ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 252—ASSEMBLYMEN MCARTHUR, WHEELER, MATTHEWS, KRASNER; DICKMAN, HANSEN, KASAMA, LEAVITT, O'NEILL, TITUS AND TOLLES

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Referred to Committee on Revenue

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to veterans. (BDR 32-661)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans; revising provisions governing certain tax exemptions for veterans; exempting fully disabled veterans from the payment of any fees and governmental services taxes required to register or obtain license plates for certain vehicles; reducing or eliminating certain fees relating to the admission by certain veterans to state parks and recreational areas in this State; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides a property tax exemption and an exemption from the governmental service tax for a veteran who has served a certain number of days on active duty within specified periods of time and who meets other conditions, such as receiving an honorable discharge. (NRS 361.090, 371.103) **Sections 1 and 3** of this bill remove the specific time periods and allow a veteran who has served at least 90 days on active duty and who meets the other conditions to receive the applicable exemption.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents or a registered dealer, when registering a vehicle, to collect the registration fee, the fees for license plates, the governmental services tax on the vehicle and any other applicable taxes. (NRS 482.260) Sections 2 and 6 of this bill exempt a fully disabled veteran who is a bona fide resident of this State from any governmental services taxes applicable to certain vehicles, provide for the administration of that tax exemption and impose a penalty on a person who falsely claims the tax exemption or fails to notify the Department when the tax exemption no longer applies. Section 9 of this bill requires the Department of Taxation to report certain information relating to veterans who claim the exemption to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. Section 4 of this bill authorizes a person who



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qualifies for the exemption to waive the exemption and designate any amount of the exemption for credit to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada. Section 5 of this bill makes a conforming change relating to this new exemption. Section 10 of this bill exempts a fully disabled veteran from the payment of any registration fee and license plate fee for certain vehicles if the veteran is an owner of the vehicle and the use of the vehicle is restricted to the personal use of the veteran or a member of the household of the veteran. Section 11 of this bill makes a conforming change to include these new exemptions for fully disabled veterans in the prohibition against new vehicle dealers accepting applications for registration of motor vehicles in certain circumstances.

Existing law requires the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue an annual permit without charge, except for an administrative fee, to enter, camp and boat in all state parks and recreational areas in this State to a bona fide resident of this State who: (1) has incurred a permanent service-connected disability of 10 percent or more; and (2) has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 407.065) Section 7 of this bill removes the minimum percentage of serviceconnected disability required for eligibility to be issued such an annual permit, thereby requiring the Division to issue such a permit at no charge except the administrative fee to a bona fide resident of this State who has incurred any permanent service-connected disability and has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. Existing regulations require the Division to reduce by \$1 any entrance fee to a state park or recreational area in this State that is charged to a person who holds a disability placard and presents it upon entrance to a park. (NAC 407.050) Section 7 also requires the Administrator of the Division, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division, to reduce by at least \$2 any entrance fee for a state park or recreational area in this State that is charged to a person who provides: (1) proof of residency; and (2) proof that he or she is a veteran. Section 8 of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the reduction or elimination of certain fees assessed against veterans to enter state parks and recreational areas in this State.

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

Section 1. NRS 361.090 is hereby amended to read as follows: 361.090 1. The property, to the extent of \$2,000 assessed valuation, of any actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who:

(a) Has served a minimum of 90 [continuous] days on active duty ; [, who was assigned to active duty at some time between April 21, 1898, and June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and May 7, 1975, or between September 26, 1982, and December 1, 1987, or between October 23, 1983, and November 21, 1983, or between December 20, 1989, and January 31, 1990, or between August 2, 1990, and April 11, 1991, or between December 5, 1992, and



