

SENATE BILL NO. 148—SENATOR STONE

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

**SUMMARY**—Provides for the issuance of special license plates indicating service on a military unit that was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. (BDR 43-545)

**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 motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and issue special license plates honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on a unit that was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation; exempting the special license plates from certain provisions otherwise applicable to special license plates; establishing the applicability of certain parking privileges for a vehicle displaying the special license plates that bear the international symbol of access; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law entitles veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who  
2 have received certain awards, honors or designations to be issued license plates  
3 specially designed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (NRS 482.3765, 482.377,  
4 482.3775, 482.3783) **Section 1** of this bill entitles a veteran of the Armed Forces  
5 who has served on a unit that was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to apply  
6 for and receive special license plates indicating that the veteran served on such a  
7 unit. **Section 1** requires the Department, with certain exceptions, to create, for each  
8 branch of the Armed Forces, a unique license plate design for the special license  
9 plates based on the design of the service ribbon representing the Presidential Unit  
10 Citation within each branch. **Section 1** provides that a qualified veteran may: (1)  
11 apply for not more than two sets of special license plates; (2) use such license plates  
12 only on private passenger vehicles, noncommercial trucks or motor homes; and (3)  
13 combine the special license plates with personalized prestige license plates upon the  
14 payment of the applicable fees. **Section 1** provides that, unless the special license



15 plates are lost, stolen or mutilated, in which case a fee to defray the cost of  
16 producing the license plate applies, no fee in addition to the ordinarily applicable  
17 registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for  
18 the issuance or renewal of a set of the special license plates. **Section 1** further  
19 provides that: (1) a veteran who is eligible for such special license plates and who,  
20 as a result of his or her service, has suffered a qualifying service-connected  
21 disability and receives compensation from the United States for the disability, may  
22 have the international symbol of access inscribed on his or her special license plate;  
23 and (2) a vehicle on which such special license plates bearing the international  
24 symbol of access are displayed is exempt from the payment of parking fees,  
25 including, without limitation, those collected through parking meters, charged by  
26 the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, except  
27 those parking fees charged by the Federal Government. **Sections 11 and 12** of this  
28 bill make conforming changes to authorize a vehicle displaying the special license  
29 plates that bear the international symbol of access to park in certain designated  
30 parking spots for persons who are handicapped and to remain parked for up to 4  
31 hours in certain other, time-limited, public parking spots in the same manner as  
32 vehicles displaying other license plates that bear the international symbol of access.  
33 (NRS 484B.463, 484B.467)

34 **Section 2** of this bill prohibits a new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue  
35 certificates of registration for any new motor vehicle he or she sells from accepting  
36 an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant wishes to  
37 obtain the special plates indicating service on a unit which received the Presidential  
38 Unit Citation. **Section 3** of this bill prohibits the Department from issuing  
39 redesigned license plates to the holder of a set of special license plates indicating  
40 service on a unit which received the Presidential Unit Citation without the approval  
41 of the holder. **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the Director of the Department to  
42 order the preparation of sample license plates bearing the same design as the special  
43 license plates indicating service on a unit which received the Presidential Unit  
44 Citation. **Section 5** of this bill prohibits the Department from issuing special plates  
45 indicating service on a unit which received the Presidential Unit Citation for a full  
46 trailer or semitrailer, other than a recreational vehicle and travel trailer.

47 Under existing law, certain special license plates: (1) must be approved by the  
48 Department; (2) are subject to a limitation on the number of separate designs of  
49 special license plates which the Department may issue at any one time; and (3) may  
50 not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department unless a certain minimum  
51 number of applications for the plates are received. (NRS 482.367002, 482.367008,  
52 482.36705) **Sections 6-8** of this bill exempt the special plates indicating service on  
53 a unit which received the Presidential Unit Citation from these provisions.

54 **Section 9** of this bill exempts the special license plates indicating service on a  
55 unit which received the Presidential Unit Citation from the definition of "special  
56 license plate" applicable to provisions governing investigations relating to the  
57 finances of charitable organizations that receive additional fees from special license  
58 plates. (NRS 482.38272-482.38279) **Section 10** of this bill makes a conforming  
59 change to authorize the holder of the original registration of any vehicle to transfer  
60 the registration and use of the special license plates indicating service on a unit  
61 which received the Presidential Unit Citation to another vehicle under certain  
62 circumstances.



