

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 24—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions relating to license plates. (BDR 43-367)

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; providing for the limited issuance of special license plates to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal of such license plates; revising provisions relating to the number of characters required to be contained on a license plate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill provides for the issuance of a special license plate to commemorate
2 the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union. Existing law provides
3 that the regular fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a special license plate are
4 \$35 and \$10, respectively, exclusive of any additional fees which may be added to
5 generate funds for a particular cause. (NRS 482.265) Unlike the fees set forth in
6 existing law, the fee set forth in this bill for the initial issuance of a special license
7 plate to commemorate the 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) of Nevada's
8 admission into the Union is \$7.50 and there is no basic charge for the renewal of
9 the special license plates, other than the fee that is required to be distributed to the
10 Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation. Existing law also requires \$35 of the fee
11 received by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the initial issuance of a special
12 license plate, exclusive of any additional fees which may be added to generate
13 funds for a particular cause, to be deposited in the State Highway Fund for credit to
14 the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates. (NRS 482.1805)
15 This bill requires the Department to deposit the \$7.50 received for the initial
16 issuance of the sesquicentennial license plate with the State Treasurer for credit to
17 that Revolving Account. This bill also requires that an annual report concerning the
18 revenues received and expenditures made in connection with the issuance of the



19 commemorative license plates be submitted to the Director of the Legislative
20 Counsel Bureau, and provides that in no event may the commemorative license
21 plates be issued by the Department after October 31, 2016. For a person who is a
22 Legislator of this State, this bill allows the commemorative license plates to be
23 combined with special legislative license plates issued to the Legislator pursuant to
24 NRS 482.374.

25 This bill also provides that the additional fees collected for the issuance of the
26 plate must be deposited in the State General Fund. The State Treasurer is required
27 to distribute those additional fees, on a quarterly basis, to the Nevada Cultural
28 Affairs Foundation. This bill exempts these special license plates from: (1) the
29 provisions that require a minimum number of applications for the plates; (2) the
30 requirement that the Commission on Special License Plates approve or disapprove
31 the plates; and (3) the limit on the number of separate designs of special license
32 plates that may be issued by the Department at any one time.

33 **Section 5** of this bill deletes the requirement that a redesign of license plates
34 ordered by the Director of the Department: (1) be in colors that are predominately
35 blue and silver; and (2) contain letters and numbers that are of the same size.
36 **Sections 6 and 11-19** of this bill delete the requirement that a license plate contain
37 a certain finite number of characters and provide instead that the Director will
38 determine the number of characters to be contained on each license plate.

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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, the*
4 *Department, in cooperation with the Nevada Cultural Affairs*
5 *Foundation or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue*
6 *license plates which commemorate the 150th anniversary of*
7 *Nevada's admission into the Union, using any colors and designs*
8 *that the Department deems appropriate.*

9 *2. The Department shall issue the commemorative license*
10 *plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon*
11 *application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant*
12 *to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the*
13 *requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this*
14 *chapter. A person may request that:*

15 *(a) Special legislative license plates issued to a Legislator*
16 *pursuant to NRS 482.374 be combined with the commemorative*
17 *license plates if that person:*

18 *(1) Qualifies for special legislative license plates issued*
19 *pursuant to NRS 482.374; and*

20 *(2) Pays the fees for the special legislative license plates in*
21 *addition to the fees for the commemorative license plates pursuant*
22 *to subsections 3 and 4; or*

23 *(b) Personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS*
24 *482.3667 be combined with the commemorative license plates if*



1 *that person pays the fees for the personalized license plates in*
2 *addition to the fees for the commemorative license plates pursuant*
3 *to subsections 3 and 4.*

4 *3. The fee for the commemorative license plates is \$7.50, in*
5 *addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and*
6 *governmental services taxes. The Department shall deposit the fee*
7 *collected pursuant to this subsection with the State Treasurer for*
8 *credit to the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special*
9 *License Plates created pursuant to NRS 482.1805.*