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- (b) Has served on active duty in connection with carrying out the authorization granted to the President of the United States in Public Law 102-1; or
- (c) Has served on active duty in connection with a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the Government of the United States, regardless of the number of days served on active duty,
- → and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.
- 2. For the purpose of this section, the first \$2,000 assessed valuation of property in which an applicant has any interest shall be deemed the property of the applicant.
- 3. The exemption may be allowed only to a claimant who files an affidavit with his or her claim for exemption on real property pursuant to NRS 361.155. The affidavit may be filed at any time by a person claiming exemption from taxation on personal property.
- 4. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a notary public and filed with the county assessor. It must state that the affiant is a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 and that the exemption is not claimed in any other county in this State. After the filing of the original affidavit, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail a form for:
 - (a) The renewal of the exemption; and
- (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada established pursuant to NRS 417.145,
- to the person each year following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person claiming the exemption, the county assessor may provide the form to the person by electronic means in lieu of by mail. The county assessor may authorize the return of the form by electronic means in accordance with the provisions of chapter 719 of NRS.
- 5. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the period of such service from filing the annual forms for renewal of the exemption, and the county assessors shall continue to grant the exemption to such persons on the basis of the original affidavits filed. In the case of any person who has entered the military service





without having previously made and filed an affidavit of exemption, the affidavit may be filed in his or her behalf during the period of such service by any person having knowledge of the facts.

- 6. Before allowing any [veteran's] exemption pursuant to the provisions of this [chapter,] section, the county assessor shall require proof of status of the veteran, and for that purpose shall require production of an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service or a certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as may be necessary.
- 7. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to the county assessor or a notary public and, as a result of the false affidavit or false proof, the person is allowed a tax exemption to which the person is not entitled, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 8. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary amounts in subsections 1 and 2 must be adjusted for each fiscal year by adding to the amount the product of the amount multiplied by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) from July 2003 to the July preceding the fiscal year for which the adjustment is calculated. The Department shall provide to each county assessor the adjusted amount, in writing, on or before September 30 of each year.
- **Sec. 2.** Chapter 371 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. A bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who is a fully disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption from the payment of governmental services taxes on every:
 - (a) Passenger car;

- (b) Light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less; and
 - (c) Motor home,
- registered to the veteran if the veteran is identified by name on the certificate of title for the vehicle as a legal owner of any interest in the vehicle, the vehicle is used only for personal use of the veteran or a member of the household of the veteran and the vehicle is not used in the operation of a business.
- 2. A person claiming the exemption set forth in subsection 1 shall file annually with the Department in the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that he or she and any vehicle for which he or she claims the exemption meet all the requirements of subsection 1, and that the exemption is claimed in no other county within this State. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a notary public. After the filing of the original affidavit, the county assessor shall mail a form for the renewal of the exemption to the person each year following a year





in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption.

3. Before allowing any exemption pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Department shall require such proof of the

status of the veteran as the Department deems necessary.

- 4. If any person makes a false affidavit or produces false proof to the Department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof the person is allowed a tax exemption to which he or she is not entitled, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
 - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Fully disabled veteran" means a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who, as a result of his or her service, has suffered a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability.
- (b) "Motor home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 482.071.
- (c) "Passenger car" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 482.087.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 371.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 371.103 1. Vehicles, to the extent of \$2,000 determined valuation, registered by any actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who:
- (a) Has served a minimum of 90 days on active duty; [, who was assigned to active duty at some time between April 21, 1898, and June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and May 7, 1975, or between September 26, 1982, and December 1, 1987, or between October 23, 1983, and November 21, 1983, or between December 20, 1989, and January 31, 1990, or between August 2, 1990, and April 11, 1991, or between December 5, 1992, and March 31, 1994, or between November 20, 1995, and December 20, 1996;]
- (b) [Has served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active duty none of which was for training purposes, who was assigned to active duty at some time between January 1, 1961, and May 7, 1975;

 —(c)] Has served on active duty in connection with carrying out the authorization granted to the President of the United States in
- the authorization granted to the President of the United States in Public Law 102-1; or
 - [(d)] (c) Has served on active duty in connection with a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the Government of the United States, regardless of the number of days served on active duty,





- → and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.
- 2. In lieu of claiming the exemption from taxation set forth in subsection 1 in his or her name, a veteran may transfer the exemption to his or her current spouse. To transfer the exemption, the veteran must file an affidavit of transfer with the Department in the county where the exemption would otherwise have been claimed. The affidavit of transfer must be made before an authorized employee of the Department or a notary public. If a veteran makes such a transfer:
- (a) The spouse of the veteran is entitled to the exemption in the same manner as if the spouse were the veteran;
- (b) The veteran is not entitled to the exemption for the duration of the transfer:
 - (c) The transfer expires upon the earlier of:
 - (1) The termination of the marriage;
 - (2) The death of the veteran; or
- (3) The revocation of the transfer by the veteran as described in paragraph (d); and
- (d) The veteran may, at any time, revoke the transfer of the exemption by filing with the Department in the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit made before an authorized employee of the Department or a notary public.
- 3. For the purpose of this section, the first \$2,000 determined valuation of vehicles in which a person described in subsection 1 or 2 has any interest shall be deemed to belong to that person.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a person claiming the exemption shall file annually with the Department in the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that he or she is an actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, and that the exemption is claimed in no other county in this State. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a notary public. After the filing of the original affidavit of exemption and after the transfer of the exemption, if any, pursuant to subsection 2, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail a form for:
 - (a) The renewal of the exemption; and
- (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada established pursuant to NRS 417.145,





