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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 290—ASSEMBLYMEN BROWN-MAY; CARTER,
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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR GOICOECHEA

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing motor vehicles.
(BDR 43-620)

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; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a dealer and purchaser to enter into a written return agreement to cancel a vehicle sale; revising provisions relating to the registration of certain vehicles when the certificate of title is lost, unlawfully detained or otherwise not available; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that whenever application is made to the Department of
2 Motor Vehicles for registration of a motor vehicle of which the ownership has been
3 transferred, the person transferring the vehicle is authorized to designate the person
4 receiving the vehicle to provide the information required by the Department
5 relating to odometer disclosures if the: (1) certificate of title is lost, unlawfully
6 detained by one in possession or otherwise not available; and (2) model year is 9
7 years old or newer. (NRS 482.415) **Section 4** of this bill provides instead that this
8 process applies to the registration of a motor vehicle of which the model year is
9 2011 or newer and the vehicle is less than 20 years old.

10 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes a dealer licensed in this State and the purchaser
11 of a vehicle to enter into a written return agreement to cancel the sale. Upon
12 entering into such a written agreement, the sale is cancelled. The dealer is required,
13 within 15 days, to return to the purchaser or secured party, as applicable, all money,
14 taxes and fees that were collected by the dealer at the time of the sale. **Section 1**
15 provides that if such a written agreement is entered into, the dealer may submit an
16 application to the Department of Motor Vehicles for a certificate of title. **Section 1**
17 further requires, under certain circumstances, the Department of Motor Vehicles to



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18 issue a certificate of title not later than 7 days after receiving such an application.
19 Finally, **section 1**: (1) prohibits, under certain circumstances, a dealer from selling
20 in this State the vehicle that is the subject of such a cancellation of sale until the
21 dealer receives the certificate of title from the Department of Motor Vehicles; (2)
22 requires a dealer to retain the written return agreement to cancel a vehicle sale with
23 the sales records for the transaction; and (3) provides that the cancellation of a sale
24 pursuant to **section 1** does not negate the fact that the vehicle has been the subject
25 of a previous retail sale.

26 **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper
27 placement of **section 1** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

28 **Section 3** of this bill creates an exception to the general requirement that an
29 existing certificate of title be endorsed by the transferor and transferee when an
30 ownership interest in the vehicle is transferred. (NRS 482.400)

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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a dealer*
4 *licensed in this State and the purchaser of a vehicle may enter into*
5 *a written return agreement to cancel the sale of the vehicle. Upon*
6 *entering into such an agreement, the sale is cancelled and the*
7 *dealer shall, not later than 15 days after the sale is cancelled,*
8 *return to the purchaser or secured party, as applicable, all of the*
9 *money, taxes and fees that were collected by the dealer at the time*
10 *of sale.*

11 *2. If a dealer and purchaser enter into a written return*
12 *agreement to cancel the sale of a vehicle pursuant to subsection 1,*
13 *the dealer may submit an application for a certificate of title to the*
14 *Department of Motor Vehicles. Any such application for a*
15 *certificate of title must be in the form prescribed by the*
16 *Department of Motor Vehicles, may request the expedited*
17 *processing of the application and must include, without limitation:*

18 *(a) A copy of the written return agreement described in*
19 *subsection 1;*

20 *(b) The fees required for the issuance of a certificate of title*
21 *pursuant to NRS 482.429;*

22 *(c) If the Department has already issued a certificate of title*
23 *for the vehicle in relation to the sale:*

24 *(1) The certificate of title that the Department issued to the*
25 *purchaser; or*

26 *(2) An affidavit certifying that the certificate of title issued*
27 *to the purchaser by the Department is unavailable and needs to be*
28 *cancelled by the Department; and*

29 *(d) If the Department of Motor Vehicles has not issued a*
30 *certificate of title for the vehicle in relation to the sale, the*



1 *certificate of title upon which the title transfer to the purchaser*
2 *was made.*

3 *3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, if an*
4 *application for a certificate of title requests the expedited*
5 *processing of the application, not later than 7 days after receiving*
6 *the application, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue the*
7 *certificate of title to the dealer that sets forth:*

8 *(a) The dealer as the owner of the vehicle; and*

9 *(b) An odometer reading, as recorded at the time of the sale.*

10 *4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, if an*
11 *application for a certificate of title submitted pursuant to*
12 *subsection 2 does not request the expedited processing of the*
13 *application, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall at its standard*
14 *processing time, issue the certificate of title to the dealer that sets*
15 *forth:*