10 *4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition*
11 *to all other applicable registration and license fees and*
12 *governmental services taxes and the fees prescribed in subsection*
13 *3, a person who requests a set of the commemorative license plates*
14 *must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of*
15 *\$25 and for each renewal of the plates a fee of \$20, to be*
16 *distributed pursuant to subsection 5. The fees otherwise required*
17 *to be paid pursuant to this subsection must not be charged after*
18 *the date announced by the Director pursuant to subsection 8.*

19 *5. The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to*
20 *subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State*
21 *General Fund. For the duration of the collection of such fees, the*
22 *State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees to*
23 *the Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation or its successor to be*
24 *used for:*

25 *(a) A celebration of the 150th anniversary of Nevada's*
26 *admission into the Union;*

27 *(b) Projects relating to the commemoration of Nevada's*
28 *admission to the Union, including, without limitation, historical*
29 *markers, tours of historic sites and improvements to or restoration*
30 *of historic buildings and structures;*

31 *(c) Education relating to the history of the State of Nevada;*
32 *and*

33 *(d) Other projects relating to preserving and protecting the*
34 *heritage of the State of Nevada.*

35 *6. On or before January 1 of each calendar year, the Division*
36 *of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and*
37 *Cultural Affairs shall produce a report of:*

38 *(a) Revenues received from the issuance of the*
39 *commemorative license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of*
40 *this section; and*

41 *(b) Associated expenditures,*

42 *↪ and shall submit the report to the Director of the Legislative*
43 *Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature or the*
44 *Legislative Commission, as appropriate.*



1 7. *If, during a registration year, the holder of the*
2 *commemorative license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of*
3 *this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed,*
4 *the holder shall:*

5 (a) *Retain the commemorative license plates and affix them to*
6 *another vehicle that meets the requirements of this section if the*
7 *holder pays the fee for the transfer of the registration and any*
8 *registration fee or governmental services tax due pursuant to*
9 *NRS 482.399; or*

10 (b) *Within 30 days after removing the commemorative license*
11 *plates from the vehicle, return them to the Department.*

12 8. *The Director shall determine and, by public proclamation,*
13 *announce the last date on which the Department will issue the*
14 *commemorative license plates. The Department shall publish the*
15 *announcement on its Internet website. In no case may the date*
16 *that is determined and announced to be the last date on which the*
17 *Department will issue the commemorative license plates be after*
18 *October 31, 2016. The Department shall not issue:*

19 (a) *The commemorative license plates after the date*
20 *announced by the Director pursuant to this subsection.*

21 (b) *Replacement commemorative license plates for those*
22 *license plates more than 5 years after the date announced by the*
23 *Director pursuant to this subsection.*

24 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.1805 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 482.1805 1. The Revolving Account for the Issuance of
26 Special License Plates is hereby created as a special account in the
27 State Highway Fund. An amount equal to \$35 of the fee received by
28 the Department for the initial issuance of a special license plate, not
29 including any additional fee which may be added to generate
30 financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization,
31 must be deposited in the State Highway Fund for credit to the
32 Account.

33 2. The Department shall use the money in the Account to:

34 (a) Pay the expenses involved in issuing special license plates;
35 and

36 (b) Purchase improved and upgraded technology, including,
37 without limitation, digital technology for the production of special
38 license plates, to ensure that special license plates are produced in
39 the most efficient manner possible.

40 3. Money in the Account must be used only for the purposes
41 specified in subsection 2.

42 4. At the end of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall
43 transfer from the Account to the State Highway Fund an amount of
44 money equal to the balance in the Account which exceeds \$50,000.



1 **5. The provisions of this section do not apply to section 1 of**
2 **this act.**

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

4 482.216 1. Upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the
5 Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

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

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

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

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

15 (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within
16 the period prescribed by the Department;

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

19 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
20 4; and

21 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
22 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
23 software.

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

26 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
27 services;

28 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
29 performance of those services;

30 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
31 vehicle; or

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

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

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

38 4. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
39 carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted
40 pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

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

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



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 482.265 1. The Department shall furnish to every owner
3 whose vehicle is registered two license plates for a motor vehicle
4 other than a motorcycle and one license plate for all other vehicles
5 required to be registered hereunder. Upon renewal of registration,
6 the Department may issue one or more license plate stickers, tabs or
7 other suitable devices in lieu of new license plates.