- → to the person who claimed the exemption each year following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person claiming the exemption, the county assessor may provide the form to the person by electronic means in lieu of by mail.
- 5. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the period of such service from filing annual affidavits of exemption and the Department shall grant exemptions to those persons on the basis of the original affidavits filed. In the case of any person who has entered the military service without having previously made and filed an affidavit of exemption, the affidavit may be filed in his or her behalf during the period of such service by any person having knowledge of the facts.
- 6. Before allowing any [veteran's] exemption pursuant to the provisions of this [chapter,] section, the Department shall require proof of status of the veteran or, if a transfer has been made pursuant to subsection 2, proof of status of the veteran to whom the person claiming the exemption is married, and for that purpose shall require production of an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service or a certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as may be necessary.
- 7. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to the Department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof a tax exemption is allowed to a person not entitled to the exemption, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 8. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary amounts in subsections 1 and 3 must be adjusted for each fiscal year by adding to each amount the product of the amount multiplied by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) from December 2003 to the December preceding the fiscal year for which the adjustment is calculated.
 - **Sec. 4.** NRS 371.1035 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 371.1035 1. Any person who qualifies for an exemption pursuant to NRS 371.103, [or] 371.104 or section 2 of this act, may, in lieu of claiming the exemption:
- (a) Pay to the Department all or any portion of the amount by which the tax would be reduced if the person claimed the exemption; and
- (b) Direct the Department to deposit that amount for credit to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada established pursuant to NRS 417.145.





- 2. Any person who wishes to waive his or her exemption pursuant to this section shall designate the amount to be credited to a Gift Account on a form provided by the Department.
- 3. The Department shall deposit any money received pursuant to this section with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada established pursuant to NRS 417.145. The State Treasurer shall not accept more than a total of \$2,000,000 for credit to a Gift Account pursuant to this section and NRS 361.0905 during any fiscal year.

Sec. 5. NRS 371.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

371.105 Claims pursuant to NRS 371.101, 371.102, 371.103 or 371.104 or section 2 of this act for tax exemption on the governmental services tax and designations of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada pursuant to NRS 371.1035 must be filed annually at any time on or before the date when payment of the tax is due. All exemptions provided for in this section must not be in an amount which gives the taxpayer a total exemption greater than that to which the taxpayer is entitled during any fiscal year.

Sec. 6. NRS 371.106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

371.106 1. Whenever any vehicle ceases to be exempt from taxation under NRS 371.101, 371.102, 371.103 or 371.104 *or section 2 of this act* because the owner no longer meets the requirements for the exemption provided in those sections, its owner shall immediately notify the Department of the fact.

- 2. If a person fails to notify the Department as required by subsection 1 and as a result of such failure is allowed a tax exemption to which he or she is not entitled, there shall be added to and collected with the tax otherwise due a penalty equal to double the amount of the tax. If the person's failure is fraudulent and results in his or her receiving a tax exemption to which he or she is not entitled, the person is also guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- **Sec. 7.** NRS 407.065 is hereby amended to read as follows: 407.065

 1. The Administrator, subject to the approval of the Director:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and NRS 407.066, may establish, name, plan, operate, control, protect, develop and maintain state parks, monuments and recreational areas for the use of the general public. The name of an existing state park, monument or recreational area may not be changed unless the Legislature approves the change by statute.
- (b) Shall protect state parks and property controlled or administered by the Division from misuse or damage and preserve





the peace within those areas. The Administrator may appoint or designate certain employees of the Division to have the general authority of peace officers.