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. *A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who*  
4 *was assigned to a unit that was awarded the Presidential Unit*  
5 *Citation at the time of the action for which the Presidential Unit*  
6 *Citation was awarded is entitled to specially designed license*  
7 *plates which indicate that the veteran has served on a unit that*  
8 *was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.*

9       2. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*  
10 *Department shall design, prepare and issue such license plates*  
11 *using any colors and designs which the Department deems*  
12 *appropriate. The Department shall create a unique license plate*  
13 *design for each branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,*  
14 *which must be based on the design of the service ribbon*  
15 *representing the Presidential Unit Citation within that branch,*  
16 *except that the Department may utilize the same design for*  
17 *branches of the Armed Forces of the United States which award*  
18 *service ribbons of the same design.*

19       3. *A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant*  
20 *to this section, has suffered a qualifying service-connected*  
21 *disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of*  
22 *the United States and receives compensation from the United*  
23 *States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license*  
24 *plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the*  
25 *international symbol of access, which must comply with the*  
26 *applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue*  
27 *background.*

28       4. *Each person who qualifies for special license plates*  
29 *pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of*  
30 *plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an*  
31 *additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different*  
32 *number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant.*  
33 *Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may only be*  
34 *used on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a*  
35 *motor home.*

36       5. *The Department shall issue specially designed license*  
37 *plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who*  
38 *submits:*

39       (a) *An application on a form prescribed by the Department;*

40       (b) *Documentation which, in the determination of the*  
41 *Department, demonstrates that the applicant:*



1           (1) Served on a military unit that was awarded the  
2 Presidential Unit Citation; and

3           (2) Was assigned to the unit at the time of the action for  
4 which the Presidential Unit Citation was awarded; and

5           (c) If applicable, and subject to the provisions of NRS  
6 417.0187, evidence of his or her disability as required by the  
7 Department.

8           6. A vehicle on which special license plates issued by the  
9 Department pursuant to subsection 3 are displayed is exempt from  
10 the payment of any parking fees, including, without limitation,  
11 those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or  
12 any political subdivision or other public body within this State,  
13 other than the United States.

14           7. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special  
15 license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section  
16 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder  
17 shall:

18           (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which  
19 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the  
20 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other  
21 transfers; or

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

24           8. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no fee in  
25 addition to the applicable registration and license fees and  
26 governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or  
27 renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If  
28 the special license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,  
29 stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of  
30 duplicate number of plates from the Department for the fees  
31 required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

32           9. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant  
33 to this section may request that the personalized prestige license  
34 plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license  
35 plates that indicate that the person has served on a unit of the  
36 Armed Forces of the United States which has been awarded the  
37 Presidential Unit Citation if the person pays the fees prescribed by  
38 NRS 482.367 for the personalized prestige license plates.

39           10. The provisions of NRS 482.36705 do not apply to license  
40 plates described in this section.

41           **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42           482.216 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155,  
43 upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the Department may  
44 authorize the new vehicle dealer to:



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

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

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

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

10 (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within  
11 the period prescribed by the Department;

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

14 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection  
15 5; and

16 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue  
17 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or  
18 software.

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

21 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those  
22 services;

23 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the  
24 performance of those services;

25 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor  
26 vehicle; or

27 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle  
28 if the applicant wishes to:

29 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667  
30 to 482.3823, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or

31 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax  
32 provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

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

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

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

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



1       **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       482.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by  
3 specific statute, the Director shall order the redesign and preparation  
4 of motor vehicle license plates.

5       2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the  
6 Department may, upon the payment of all applicable fees, issue  
7 redesigned motor vehicle license plates.

8       3. The Department shall not issue redesigned motor vehicle  
9 license plates pursuant to this section to a person who was issued  
10 motor vehicle license plates before January 1, 1982, or pursuant to  
11 NRS 482.2155, 482.3747, 482.3763, 482.3783, 482.379 or  
12 482.37901, *or section 1 of this act* without the approval of the  
13 person.

14       4. The Director may determine and vary the size, shape and  
15 form and the material of which license plates are made, but each  
16 license plate must be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a  
17 distance of 100 feet during daylight. All license plates must be  
18 treated to reflect light and to be at least 100 times brighter than  
19 conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an  
20 unlighted vehicle, the license plates, when viewed from a vehicle  
21 equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of  
22 not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than  
23 110 feet.