8 2. The Director shall have the authority to require the return to
9 the Department of all number plates upon termination of the lawful
10 use thereof by the owner under this chapter.

11 3. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, for the
12 issuance of each special license plate authorized pursuant to this
13 chapter:

14 (a) The fee to be received by the Department for the initial
15 issuance of the special license plate is \$35, exclusive of any
16 additional fee which may be added to generate funds for a particular
17 cause or charitable organization;

18 (b) The fee to be received by the Department for the renewal of
19 the special license plate is \$10, exclusive of any additional fee
20 which may be added to generate financial support for a particular
21 cause or charitable organization; and

22 (c) The Department shall not design, prepare or issue a special
23 license plate unless, within 4 years after the date on which the
24 measure authorizing the issuance becomes effective, it receives at
25 least 250 applications for the issuance of that plate.

26 ***4. The provisions of subsection 3 do not apply to section 1 of***
27 ***this act.***

28 **Sec. 5.** NRS 482.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 482.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by
30 specific statute, the Director shall order the redesign and preparation
31 of motor vehicle license plates . ~~[with colors that are predominately~~
32 ~~blue and silver. The Director may substitute white in place of silver~~
33 ~~when no suitable material is available.]~~

34 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the
35 Department shall, upon the payment of all applicable fees, issue
36 redesigned motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this section to
37 persons who apply for the registration or renewal of the registration
38 of a motor vehicle on or after January 1, 2001.

39 3. The Department shall not issue redesigned motor vehicle
40 license plates pursuant to this section to a person who was issued
41 motor vehicle license plates before January 1, 1982, or pursuant to
42 NRS 482.3747, 482.3763, 482.3775, 482.378 or 482.379, ***or section***
43 ***1 of this act*** without the approval of the person.

44 4. The Director may determine and vary the size, shape and
45 form and the material of which license plates are made, but each



1 license plate must be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a
2 distance of 100 feet during daylight. All license plates must be
3 treated to reflect light and to be at least 100 times brighter than
4 conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an
5 unlighted vehicle, the license plates, when viewed from a vehicle
6 equipped with standard headlights, must be visible for a distance of
7 not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than
8 110 feet.

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

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

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

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

14 (d) If issued for a registration period other than a calendar year,
15 the month and year the registration expires.

16 6. ~~Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.379, all letters~~
17 ~~and numbers must be of the same size.~~

18 ~~7.~~ Each special license plate that is designed, prepared and
19 issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002 must be designed and prepared
20 in such a manner that:

21 (a) The left-hand one-third of the plate is the only part of the
22 plate on which is displayed any design or other insignia that is
23 suggested pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of that section;
24 and

25 (b) The remainder of the plate conforms to the requirements for
26 ~~coloring.~~ lettering and design that are set forth in this section.

27 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 482.272 Each license plate for a motorcycle may contain ~~up to~~
29 ~~six~~ *a number of* characters, including numbers and letters ~~+~~, *as*
30 *determined necessary by the Director.* Only one plate may be
31 issued for a motorcycle.

32 **Sec. 7.** NRS 482.367002 is hereby amended to read as
33 follows:

34 482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department
35 design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an
36 application to the Department. A person may submit an application
37 for a special license plate that is intended to generate financial
38 support for an organization only if:

39 (a) For an organization which is not a governmental entity, the
40 organization is established as a nonprofit charitable organization
41 which provides services to the community relating to public health,
42 education or general welfare;

43 (b) For an organization which is a governmental entity, the
44 organization only uses the financial support generated by the special



1 license plate for charitable purposes relating to public health,
2 education or general welfare;

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

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

9 (e) The organization is nondiscriminatory; and

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

12 2. An application submitted to the Department pursuant to
13 subsection 1:

14 (a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the
15 Department;

16 (b) Must specify whether the special license plate being
17 requested is intended to generate financial support for a particular
18 cause or charitable organization and, if so, the name of the cause or
19 charitable organization;

20 (c) Must include proof that the organization satisfies the
21 requirements set forth in subsection 1;

22 (d) Must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the
23 Department in the amount of \$5,000; and

24 (e) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and
25 colors to be used in the special license plate.

