of
26 replacing or duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.