24       5. Every license plate must have displayed upon it:

25       (a) The registration number, or combination of letters and  
26 numbers, assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof;

27       (b) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated;

28       (c) If issued for a calendar year, the year; and

29       (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2085, if issued for  
30 a registration period other than a calendar year, the month and year  
31 the registration expires.

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

33       482.2703 1. The Director may order the preparation of  
34 sample license plates which must be of the same design and size as  
35 regular license plates or license plates issued pursuant to NRS  
36 482.384. The Director shall ensure that:

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

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

44       2. The Director may order the preparation of sample license  
45 plates which must be of the same design and size as any of the



1 special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,  
2 inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act*. The Director shall ensure  
3 that:

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

8 (b) The number assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) is not  
9 assigned to a vehicle registered pursuant to this chapter or chapter  
10 706 of NRS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 3. The Director shall determine the registration numbers  
32 assigned to trailers.

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

36 5. The Department shall not issue for a full trailer or semitrailer  
37 that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 a special  
38 license plate available pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,  
39 inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act*.

40 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.367002 is hereby amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department  
43 design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an  
44 application to the Department. A person may submit an application



1 for a special license plate that is intended to generate financial  
2 support for an organization only if:

3 (a) For an organization which is not a governmental entity, the  
4 organization is established as a nonprofit charitable organization  
5 which provides services to the community relating to public health,  
6 education or general welfare;

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

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

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

17 (e) The organization is nondiscriminatory; and

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

20 2. An application submitted to the Department pursuant to  
21 subsection 1:

22 (a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the  
23 Department;

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

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

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

30 (I) General use by the particular cause or charitable  
31 organization; or

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

34 (c) Must include the name and signature of a person who  
35 represents:

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

38 (2) If different from the organization described in  
39 subparagraph (1), the cause or charitable organization for which the  
40 special license plate being requested is intended to generate  
41 financial support;

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

44 (e) Must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the  
45 Department in the amount of \$5,000, except that if the special





1 license plate being requested is one of the type described in  
2 subsection 3 of NRS 482.367008, the application must be  
3 accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the  
4 amount of \$20,000;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an application  
5 for the design, preparation and issuance of a special license plate  
6 that has been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1,  
7 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 6. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 4 do not apply  
24 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS  
25 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,  
26 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.37907, 482.3791,  
27 482.3794 or 482.3817 ~~§~~ **or section 1 of this act.**

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

30 (a) Determines that the application for that plate complies with  
31 subsection 2; and

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

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

36 (a) The Department has designed and prepared pursuant to  
37 subsection 7; and

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

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



1 fees for personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees  
2 for the special license plate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (b) Notify:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

11 (a) If the Department determines not to issue the special license  
12 plate;

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

3 (1) The requests submitted pursuant to subsection 1;

4 (2) The list compiled pursuant to subsection 15 for the  
5 immediately preceding fiscal year;

6 (3) Any special license plates that the Department will no  
7 longer issue pursuant to NRS 482.367008;

8 (4) The results of any activities conducted pursuant to NRS  
9 482.38272 to 482.38279, inclusive; and

10 (5) Any actions taken by the Department pursuant to  
11 subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 482.38279; and

12 (b) Submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel  
13 Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, if the Legislature is in  
14 session, or to the Legislative Commission, if the Legislature is not  
15 in session.

16 **Sec. 7.** NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate"  
19 means:

20 (a) A license plate that the Department has designed and  
21 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the  
22 system of application described in that section;

23 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the  
24 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,  
25 482.37903, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918, 482.37919,  
26 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935,  
27 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938,  
28 482.37939, 482.37945 or 482.37947; and

29 (c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS  
30 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,  
31 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.37907, 482.3791,  
32 482.3794, 482.37941 or 482.3817, *or section 1 of this act*, a license  
33 plate that is approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005.

34 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
35 and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Department  
36 shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30 separate designs of  
37 special license plates. Whenever the total number of separate  
38 designs of special license plates issued by the Department at any one  
39 time is less than 30, the Department shall issue a number of  
40 additional designs of special license plates that have been authorized  
41 by an act of the Legislature or the application for which has been  
42 approved by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, not to  
43 exceed a total of 30 designs issued by the Department at any one  
44 time. Such additional designs must be issued by the Department in



1 accordance with the chronological order of their authorization or  
2 approval by the Department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection  
37 3, less than 3,000,

38 ↪ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner  
39 described in subsection 6.