26 3. The Department may design and prepare a special license
27 plate requested pursuant to subsection 1 if:

28 (a) The Department determines that the application for that plate
29 complies with subsection 2; and

30 (b) The Commission on Special License Plates approves the
31 application for that plate pursuant to subsection 5 of
32 NRS 482.367004.

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

35 (a) The Department has designed and prepared pursuant to this
36 section;

37 (b) The Commission on Special License Plates has approved for
38 issuance pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004; and

39 (c) Complies with the requirements of subsection ~~7~~ 6 of
40 NRS 482.270,

41 ➔ for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon
42 application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to
43 NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for
44 registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may
45 request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to



1 NRS 482.3667 be combined with a special license plate issued
2 pursuant to this section if that person pays the fees for personalized
3 prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license
4 plate.

5 5. The Department must promptly release the surety bond
6 posted pursuant to subsection 2:

7 (a) If the Department or the Commission on Special License
8 Plates determines not to issue the special license plate; or

9 (b) If it is determined that at least 1,000 special license plates
10 have been issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the
11 design of the special license plate conducted pursuant to
12 NRS 482.367008.

13 6. If, during a registration year, the holder of license plates
14 issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the
15 vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

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

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

22 **Sec. 8.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on
25 Special License Plates consisting of five Legislators and three
26 nonvoting members as follows:

27 (a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:

28 (1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of
29 the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the
30 most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an
31 alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The
32 alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the
33 Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most
34 recent legislative session.

35 (2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of
36 the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most
37 recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate
38 to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must
39 be another Legislator who also served on the Senate Standing
40 Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative
41 session.

42 (b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

43 (1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a
44 designee of the Director.



1 (2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or a
2 designee of the Director.

3 (3) The Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural
4 Affairs, or a designee of the Director.

5 2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to
6 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing
7 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the
8 Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original
9 appointment.

10 3. Members of the Commission serve without salary or
11 compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

12 4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall
13 provide administrative support to the Commission.

14 5. The Commission shall approve or disapprove:

15 (a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of
16 special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant
17 to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002;

18 (b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that
19 have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

20 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, applications
21 for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that
22 have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1,
23 2007.

24 ➤ In determining whether to approve such an application or
25 issuance, the Commission shall consider, without limitation,
26 whether it would be appropriate and feasible for the Department to,
27 as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license
28 plate. The Commission shall consider each application in the
29 chronological order in which the application was received by the
30 Department.

31 6. The provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 do not apply
32 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS
33 482.3785 or 482.3787 **H** *or section 1 of this act.*

34 7. The Commission shall:

35 (a) Approve or disapprove any proposed change in the
36 distribution of money received in the form of additional fees. As
37 used in this paragraph, "additional fees" means the fees that are
38 charged in connection with the issuance or renewal of a special
39 license plate for the benefit of a particular cause, fund or charitable
40 organization. The term does not include registration and license fees
41 or governmental services taxes.

42 (b) If it approves a proposed change pursuant to paragraph (a)
43 and determines that legislation is required to carry out the change,
44 request the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation
45 of a bill draft to carry out the change.



1 **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 482.367008 1. As used in this section, “special license plate”
4 means:

5 (a) A license plate that the Department has designed and
6 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the
7 system of application and petition described in that section;

8 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the
9 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,
10 482.37903, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918,
11 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935,
12 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938 or
13 482.37945; and

14 (c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS
15 482.3785 or 482.3787, *or section 1 of this act*, a license plate that ~~is~~

16 ~~is~~ *is* approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005 . ~~is~~
17 *and*

18 ~~is~~ *(2) Differs substantially in design from the license plates that*
19 *are described in subsection 1 of NRS 482.270.]*

20 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
21 the Department shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30
22 separate designs of special license plates. Whenever the total
23 number of separate designs of special license plates issued by the
24 Department at any one time is less than 30, the Department shall
25 issue a number of additional designs of special license plates that
26 have been authorized by an act of the Legislature or the application
27 for which has been approved by the Commission on Special License
28 Plates pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004, not to exceed a
29 total of 30 designs issued by the Department at any one time. Such
30 additional designs must be issued by the Department in accordance
31 with the chronological order of their authorization or approval.