- (c) May allow multiple use of state parks and real property controlled or administered by the Division for any lawful purpose, including, but not limited to, grazing, mining, development of natural resources, hunting and fishing, in accordance with such regulations as may be adopted in furtherance of the purposes of the Division.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, shall impose and collect reasonable fees for entering, camping and boating in state parks and recreational areas. The Division shall issue an annual permit for entering, camping and boating in all state parks and recreational areas in this State:
- (1) Upon application therefor and proof of residency and age, to any bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who is 65 years of age or older.
- (2) Upon application therefor and proof of residency and proof of status as described in subsection 5 of NRS 361.091, to a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred [a] any permanent service-connected disability [of 10 percent or more] and has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.
- → The permit must be issued without charge, except that the Division shall charge and collect an administrative fee for the issuance of the permit in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of issuing the permit.
- (e) Shall reduce by at least \$2 any fee for entering a state park or recreational area in this State that is imposed pursuant to paragraph (d) and charged to a person who provides proof of residency and proof that he or she is a veteran as defined in NRS 417.005.
- (f) May conduct and operate such special services as may be necessary for the comfort and convenience of the general public, and impose and collect reasonable fees for such special services.
- [(f)] (g) May rent or lease concessions located within the boundaries of state parks or of real property controlled or administered by the Division to public or private corporations, to groups of natural persons, or to natural persons for a valuable consideration upon such terms and conditions as the Division deems fit and proper, but no concessionaire may dominate any state park operation.
- [(g)] (h) May establish such capital projects construction funds as are necessary to account for the parks improvements program approved by the Legislature. The money in these funds must be used





for the construction and improvement of those parks which are under the supervision of the Administrator.

[(h)] (i) In addition to any concession specified in paragraph [(f),] (g), may establish concessions within the boundaries of any state park to provide for the sale of food, drinks, ice, publications, sundries, gifts and souvenirs, and other such related items as the Administrator determines are appropriately made available to visitors. Any money received by the Administrator for a concession established pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited in the Account for State Park Interpretative and Educational Programs and Operation of Concessions created by NRS 407.0755.

2. The Administrator:

- (a) Shall issue an annual permit to a person who pays a reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the holder of the permit to enter each state park and each recreational area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, use the facilities of the state park or recreational area without paying the entrance fee; and
- (b) May issue an annual permit to a person who pays a reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the holder of the permit to enter a specific state park or specific recreational area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, use the facilities of the state park or recreational area without paying the entrance fee.
- 3. The Administrator shall establish a program for the issuance of an annual permit, free of charge, to enter each state park and recreational area in this State to any pupil who is enrolled in the fifth grade at a school in this State. The program must:
- (a) Specify the period for which the Administrator may issue an annual permit to a pupil pursuant to this subsection, including, without limitation, the date upon which the Administrator may issue an annual permit to a pupil who has completed fourth grade and who intends to enter the fifth grade after completing the fourth grade;
- (b) Specify the circumstances under which a pupil and any person accompanying a pupil may use the annual permit to enter a state park or recreational area; and
- (c) Include any other requirement which the Administrator determines is necessary to establish and carry out the program pursuant to this subsection.
- 4. An annual permit issued pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 does not authorize the holder of the permit to engage in camping or boating, or to attend special events. The holder of such a permit who wishes to engage in camping or boating, or to attend special events, must pay any fee established for the respective activity.





- 5. During each Public Lands Day observed pursuant to NRS 236.053, and upon proof of residency in this State, the Division shall allow a resident of this State to enter, camp and boat in any state park or recreational area without the payment of any fees for those activities. The free day of camping authorized pursuant to this subsection must include either the Friday night before Public Lands Day or overnight on the night of Public Lands Day, as determined by the Administrator for each state park and recreational area. A person is not entitled to receive more than one free night of camping during each Public Lands Day pursuant to this subsection.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS 407.0762 and subsection 1 of NRS 407.0765, the fees collected pursuant to paragraphs (d), [(e) and] (f) and (g) of subsection 1 or subsection 2 must be deposited in the State General Fund.

