

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 204—ASSEMBLYMAN CARRILLO

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing motor vehicle licensing. (BDR 43-571)

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; revising provisions governing the requirements for a special parking placard issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to certain persons with disabilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue a
2 special parking placard to a person with a permanent disability or a person with a
3 disability of moderate duration who applies for such a placard. Such a special
4 parking placard is required to have on it the international symbol of access, an
5 identification number, an expiration date and the seal or other identification of the
6 Department, and must have a form of attachment which enables a person using the
7 placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of a vehicle. (NRS 482.384)
8 **Section 1** of this bill requires that such a special parking placard also contain the
9 photograph of the holder of the placard that appears on the driver’s license of the
10 holder. Each such placard must also include a removable sleeve, designed to cover
11 the portion of the placard where the photograph is located, which obscures the
12 photograph from view. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill require the owner or operator
13 of a motor vehicle displaying such a placard to remove the sleeve upon the request
14 of a police officer or certain volunteers appointed by a local law enforcement
15 agency to enforce handicapped parking provisions.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.384 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.384 1. Upon the application of a person with a
3 permanent disability, the Department may issue special license



1 plates for a vehicle, including a motorcycle, registered by the
2 applicant pursuant to this chapter. The application must include a
3 statement from a licensed physician certifying that the applicant is a
4 person with a permanent disability. The issuance of a special license
5 plate to a person with a permanent disability pursuant to this
6 subsection does not preclude the issuance to such a person of a
7 special parking placard for a vehicle other than a motorcycle or a
8 special parking sticker for a motorcycle pursuant to subsection 6.

9 2. Every year after the initial issuance of special license plates
10 to a person with a permanent disability, the Department shall require
11 the person to renew the special license plates in accordance with the
12 procedures for renewal of registration pursuant to this chapter. The
13 Department shall not require a person with a permanent disability to
14 include with the application for renewal a statement from a licensed
15 physician certifying that the person is a person with a permanent
16 disability.

17 3. Upon the application of an organization which provides
18 transportation for a person with a permanent disability, disability of
19 moderate duration or temporary disability, the Department may
20 issue special license plates for a vehicle registered by the
21 organization pursuant to this chapter, or the Department may issue
22 special parking placards to the organization pursuant to this section
23 to be used on vehicles providing transportation to such persons. The
24 application must include a statement from the organization
25 certifying that:

26 (a) The vehicle for which the special license plates are issued is
27 used primarily to transport persons with permanent disabilities,
28 disabilities of moderate duration or temporary disabilities; or

29 (b) The organization which is issued the special parking
30 placards will only use such placards on vehicles that actually
31 transport persons with permanent disabilities, disabilities of
32 moderate duration or temporary disabilities.

33 4. The Department may charge a fee for special license plates
34 issued pursuant to this section not to exceed the fee charged for the
35 issuance of license plates for the same class of vehicle.

36 5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section must
37 display the international symbol of access in a color which contrasts
38 with the background and is the same size as the numerals and letters
39 on the plate.

40 6. Upon the application of a person with a permanent disability
41 or disability of moderate duration, the Department may issue:

42 (a) A special parking placard for a vehicle other than a
43 motorcycle. Upon request, the Department may issue one additional
44 placard to an applicant to whom special license plates have not been
45 issued pursuant to this section.



- 1 (b) A special parking sticker for a motorcycle.
2 → The application must include a statement from a licensed
3 physician certifying that the applicant is a person with a permanent
4 disability or disability of moderate duration.
- 5 7. A special parking placard issued pursuant to subsection 6
6 must:
- 7 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
8 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the placard and is
9 white on a blue background;
- 10 (b) Have an identification number and date of expiration of:
- 11 (1) If the special parking placard is issued to a person with a
12 permanent disability, 10 years after the initial date of issuance; or
13 (2) If the special parking placard is issued to a person with a
14 disability of moderate duration, 2 years after the initial date of
15 issuance;
- 16 (c) *Have placed on it the photograph of the holder of the*
17 *special parking placard which appears on the driver's license of*
18 *the holder;*
- 19 (d) *Have a removable sleeve, designed to cover only the*
20 *portion of the placard where the photograph of the holder*
21 *required pursuant to paragraph (c) is located, and sufficient to*
22 *obscure the photograph from the view of any person viewing the*
23 *placard;*
- 24 (e) Have placed or inscribed on it the seal or other identification
25 of the Department; and
- 26 ~~(d)~~ (f) Have a form of attachment which enables a person
27 using the placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of
28 the vehicle.
- 29 8. A special parking sticker issued pursuant to subsection 6
30 must:
- 31 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
32 which complies with any applicable federal standards, is centered on
33 the sticker and is white on a blue background;
- 34 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration of:
- 35 (1) If the special parking sticker is issued to a person with a
36 permanent disability, 10 years after the initial date of issuance; or
37 (2) If the special parking sticker is issued to a person with a
38 disability of moderate duration, 2 years after the initial date of
39 issuance; and
- 40 (c) Have placed or inscribed on it the seal or other identification
41 of the Department.
- 42 9. Before the date of expiration of a special parking placard or
43 special parking sticker issued to a person with a permanent
44 disability or disability of moderate duration, the person shall renew
45 the special parking placard or special parking sticker. If the