32 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on
33 October 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of
34 each separate design of special license plate that the Department is
35 currently issuing by determining the total number of validly
36 registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license
37 plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total
38 number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular
39 design of special license plate is affixed if:

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

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



1 4. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if,~~ **If**, on
2 October 1, the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to
3 which a particular design of special license plate is affixed is:

4 (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by
5 the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000; or

6 (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the
7 Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
8 less than the number of applications required to be received by the
9 Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

10 ➔ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner
11 described in subsection 5.

12 5. The notice required pursuant to subsection 4 must be
13 provided:

14 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a
15 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable
16 organization.

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

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

25 (a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by
26 the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002, less than 1,000; or

27 (b) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the
28 Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
29 less than the number of applications required to be received by the
30 Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

31 ➔ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
32 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no
33 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Such an
34 order does not require existing holders of that particular design of
35 special license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and
36 does not prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

37 **Sec. 10.** NRS 482.36705 is hereby amended to read as
38 follows:

39 482.36705 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

40 (a) If a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
41 Legislature after January 1, 2003, other than a special license plate
42 that is authorized pursuant to NRS 482.379375, the Legislature will
43 direct that the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by
44 the Department unless the Department receives at least 1,000



1 applications for the issuance of that plate within 2 years after the
2 effective date of the act of the Legislature that authorized the plate.

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

8 (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and
9 (b), if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
10 Legislature after January 1, 2007, the Legislature will direct that the
11 license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department
12 unless the Commission on Special License Plates approves the
13 application for the authorized plate pursuant to NRS 482.367004.

14 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with regard to
15 special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3785 or
16 482.3787 ~~+~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

17 **Sec. 11.** NRS 482.3672 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 482.3672 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
19 this State and who is regularly employed or engaged as an editor,
20 reporter or photographer by a newspaper or television or radio
21 station may, upon signed application on a form prescribed and
22 provided by the Department, accompanied by:

23 (a) The fee charged for personalized prestige license plates in
24 NRS 482.367 in addition to all other required registration fees and
25 taxes; and

26 (b) A letter from the news director, editor or publisher of the
27 periodical or station by whom the person is employed,
28 to be issued license plates upon which is inscribed PRESS with
29 ~~{three consecutive numbers.}~~ *a number of characters, including*
30 *numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

31 2. Each person who is eligible for special license plates under
32 this section may apply for one set of plates. The plates may be used
33 only on a private passenger vehicle or a noncommercial truck.

34 3. When a person to whom special license plates have been
35 issued pursuant to this section leaves the service of the newspaper or
36 station which has provided the letter required by subsection 1, the
37 person shall surrender any special plates he or she possesses to the
38 Department and is entitled to receive regular Nevada license plates.
39 Surrendered plates may be reissued or disposed of in a manner
40 authorized by the regulations of the Department.

41 4. The Department may adopt regulations governing the
42 issuance of special license plates to members of the press.

43 5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section are
44 renewable upon the payment of \$10.



1 **Sec. 12.** NRS 482.3675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 482.3675 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a United
3 States citizen or a citizen of a foreign country residing in this State
4 and who holds from a foreign country a letter of appointment as an
5 honorary consul may, upon signed application on a form prescribed
6 and provided by the Department, accompanied by:

7 (a) The fee charged for personalized prestige license plates in
8 NRS 482.367 in addition to all other required registration fees and
9 taxes; and

10 (b) A copy of the letter of appointment from that country,
11 ➔ be issued a set of license plates upon which is inscribed
12 CONSULAR CORPS with ~~three consecutive numbers.~~ *a number*
13 *of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined*
14 *necessary by the Director.*

15 2. Each person who is eligible for special license plates under
16 this section may apply for one set of plates. The plates may be used
17 only on a private passenger vehicle or a noncommercial truck.