16 *(a) The dealer as the owner of the vehicle; and*

17 *(b) An odometer reading, as recorded at the time of the sale.*

18 *5. A dealer shall not sell in this State a vehicle that is the*
19 *subject of a cancellation of sale pursuant to this section if the*
20 *dealer has submitted an application for a certificate of title*
21 *pursuant to subsection 2 until the dealer receives the certificate of*
22 *title from the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

23 *6. A dealer must retain a written return agreement to cancel*
24 *the sale of a vehicle entered into pursuant to subsection 1 with the*
25 *sales records related to the sale between the dealer and purchaser.*

26 *7. The cancellation of the sale of a vehicle pursuant to a*
27 *written return agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1*
28 *does not negate the fact that the vehicle has been the subject of a*
29 *previous retail sale.*

30 *8. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the*
31 *Department of Motor Vehicles from reviewing an application for a*
32 *certificate of title submitted pursuant to subsection 2 for the*
33 *accuracy and completeness of any information contained therein,*
34 *or conduct any necessary investigations before issuing a certificate*
35 *of title.*

36 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 482.245 1. The certificate of registration must contain upon
38 the face thereof the date issued, the registration number assigned to
39 the vehicle, the name and address of the registered owner, the
40 county where the vehicle is to be based unless it is deemed to have
41 no base, a description of the registered vehicle and such other
42 statement of facts as may be determined by the Department.

43 2. The certificate of title must contain upon the face thereof the
44 date issued, the name and address of the registered owner and the
45 owner or lienholder, if any, a description of the vehicle, any entries



1 required by NRS 482.423 to 482.428, inclusive, *and section 1 of*
2 *this act*, a reading of the vehicle's odometer as provided to the
3 Department by the person making the sale or transfer, the word
4 "rebuilt" if it is a rebuilt vehicle, the information required pursuant
5 to subsection 4 of NRS 482.247 if the certificate of title is a
6 certificate of title in beneficiary form pursuant to NRS 482.247 and
7 such other statement of facts as may be determined by the
8 Department. The reverse side of the certificate of title must contain
9 forms for notice to the Department of a transfer of the title or
10 interest of the owner or lienholder and application for registration by
11 the transferee. If a new certificate of title is issued for a vehicle, it
12 must contain the same information as the replaced certificate, except
13 to the extent that the information has changed after the issuance of
14 the replaced certificate. Except as otherwise required by federal law,
15 the certificate of title of a vehicle which the Department knows to
16 have been stolen must not contain any statement or other indication
17 that the mileage specified in the certificate or registered on the
18 odometer is anything other than the actual mileage traveled by the
19 vehicle, in the absence of proof that the odometer of the vehicle has
20 been disconnected, reset or altered.

21 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 482.400 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
23 and subsections 3, 6 and 7, and NRS 482.247, *and section 1 of this*
24 *act*, upon a transfer of the title to, or the interest of an owner in, a
25 vehicle registered or issued a certificate of title under the provisions
26 of this chapter, the person or persons whose title or interest is to be
27 transferred and the transferee shall write their signatures with pen
28 and ink upon the certificate of title issued for the vehicle, together
29 with the residence address of the transferee, in the appropriate
30 spaces provided upon the reverse side of the certificate. The
31 Department may, by regulation, prescribe alternative methods by
32 which a signature may be affixed upon a manufacturer's certificate
33 of origin or a manufacturer's statement of origin issued for a
34 vehicle. The alternative methods must ensure the authenticity of the
35 signatures.

36 2. Within 5 days after the transfer of the title to, or the interest
37 of an owner in, a vehicle registered or issued a certificate of title
38 under the provisions of this chapter, the person or persons whose
39 title or interest is to be transferred may submit electronically to the
40 Department a notice of the transfer. The Department may provide,
41 by request and at the discretion of the Department, information
42 submitted to the Department pursuant to this section to a tow car
43 operator or other interested party. The Department shall adopt
44 regulations establishing:



1 (a) Procedures for electronic submissions pursuant to this
2 section; and

3 (b) Standards for determining who may receive information
4 from the Department pursuant to this section.

