

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 179—ASSEMBLYMEN HAFEN,
ROBERTS, THOMAS; AND TORRES

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to special license plates.
(BDR 43-144)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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; exempting from the payment of certain parking fees a vehicle with certain specially designed license plates for a family member of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; exempting from the payment of certain parking fees a vehicle with certain specially designed license plates for a family member of a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law: (1) each family member of a person killed in the line of
2 duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States is entitled to
3 specially designed license plates which indicate that the person is a family member
4 of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of
5 the United States; and (2) each family member of a person who died as a result of
6 injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States is
7 entitled to specially designed license plates which indicate that the person is a
8 family member of a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on
9 active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 482.3785, 482.3787)
10 **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill provide that a vehicle on which such specially
11 designed license plates are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking
12 fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any
13 political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United
14 States. This is consistent with provisions that exempt from the payment of parking
15 fees certain veterans with certain specially designed license plates. (NRS 482.3765-
16 482.377, 482.3783)



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.3785 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 482.3785 1. Each family member of a person killed in the
4 line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United
5 States is entitled to specially designed license plates which indicate
6 that the person is a family member of a person killed in the line of
7 duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

8 2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant
9 to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the
10 person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle,
11 the second set of plates must have a different number than the first
12 set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates
13 issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private
14 passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

15 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
16 for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an
17 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence
18 satisfactory to the Department that the person is a family member of
19 a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed
20 Forces of the United States. The Department may designate any
21 appropriate colors for the special plates, but must ensure that the
22 design of the plates includes a gold star.

23 4. *A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department*
24 *pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment*
25 *of any parking fees, including, without limitation, those collected*
26 *through parking meters, charged by the State or any political*
27 *subdivision or other public body within this State, other than the*
28 *United States.*

29 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
30 license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section
31 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder
32 shall:

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

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

39 ~~5.1~~ 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no fee
40 in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and
41 governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or
42 renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If



1 the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or
2 mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of duplicate
3 number plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to
4 NRS 482.268.

5 ~~6.]~~ 7. As used in this section:

6 (a) "Family member" means a widow, widower, parent,
7 stepparent, grandparent, child, stepchild, dependent, sibling, half
8 sibling or stepsibling.

9 (b) "Killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed
10 Forces of the United States" includes persons killed directly in the
11 line of duty and persons who die as a result of injuries sustained in
12 the line of duty.

13 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.3787 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 482.3787 1. Each family member of a person who died as a
15 result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces
16 of the United States is entitled to specially designed license plates
17 which indicate that the person is a family member of a person who
18 died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the
19 Armed Forces of the United States.

20 2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant
21 to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the
22 person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle,
23 the second set of plates must have a different number than the first
24 set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates
25 issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private
26 passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

27 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
28 for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an
29 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence
30 satisfactory to the Department that the person is a family member of
31 a person who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active
32 duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Department may
33 designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

34 4. *A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department*
35 *pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment*
36 *of any parking fees, including, without limitation, those collected*
37 *through parking meters, charged by the State or any political*
38 *subdivision or other public body within this State, other than the*
39 *United States.*

40 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
41 license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section
42 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder
43 shall:

44 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which
45 meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the



1 Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other
2 transfers; or

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

5 ~~5-] 6.~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no fee
6 in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and
7 governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or
8 renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If
9 the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or
10 mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of duplicate
11 number plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to
12 NRS 482.268.

13 ~~6-] 7.~~ As used in this section:

14 (a) "Died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in
15 the Armed Forces of the United States" includes persons who die as
16 a result of an injury sustained while on active duty whether or not
17 the person had been discharged from military service at the time of
18 his or her death.

19 (b) "Family member" means a widow, widower, parent,
20 stepparent, grandparent, child, stepchild, dependent, sibling, half
21 sibling or stepsibling.

22 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