Sec. 8. NRS 407.0762 is hereby amended to read as follows:

407.0762 1. The Account for Maintenance of State Parks within the Division of State Parks is hereby created in the State General Fund. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 407.0765, any amount of fees collected pursuant to paragraphs (d), [(e) and] (f) and (g) of subsection 1 or subsection 2 of NRS 407.065 in a calendar year, which is in excess of the amounts authorized for expenditure from that revenue source in the Division's budget for the fiscal year beginning in that calendar year, must be deposited in the Account. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

- 2. The money in the Account does not lapse to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.
- 3. The money deposited in the Account pursuant to subsection 1 must only be used to repair and maintain state parks, monuments and recreational areas.
- 4. Before the Administrator may expend money pursuant to subsection 3:
- (a) For emergency repairs and projects with a cost of less than \$25,000, the Administrator must first receive the approval of the Director.
- (b) For projects with a cost of \$25,000 or more, other than emergency repairs, the Administrator must first receive the approval of the Director and of the Interim Finance Committee.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 417.0194 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 417.0194 1. Each state agency and regulatory body identified in subsections 2 to 16, inclusive, shall report, subject to any limitations or restrictions contained in any state or federal law governing the privacy or confidentiality of records, the data identified in subsections 2 to 17, inclusive, as applicable, to the





Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. Each state agency and regulatory body shall submit such information for the immediately preceding fiscal year to the Council not later than November 30 of each year and shall provide the information in aggregate and in digital form, and in a manner such that the data is capable of integration by the Council.

- 2. The Department of Veterans Services shall provide annual statistics regarding:
- (a) The distribution of expenditures in this State by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (b) The number of veterans who receive care at a veterans' home operated by the State;
- (c) The number of interments and other services provided by the veterans' cemeteries in this State;
- (d) The total number of veterans service officers who are located in this State, by zip code;
- (e) The number of claims filed on behalf of veterans and the family members of veterans by veterans service officers in this State:
- (f) The amount of annual payments in the form of disability compensation and pension benefits made to veterans and the family members of veterans in this State as a result of claims filed by any veterans service officers employed or managed by the Department of Veterans Services:
- (g) The number of persons who participate as advocates for veterans in this State in a volunteer program sponsored by the Department of Veterans Services, by zip code;
- (h) The number of employers in this State who participate in a program sponsored by the Department of Veterans Services that facilitates the employment of veterans; and
- (i) The number of events sponsored or supported by the Department of Veterans Services held in this State to provide outreach to veterans regarding benefits, claims and services, segregated by the geographical location of each event.
 - 3. The Department of Administration shall provide:
- (a) Descriptions of and the total amount of the grant dollars received for veteran-specific programs;
- (b) The total combined number of veterans and, to the extent the information is available, widows and widowers of persons killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, who are employed by each agency in the State; and
- (c) The total number of veterans with service-connected disabilities who are seeking preferences through the Purchasing Division and the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration pursuant to NRS 333.3366 and 338.13844.





- 4. The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall provide the total number of veterans receiving:
 - (a) Expedited certification for the grade I certification examination for wastewater treatment plant operators based on their military experience; and
 - (b) Any discounted fees for access to or the use of state parks.
 - 5. The Department of Corrections shall provide:
 - (a) An annual overview of the monthly population of inmates in this State who are veterans; and
 - (b) The success rates for any efforts developed by the Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council.
 - 6. The Office of Economic Development shall provide an overview of the workforce that is available statewide of veterans, organized by O*NET-SOC code from the United States Department of Labor or the trade, job title, employment status, zip code, county, highest education level and driver's license class.
 - 7. The Department of Education shall provide the distribution of dependents of service members enrolled in Nevada's public schools.
 - 8. The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation shall provide a summary of:
 - (a) The average number of veterans served by a veteran employment specialist of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation per week;
 - (b) The average number of initial and continuing claims for benefits filed per week by veterans pursuant to NRS 612.455 to 612.530, inclusive;
 - (c) The average weekly benefit received by veterans receiving benefits pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS; and
 - (d) The average duration of a claim by claimants who are veterans receiving benefits pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS.
 - 9. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide:
 - (a) The total number of veterans who have applied for and received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic through the State Emergency Medical Systems program; and
 - (b) A report from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics setting forth the suicide mortality rate of veterans in this State.
 - 10. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide:
 - (a) The total number of veterans who have declared themselves as a veteran and who applied for and received a commercial driver's license:
 - (b) The average monthly total of veteran license plates issued; and