40 6. The notice required pursuant to subsection 5 must be  
41 provided:

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



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

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

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

11 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection  
12 3, less than 3,000,

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

19 **Sec. 8.** NRS 482.36705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 482.36705 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

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

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

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

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



1 after the authorization of the special license plate. The provisions of  
2 subsections 10, 11 and 12 of NRS 482.367002 apply to suggestions  
3 submitted pursuant to this paragraph.

4 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with regard to  
5 special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3746,  
6 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785, 482.3787,  
7 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.37907, 482.3791, 482.3794,  
8 482.37941 or 482.3817 ~~H~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

9 **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.38276 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
10 482.38276 "Special license plate" means:

11 1. A license plate that the Department has designed and  
12 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the  
13 system of application and petition described in that section;

14 2. A license plate approved by the Legislature that the  
15 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,  
16 482.37903, 482.37904, 482.37905, 482.37907, 482.37917,  
17 482.379175, 482.37918, 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793,  
18 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935, 482.379355, 482.379365,  
19 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938, 482.37939, 482.37945 or  
20 482.37947; and

21 3. Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS  
22 482.3746, 482.3757, 482.3785, 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902,  
23 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794 or 482.37941, *or section 1 of this*  
24 *act*, a license plate that is approved by the Legislature after July 1,  
25 2005.

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

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

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





1 Department or to a registered dealer, and the license plate or plates  
2 may not be used upon a second vehicle until registration of that  
3 vehicle is complete.

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

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

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

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

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



1 Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the  
2 registration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 **Sec. 11.** NRS 484B.463 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 484B.463 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an  
42 owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a special parking  
43 placard, a special parking sticker, a temporary parking placard, a  
44 temporary parking sticker or a special plate or plates issued pursuant  
45 to NRS 482.384, or a special plate or plates for a veteran with a



1 disability issued pursuant to NRS 482.3765, 482.377, 482.3775,  
2 482.378 or 482.3783, *or section 1 of this act* may park the motor  
3 vehicle for not more than 4 hours at any one time in a parking zone  
4 restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted, without  
5 penalty, removal or impoundment of the vehicle if the parking is  
6 otherwise consistent with public safety and is done by a person with  
7 a permanent disability, disability of moderate duration or temporary  
8 disability, a veteran with a disability or a person transporting any  
9 such person.

10 2. An owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a special  
11 plate or plates for a veteran with a disability issued pursuant to NRS  
12 482.3765, 482.377, 482.3775, 482.378 or 482.3783 *or section 1 of*  
13 *this act* may, without displaying a special license plate, placard or  
14 sticker issued pursuant to NRS 482.384, park in a parking space  
15 designated for persons who are handicapped if:

16 (a) The parking is done by a veteran with a disability; or

17 (b) A veteran with a disability is a passenger in the motor  
18 vehicle being parked.

19 3. This section does not authorize the parking of a motor  
20 vehicle in any privately or municipally owned facility for parking  
21 off the highway without paying the required fee for the time during  
22 which the vehicle is so parked.

23 **Sec. 12.** NRS 484B.467 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 484B.467 1. Any parking space designated for persons who  
25 are handicapped must be indicated by a sign:

26 (a) Bearing the international symbol of access with or without  
27 the words "Parking," "Handicapped Parking," "Handicapped  
28 Parking Only" or "Reserved for the Handicapped," or any other  
29 word or combination of words indicating that the space is  
30 designated for persons who are handicapped;

31 (b) Stating "Minimum fine of \$250 for use by others" or  
32 equivalent words; and

33 (c) The bottom of which must be not less than 4 feet above the  
34 ground.

35 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, a parking  
36 space designated for persons who are handicapped which:

37 (a) Is designed for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-  
38 loading wheelchair lift; and

39 (b) Is located in a parking lot with 60 or more parking spaces,  
40 ➔ must be indicated by a sign using a combination of words to state  
41 that the space is for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-  
42 loading wheelchair lift.