1 applicant for renewal is a person with a disability of moderate
2 duration, the applicant must include with the application for renewal
3 a statement from a licensed physician certifying that the applicant is
4 a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk,
5 and that such disability, although not irreversible, is estimated to last
6 longer than 6 months. A person with a permanent disability is not
7 required to submit evidence of a continuing disability with the
8 application for renewal.

9 10. The Department, or a city or county, may issue, and charge
10 a reasonable fee for, a temporary parking placard for a vehicle other
11 than a motorcycle or a temporary parking sticker for a motorcycle
12 upon the application of a person with a temporary disability. Upon
13 request, the Department, city or county may issue one additional
14 temporary parking placard to an applicant. The application must
15 include a certificate from a licensed physician indicating:

- 16 (a) That the applicant has a temporary disability; and
- 17 (b) The estimated period of the disability.

18 11. A temporary parking placard issued pursuant to subsection
19 10 must:

- 20 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
21 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the placard and is
22 white on a red background;
- 23 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration; and
- 24 (c) Have a form of attachment which enables a person using the
25 placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of the
26 vehicle.

27 12. A temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to subsection
28 10 must:

- 29 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
30 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the sticker and is
31 white on a red background; and
- 32 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration.

33 13. A temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker
34 is valid only for the period for which a physician has certified the
35 disability, but in no case longer than 6 months. If the temporary
36 disability continues after the period for which the physician has
37 certified the disability, the person with the temporary disability must
38 renew the temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker
39 before the temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker
40 expires. The person with the temporary disability shall include with
41 the application for renewal a statement from a licensed physician
42 certifying that the applicant continues to be a person with a
43 temporary disability and the estimated period of the disability.

44 14. A special or temporary parking placard must be displayed
45 in the vehicle when the vehicle is parked by hanging or attaching the



1 placard to the rearview mirror of the vehicle. If the vehicle has no
2 rearview mirror, the placard must be placed on the dashboard of the
3 vehicle in such a manner that the placard can easily be seen from
4 outside the vehicle when the vehicle is parked.

5 15. Upon issuing a special license plate pursuant to subsection
6 1, a special or temporary parking placard, or a special or temporary
7 parking sticker, the Department, or the city or county, if applicable,
8 shall issue a letter to the applicant that sets forth the name and
9 address of the person with a permanent disability, disability of
10 moderate duration or temporary disability to whom the special
11 license plate, special or temporary parking placard or special or
12 temporary parking sticker has been issued and:

13 (a) If the person receives special license plates, the license plate
14 number designated for the plates; and

15 (b) If the person receives a special or temporary parking placard
16 or a special or temporary parking sticker, the identification number
17 and date of expiration indicated on the placard or sticker.

18 ➤ The letter, or a legible copy thereof, must be kept with the vehicle
19 for which the special license plate has been issued or in which the
20 person to whom the special or temporary parking placard or special
21 or temporary parking sticker has been issued is driving or is a
22 passenger.

23 16. A special or temporary parking sticker must be affixed to
24 the windscreen of the motorcycle. If the motorcycle has no
25 windscreen, the sticker must be affixed to any other part of the
26 motorcycle which may be easily seen when the motorcycle is
27 parked.

28 17. Special or temporary parking placards, special or
29 temporary parking stickers, or special license plates issued pursuant
30 to this section do not authorize parking in any area on a highway
31 where parking is prohibited by law.

32 18. No person, other than the person certified as being a person
33 with a permanent disability, disability of moderate duration or
34 temporary disability, or a person actually transporting such a person,
35 may use the special license plate or plates or a special or temporary
36 parking placard, or a special or temporary parking sticker issued
37 pursuant to this section to obtain any special parking privileges
38 available pursuant to this section.

39 19. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 18 is
40 guilty of a misdemeanor.

41 20. The Department may review the eligibility of each holder
42 of a special parking placard, a special parking sticker or special
43 license plates, or any combination thereof. Upon a determination of
44 ineligibility by the Department, the holder shall surrender the



1 special parking placard, special parking sticker or special license
2 plates, or any combination thereof, to the Department.