18 3. When a person to whom special license plates have been
19 issued pursuant to this section loses his or her status as an honorary
20 consul, the person shall surrender any special plates he or she
21 possesses to the Department and is entitled to receive regular
22 Nevada license plates. Surrendered plates may be reissued or
23 disposed of in a manner authorized by the regulations of the
24 Department.

25 4. The Department may adopt regulations governing the
26 issuance of special license plates to honorary consuls of foreign
27 countries. The Department shall include on the form for application
28 a notice to the applicant that the issuance of such license plates does
29 not confer any diplomatic immunity.

30 5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section are
31 renewable upon the payment of \$10.

32 **Sec. 13.** NRS 482.3755 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 482.3755 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
34 this State and is a member of the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air
35 Patrol may, upon application on a form prescribed and furnished by
36 the Department, signed by the member and his or her commanding
37 officer and accompanied by proof of membership, be issued license
38 plates upon which is inscribed "CIVIL AIR PATROL" with ~~four~~
39 ~~consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers*
40 *and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.* The fee for
41 the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all other applicable
42 registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The
43 annual fee for a renewal sticker is \$10.

44 2. Each member may request two sets of license plates as
45 described in subsection 1. The second set of license plates for an



1 additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of
2 license plates issued to the same member. The license plates may
3 only be used on private passenger vehicles or noncommercial
4 trucks.

5 3. Any member of the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
6 who retires or is honorably discharged may retain any license plates
7 issued to the member pursuant to subsection 1. If a member is
8 dishonorably discharged, he or she shall surrender any of these
9 special plates in his or her possession to the Department at least 10
10 days before the member's discharge and, in lieu of those plates, is
11 entitled to receive regular Nevada license plates.

12 **Sec. 14.** NRS 482.376 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 482.376 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
14 this State and is an enlisted or commissioned member of the Nevada
15 National Guard may, upon application on a form prescribed and
16 furnished by the Department, signed by the member and his or her
17 commanding officer and accompanied by proof of enlistment, be
18 issued license plates upon which is inscribed NAT'L GUARD with
19 ~~four consecutive numbers~~ *a number of characters, including*
20 *numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.* The
21 applicant shall comply with the laws of this State concerning motor
22 vehicles, including the payment of the regular registration fees, as
23 prescribed by this chapter. There is an additional fee of \$5 for the
24 issuance of those plates.

25 2. Each member may request two sets of license plates as
26 described in subsection 1. The second set of license plates for an
27 additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of
28 license plates issued to the same member. The license plates may
29 only be used on private passenger vehicles or noncommercial
30 trucks.

31 3. Any member of the Nevada National Guard other than the
32 Adjutant General, who retires or is honorably discharged may retain
33 any license plates issued to the member pursuant to subsection 1.
34 The Adjutant General shall surrender any license plates issued to
35 him or her as Adjutant General to the Department when he or she
36 leaves office, and may then be issued special license plates as
37 described in subsection 1. If a member is dishonorably discharged,
38 the member shall surrender any of these special plates in his or her
39 possession to the Department at least 10 days before the member's
40 discharge and, in lieu of those plates, is entitled to receive regular
41 Nevada license plates.

42 **Sec. 15.** NRS 482.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 482.3765 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
44 States who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7,
45 1941, is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with



1 the words “PEARL HARBOR VETERAN” or “PEARL HARBOR
2 SURVIVOR,” at the option of the veteran, and ~~three or four~~
3 ~~consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers*
4 *and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

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

12 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
13 for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an
14 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of
15 their status as a survivor required by the Department.

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

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

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

25 5. The fee for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to
26 this section is \$25, in addition to all other applicable registration and
27 license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a
28 renewal sticker for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to
29 this section is \$5.