43 3. If a parking space is designed for the use of a vehicle with a  
44 side-loading wheelchair lift, the space which is immediately



1 adjacent and intended for use in the loading and unloading of a  
2 wheelchair into or out of such a vehicle must be indicated by a sign:

3 (a) Stating “No Parking” or similar words which indicate that  
4 parking in such a space is prohibited;

5 (b) Stating “Minimum fine of \$250 for violation” or similar  
6 words indicating that the minimum fine for parking in such a space  
7 is \$250; and

8 (c) The bottom of which must not be less than 4 feet above the  
9 ground.

10 4. An owner of private property upon which is located a  
11 parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 shall erect and  
12 maintain or cause to be erected and maintained any sign required  
13 pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3, whichever is applicable. If a  
14 parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 is located on public  
15 property, the governmental entity having control over that public  
16 property shall erect and maintain or cause to be erected and  
17 maintained any sign required pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3,  
18 whichever is applicable.

19 5. A person shall not park a vehicle in a space designated for  
20 persons who are handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements  
21 of subsection 1, whether on public or privately owned property,  
22 unless the person is eligible to do so and the vehicle displays:

23 (a) A special license plate or plates issued pursuant to  
24 NRS 482.384;

25 (b) A special or temporary parking placard issued pursuant to  
26 NRS 482.384;

27 (c) A special or temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to  
28 NRS 482.384;

29 (d) A special license plate or plates, a special or temporary  
30 parking sticker, or a special or temporary parking placard displaying  
31 the international symbol of access issued by another state or a  
32 foreign country; or

33 (e) A special license plate or plates for a veteran with a  
34 disability issued pursuant to NRS 482.3765, 482.377, 482.3775,  
35 482.378 or 482.3783 ~~§~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

36 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person  
37 shall not park a vehicle in a space that is reserved for the exclusive  
38 use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift and is designated  
39 for persons who are handicapped by a sign that meets the  
40 requirements of subsection 2, whether on public or privately owned  
41 property, unless:

42 (a) The person is eligible to do so;

43 (b) The vehicle displays the special license plate, plates or  
44 placard set forth in subsection 5; and

45 (c) The vehicle is equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift.



1 ↪ A person who meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b)  
2 may park a vehicle that is not equipped with a side-loading  
3 wheelchair lift in such a parking space if the space is in a parking lot  
4 with fewer than 60 parking spaces.

5 7. A person shall not park in a space which:

6 (a) Is immediately adjacent to a space designed for use by a  
7 vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift; and

8 (b) Is designated as a space in which parking is prohibited by a  
9 sign that meets the requirements of subsection 3,

10 ↪ whether on public or privately owned property.

11 8. A person shall not use a plate, sticker or placard set forth in  
12 subsection 5 to park in a space designated for persons who are  
13 handicapped unless he or she is a person with a permanent  
14 disability, disability of moderate duration or temporary disability, a  
15 veteran with a disability or the driver of a vehicle in which any such  
16 person is a passenger.

17 9. A person with a permanent disability, disability of moderate  
18 duration or temporary disability to whom a:

19 (a) Special license plate, or a special or temporary parking  
20 sticker, has been issued pursuant to NRS 482.384 shall not allow  
21 any other person to park the vehicle, motorcycle or moped  
22 displaying the special license plate or special or temporary parking  
23 sticker in a space designated for persons who are handicapped  
24 unless the person with the permanent disability, disability of  
25 moderate duration or temporary disability is a passenger in the  
26 vehicle or on the motorcycle or moped, or is being picked up or  
27 dropped off by the driver of the vehicle, motorcycle or moped, at the  
28 time that the vehicle, motorcycle or moped is parked in the space  
29 designated for persons who are handicapped.

30 (b) Special or temporary parking placard has been issued  
31 pursuant to NRS 482.384 shall not allow any other person to park  
32 the vehicle which displays the special or temporary parking placard  
33 in a space designated for persons who are handicapped unless the  
34 person with the permanent disability, disability of moderate duration  
35 or temporary disability is a passenger in the vehicle, or is being  
36 picked up or dropped off by the driver of the vehicle, at the time that  
37 it is parked in the space designated for persons who are  
38 handicapped.

39 10. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsections  
40 5 to 9, inclusive, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished:

41 (a) Upon the first offense, by a fine of \$250.

42 (b) Upon the second offense, by a fine of \$250 and not less than  
43 8 hours, but not more than 50 hours, of community service.



1 (c) Upon the third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less  
2 than \$500, but not more than \$1,000 and not less than 25 hours, but  
3 not more than 100 hours, of community service.

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