3 21. The Department may adopt such regulations as are
4 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 484B.463 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 484B.463 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~3~~
7 **4**, an owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a special
8 parking placard, a special parking sticker, a temporary parking
9 placard, a temporary parking sticker or a special plate or plates
10 issued pursuant to NRS 482.384, or a special plate or plates for a
11 veteran with a disability issued pursuant to NRS 482.377, may park
12 the motor vehicle for not more than 4 hours at any one time in a
13 parking zone restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted,
14 without penalty, removal or impoundment of the vehicle if the
15 parking is otherwise consistent with public safety and is done by a
16 person with a permanent disability, disability of moderate duration
17 or temporary disability, a veteran with a disability or a person
18 transporting any such person.

19 2. An owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a special
20 plate or plates for a veteran with a disability issued pursuant to NRS
21 482.377 may, without displaying a special license plate, placard or
22 sticker issued pursuant to NRS 482.384, park in a parking space
23 designated for persons who are handicapped if:

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

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

27 3. *An owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a*
28 *special parking placard that has been issued pursuant to*
29 *subsection 6 of NRS 482.384 shall, if requested by a police officer*
30 *or a volunteer appointed pursuant to NRS 484B.470, remove the*
31 *sleeve covering the photograph on the placard so that the police*
32 *officer or volunteer may view the photograph.*

33 4. This section does not authorize the parking of a motor
34 vehicle in any privately or municipally owned facility for parking
35 off the highway without paying the required fee for the time during
36 which the vehicle is so parked.

37 **Sec. 3.** NRS 484B.467 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 484B.467 1. Any parking space designated for persons who
39 are handicapped must be indicated by a sign:

40 (a) Bearing the international symbol of access with or without
41 the words "Parking," "Handicapped Parking," "Handicapped
42 Parking Only" or "Reserved for the Handicapped," or any other
43 word or combination of words indicating that the space is
44 designated for persons who are handicapped;



1 (b) Stating “Minimum fine of \$250 for use by others” or
2 equivalent words; and

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

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

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

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

13 3. If a parking space is designed for the use of a vehicle with a
14 side-loading wheelchair lift, the space which is immediately
15 adjacent and intended for use in the loading and unloading of a
16 wheelchair into or out of such a vehicle must be indicated by a sign:

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

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

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

24 4. An owner of private property upon which is located a
25 parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 shall erect and
26 maintain or cause to be erected and maintained any sign required
27 pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3, whichever is applicable. If a
28 parking space described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 is located on public
29 property, the governmental entity having control over that public
30 property shall erect and maintain or cause to be erected and
31 maintained any sign required pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3,
32 whichever is applicable.

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

37 (a) A special license plate or plates issued pursuant to
38 NRS 482.384;

39 (b) A special or temporary parking placard issued pursuant to
40 NRS 482.384;

41 (c) A special or temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to
42 NRS 482.384;

43 (d) A special license plate or plates, a special or temporary
44 parking sticker, or a special or temporary parking placard displaying



1 the international symbol of access issued by another state or a
2 foreign country; or

3 (e) A special license plate or plates for a veteran with a
4 disability issued pursuant to NRS 482.377.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 ↪ whether on public or privately owned property.

25 8. A person shall not use a plate, sticker or placard set forth in
26 subsection 5 to park in a space designated for persons who are
27 handicapped unless he or she is a person with a permanent
28 disability, disability of moderate duration or temporary disability, a
29 veteran with a disability or the driver of a vehicle in which any such
30 person is a passenger.

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

33 (a) Special license plate, or a special or temporary parking
34 sticker, has been issued pursuant to NRS 482.384 shall not allow
35 any other person to park the vehicle or motorcycle displaying the
36 special license plate or special or temporary parking sticker in a
37 space designated for persons who are handicapped unless the person
38 with the permanent disability, disability of moderate duration or
39 temporary disability is a passenger in the vehicle or on the
40 motorcycle, or is being picked up or dropped off by the driver of the
41 vehicle or motorcycle, at the time that the vehicle or motorcycle is
42 parked in the space designated for persons who are handicapped.

43 (b) Special or temporary parking placard has been issued
44 pursuant to NRS 482.384 shall not allow any other person to park
45 the vehicle which displays the special or temporary parking placard



1 in a space designated for persons who are handicapped unless the
2 person with the permanent disability, disability of moderate duration
3 or temporary disability is a passenger in the vehicle, or is being
4 picked up or dropped off by the driver of the vehicle, at the time that
5 it is parked in the space designated for persons who are
6 handicapped.

7 10. *An owner or operator of a motor vehicle displaying a*
8 *special parking placard that has been issued pursuant to*
9 *subsection 6 of NRS 482.384 shall, if requested by a police officer*
10 *or a volunteer appointed pursuant to NRS 484B.470, remove the*
11 *sleeve covering the photograph on the placard so that the police*
12 *officer or volunteer may view the photograph.*

13 11. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsections
14 5 to 9, inclusive, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished:

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

16 (b) Upon the second offense, by a fine of \$250 and not less than
17 8 hours, but not more than 50 hours, of community service.

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

21 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective:

22 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
23 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
24 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

25 2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.