30 **Sec. 16.** NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 482.377 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
32 States who, as a result of his or her service:

33 (a) Has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and
34 who receives compensation from the United States for the disability
35 is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the
36 words “DISABLED VETERAN,” “DISABLED FEMALE
37 VETERAN” or “VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED,” at the option
38 of the veteran, and ~~three or four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number*
39 *of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined*
40 *necessary by the Director.*

41 (b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a
42 foreign nation is entitled to specially designed license plates
43 inscribed with the words “EX PRISONER OF WAR” and ~~three or~~
44 ~~four consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including*
45 *numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*



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

8 3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates
9 for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an
10 application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of
11 disability or former imprisonment required by the Department.

12 4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department
13 pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of
14 any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters,
15 charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public
16 body within the State, other than the United States.

17 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special
18 license plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle
19 to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

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

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

26 **Sec. 17.** NRS 482.3812 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 482.3812 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655,
28 the Department may issue special license plates and registration
29 certificates to residents of Nevada for any passenger car or light
30 commercial vehicle:

31 (a) Having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or
32 less; and

33 (b) Manufactured not later than 1948.

34 2. License plates issued pursuant to this section must be
35 inscribed with the words "STREET ROD" and ~~three or four~~
36 *consecutive numbers* a number of characters, including numbers
37 and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

38 3. If, during a registration year, the holder of special plates
39 issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the
40 plates are affixed, the holder shall retain the plates and:

41 (a) Affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements
42 of this section and report the change to the Department in
43 accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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



1 4. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all
2 other applicable registration and license fees and governmental
3 services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.

4 5. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 4, the
5 Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the
6 special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to
7 NRS 445B.760 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815,
8 inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the
9 fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in
10 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.

11 6. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 5 must
12 be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by
13 NRS 445B.830.

14 **Sec. 18.** NRS 482.3814 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 482.3814 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655,
16 the Department may issue special license plates and registration
17 certificates to residents of Nevada for any passenger car or light
18 commercial vehicle:

19 (a) Having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or
20 less; and

21 (b) Manufactured not earlier than 1949, but at least 20 years
22 before the application is submitted to the Department.

23 2. License plates issued pursuant to this section must be
24 inscribed with the words "CLASSIC ROD" and ~~three or four~~
25 ~~consecutive numbers.~~ *a number of characters, including numbers*
26 *and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

27 3. If, during a registration year, the holder of special plates
28 issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the
29 plates are affixed, the holder shall retain the plates and:

30 (a) Affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements
31 of this section and report the change to the Department in
32 accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

35 4. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all
36 other applicable registration and license fees and governmental
37 services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.

38 5. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 4, the
39 Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the
40 special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to
41 NRS 445B.760 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815,
42 inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the
43 fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in
44 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.



1 6. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 5 must
2 be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by
3 NRS 445B.830.

4 **Sec. 19.** NRS 482.3816 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 482.3816 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2655,
6 the Department may issue special license plates and registration
7 certificates to residents of Nevada for any passenger car or light
8 commercial vehicle:

9 (a) Having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or
10 less;

11 (b) Manufactured at least 25 years before the application is
12 submitted to the Department; and

13 (c) Containing only the original parts which were used to
14 manufacture the vehicle or replacement parts that duplicate those
15 original parts.

16 2. License plates issued pursuant to this section must be
17 inscribed with the words "CLASSIC VEHICLE" and ~~three or four~~
18 ~~consecutive numbers~~ *a number of characters, including numbers*
19 *and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.*

20 3. If, during a registration year, the holder of special plates
21 issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the
22 plates are affixed, the holder shall retain the plates and:

23 (a) Affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements
24 of this section and report the change to the Department in
25 accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

28 4. The fee for the special license plates is \$35, in addition to all
29 other applicable registration and license fees and governmental
30 services taxes. The fee for an annual renewal sticker is \$10.