5 3. The Department shall provide a form for use by a dealer for
6 the transfer of ownership of a vehicle. The form must be produced
7 in a manner which ensures that the form may not be easily
8 counterfeited. Upon the attachment of the form to a certificate of
9 title issued for a vehicle, the form becomes a part of that certificate
10 of title. The Department may charge a fee not to exceed the cost to
11 provide the form.

12 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5, 6 and 7, the
13 transferee shall immediately apply for registration as provided in
14 NRS 482.215 and shall pay the governmental services taxes due.

15 5. If the transferee is a dealer who intends to resell the vehicle,
16 the transferee is not required to register, pay a transfer or
17 registration fee for, or pay a governmental services tax on the
18 vehicle. When the vehicle is resold, the purchaser shall apply for
19 registration as provided in NRS 482.215 and shall pay the
20 governmental services taxes due.

21 6. If the transferee consigns the vehicle to a wholesale vehicle
22 auctioneer:

23 (a) The transferee shall, within 30 days after that consignment,
24 provide the wholesale vehicle auctioneer with the certificate of title
25 for the vehicle, executed as required by subsection 1, and any other
26 documents necessary to obtain another certificate of title for the
27 vehicle.

28 (b) The wholesale vehicle auctioneer shall be deemed a
29 transferee of the vehicle for the purposes of subsection 5. The
30 wholesale vehicle auctioneer is not required to comply with
31 subsection 1 if the wholesale vehicle auctioneer:

32 (1) Does not take an ownership interest in the vehicle;

33 (2) Auctions the vehicle to a vehicle dealer or automobile
34 wrecker who is licensed as such in this or any other state; and

35 (3) Stamps his or her name, his or her identification number
36 as a vehicle dealer and the date of the auction on the certificate of
37 title and the bill of sale and any other documents of transfer for the
38 vehicle.

39 7. A charitable organization which intends to sell a vehicle
40 which has been donated to the organization must deliver
41 immediately to the Department or its agent the certificate of
42 registration and the license plate or plates for the vehicle, if the
43 license plate or plates have not been removed from the vehicle. The
44 charitable organization must not be required to register, pay a
45 transfer or registration fee for, or pay a governmental services tax on



1 the vehicle. When the vehicle is sold by the charitable organization,
2 the purchaser shall apply for registration as provided in NRS
3 482.215 and pay the governmental services taxes due.

4 8. As used in this section, "wholesale vehicle auctioneer"
5 means a dealer who:

6 (a) Is engaged in the business of auctioning consigned motor
7 vehicles to vehicle dealers or automobile wreckers, or both, who are
8 licensed as such in this or any other state; and

9 (b) Does not in the ordinary course of business buy, sell or own
10 the vehicles he or she auctions.

11 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.415 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 482.415 1. Whenever application is made to the Department
13 for registration of a vehicle previously registered pursuant to this
14 chapter and the applicant is unable to present the certificate of
15 registration or certificate of title previously issued for the vehicle
16 because the certificate of registration or certificate of title is lost,
17 unlawfully detained by one in possession or otherwise not available,
18 the Department may receive the application, investigate the
19 circumstances of the case and require the filing of affidavits or other
20 information. When the Department is satisfied that the applicant is
21 entitled to a new certificate of registration and certificate of title, it
22 may register the applicant's vehicle and issue new certificates and a
23 new license plate or plates to the person or persons entitled thereto.
24 An applicant who is unable to satisfy the Department that the
25 applicant is entitled to a new certificate of title pursuant to this
26 subsection may obtain a new certificate of title pursuant to the
27 provisions of NRS 482.2605.

28 2. Whenever application is made to the Department for the
29 registration of a motor vehicle of which the:

30 (a) Ownership has been transferred;

31 (b) Certificate of title is lost, unlawfully detained by one in
32 possession or otherwise not available; and

33 (c) Model year is ~~9 years old~~ 2011 or newer ~~[-]~~ *and the motor*
34 *vehicle is less than 20 years old,*

35 ↪ the transferor of the motor vehicle may, to furnish any
36 information required by the Department to carry out the provisions
37 of NRS 484D.330, designate the transferee of the motor vehicle as
38 attorney-in-fact on a form for a power of attorney provided by the
39 Department.

40 3. The Department shall provide the form described in
41 subsection 2. The form must be:

42 (a) Produced in a manner that ensures that the form may not be
43 easily counterfeited; and

44 (b) Substantially similar to the form set forth in Appendix E of
45 Part 580 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.



1 4. The Department may charge a fee not to exceed 50 cents for
2 each form it provides.

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