- (c) An overview of the data on veterans collected pursuant to NRS 483.292, 483.852 and 483.927.
 - 11. The Adjutant General shall provide the total number of:
 - (a) Members of the Nevada National Guard using waivers for each semester and identifying which schools accepted the waivers;
 - (b) Members of the Nevada National Guard identified by Military Occupational Specialty and zip code; and
 - (c) Members of the Nevada National Guard employed under a grant from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.
 - 12. The Department of Public Safety shall provide the percentage of veterans in each graduating class of its academy for training peace officers.
 - 13. The Department of Taxation shall provide the total number of veterans receiving tax exemptions pursuant to NRS 361.090, 361.091, 361.155, 371.103 and 371.104 [A and section 2 of this act.
 - 14. The Department of Wildlife shall provide the total number of:
 - (a) Veterans holding hunting or fishing licenses based on disability; and
 - (b) Service members holding hunting or fishing licenses who are residents of this State but are stationed outside this State.
 - 15. The Commission on Postsecondary Education shall provide, by industry, the total number of schools in this State approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that are serving veterans.
 - 16. Each regulatory body shall provide the total number of veterans and service members who have:
 - (a) Applied for a license from the regulatory body.
 - (b) Been issued a license by the regulatory body.
 - (c) Renewed a license with the regulatory body.
 - 17. Each state agency and regulatory body identified in subsections 2 to 16, inclusive, shall ensure that the form used to collect data from a veteran, including, without limitation, a digital form posted on an Internet website, includes the following questions:
 - (a) "Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?"
 - (b) "Have you ever been assigned to duty for a minimum of 6 continuous years in the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?"
 - (c) "Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United





States in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on active duty in defense of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?"

- 18. The Council shall, upon receiving the information submitted pursuant to this section and NRS 612.237, synthesize and compile the information, including any recommendations of the Council, and submit the information with the report submitted pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 417.0195.
 - 19. As used in this section:

- (a) "License" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 622.030.
- (b) "Regulatory body" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 622.060.
- (c) "Service member" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 125C.0635.
- **Sec. 10.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
 - 1. Notwithstanding any other specific statute to the contrary:
- (a) A fully disabled veteran who is identified by name on the certificate of title for the vehicle as a legal owner of any interest in the vehicle and who certifies in writing that the vehicle will be used only for the personal use of the veteran or a member of the household of the veteran and will not be used in the operation of a business, is exempt from the payment of any fees otherwise required to be paid to the Department or its agents for:
- (1) The registration, renewal of registration or reinstatement of registration, or the transfer of registration of, every:
 - (I) Passenger car;
- (II) Light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 1 ton or less; and
 - (III) Motor home,
- → which is registered to the veteran; and
- (2) The issuance, renewal or replacement of any regular or special license plates, including any personalized prestige license plates, for any vehicle described in subparagraph (1) for which the vehicle and veteran qualify, except for any qualifications requiring the payment of any fee.
- (b) The Department and its agents shall, without collecting any of the fees from which a fully disabled veteran is exempt pursuant to paragraph (a), register any vehicle described in that paragraph to the veteran and issue, renew or replace any license plates described in that paragraph as requested by the veteran, if the veteran would otherwise be entitled to register that vehicle and obtain those license plates for the vehicle upon the payment of such fees.





- 2. As used in this section, "fully disabled veteran" means a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who, as a result of his or her service, has suffered a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability.
 - **Sec. 11.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.216 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155, upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the Department may authorize the new vehicle dealer to:
- (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor vehicles he or she sells and the related fees and taxes;
- (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the requirements of this chapter; and
- (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant to NRS 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle dealer a new vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.
- 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:
- (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within the period prescribed by the Department;
- (b) Transmit the fees collected from the applicants and properly account for them within the period prescribed by the Department;
- (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 5; and
- (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or software.
- 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:
- (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those services;
- (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the performance of those services;
- (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor vehicle; or
- (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant wishes to:
- (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive; [or]
- (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations [.]; or
- (3) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax provided pursuant to section 2 of this act or the exemption from the payment of fees related to registration and license plates





provided pursuant to section 10 of this act to fully disabled veterans.

- 4. The provisions of this section do not apply to the registration of a moped pursuant to NRS 482.2155.
- 5. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection must provide for:
- (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and decals by the Department; and
- (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle dealer pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the regulations adopted by the Department.
 - **Sec. 12.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.