31 5. In addition to the fees required pursuant to subsection 4, the
32 Department shall charge and collect a fee for the first issuance of the
33 special license plates for those motor vehicles exempted pursuant to
34 NRS 445B.760 from the provisions of NRS 445B.770 to 445B.815,
35 inclusive. The amount of the fee must be equal to the amount of the
36 fee for a form certifying emission control compliance set forth in
37 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.830.

38 6. Fees paid to the Department pursuant to subsection 5 must
39 be accounted for in the Pollution Control Account created by
40 NRS 445B.830.

41 **Sec. 20.** NRS 482.3824 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 482.3824 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
43 482.38279, with respect to any special license plate that is issued
44 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of*
45 *this act*, and for which additional fees are imposed for the issuance



1 of the special license plate to generate financial support for a
2 charitable organization:

3 (a) The Director shall, at the request of the charitable
4 organization that is benefited by the particular special license plate:

5 (1) Order the design and preparation of souvenir license
6 plates, the design of which must be substantially similar to the
7 particular special license plate; and

8 (2) Issue such souvenir license plates, for a fee established
9 pursuant to NRS 482.3825, only to the charitable organization that
10 is benefited by the particular special license plate. The charitable
11 organization may resell such souvenir license plates at a price
12 determined by the charitable organization.

13 (b) The Department may, except as otherwise provided in this
14 paragraph and after the particular special license plate is approved
15 for issuance, issue the special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle
16 or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light
17 commercial vehicle, excluding vehicles required to be registered
18 with the Department pursuant to NRS 706.801 to 706.861,
19 inclusive, upon application by a person who is entitled to license
20 plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 or 482.272 and who otherwise
21 complies with the requirements for registration and licensing
22 pursuant to this chapter or chapter 486 of NRS. The Department
23 may not issue a special license plate for such other types of vehicles
24 if the Department determines that the design or manufacture of the
25 plate for those other types of vehicles would not be feasible. In
26 addition, if the Department incurs additional costs to manufacture a
27 special license plate for such other types of vehicles, including,
28 without limitation, costs associated with the purchase, manufacture
29 or modification of dies or other equipment necessary to manufacture
30 the special license plate for such other types of vehicles, those
31 additional costs must be paid from private sources without any
32 expense to the State of Nevada.

33 2. If, as authorized pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
34 the Department issues a special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle
35 or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light
36 commercial vehicle, the Department shall charge and collect for the
37 issuance and renewal of such a plate the same fees that the
38 Department would charge and collect if the other type of vehicle
39 was a passenger car or light commercial vehicle. As used in this
40 subsection, "fees" does not include any applicable registration or
41 license fees or governmental services taxes.

42 3. As used in this section:

43 (a) "Additional fees" has the meaning ascribed to it in
44 NRS 482.38273.



1 (b) "Charitable organization" means a particular cause, charity
2 or other entity that receives money from the imposition of additional
3 fees in connection with the issuance of a special license plate
4 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive **H**, and *section 1*
5 *of this act*. The term includes the successor, if any, of a charitable
6 organization.

7 **Sec. 21.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3,
9 whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of
10 registration, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must
11 be paid:

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13	For a certificate of registration \$5.00
14	For every substitute number plate or set of plates 5.00
15	For every duplicate number plate or set of plates..... 10.00
16	For every decal displaying a county name50
17	For every other decal, license plate sticker or tab 5.00
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19 2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement plate or
20 set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

21 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
22 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.376, inclusive, or
23 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, and *section 1 of this act*, a fee of
24 \$10.

25 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
26 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

27 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection
28 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant
29 to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS
30 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the
31 issuance of those plates.

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

34 4. The fees which are paid for duplicate number plates and
35 decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State
36 Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the
37 Department to defray the costs of duplicating the plates and
38 manufacturing the decals.

39 **Sec. 22.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 6 of
40 section 1 of this act, the report of revenues and associated
41 expenditures that is required to be submitted to the Director of the
42 Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to those provisions must be
43 submitted by the Nevada Sesquicentennial Commission, established
44 by the Governor pursuant to executive order, for the period from the
45 effective date of this act through January 1, 2015.



1 **Sec. 23.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
2 approval.

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