

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 304—ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain special license plates. (BDR 43-699)

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 special license plates; eliminating the requirement to provide proof of current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter or current or former service as a volunteer firefighter in an application for the renewal of certain special license plates recognizing such employment or service; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special
2 license plates recognizing: (1) current or former employment as a professional full-
3 time salaried firefighter; and (2) current or former service as a volunteer firefighter.
4 Existing law requires an application for the issuance or renewal of such special
5 license plates to include documentation providing reasonable proof of the
6 applicant’s eligibility to receive the special plates. (NRS 482.3753, 482.3754) This
7 bill eliminates the requirement to include such documentation in an application for
8 the renewal of such special license plates.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.3753 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 482.3753 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
4 Department, in cooperation with professional full-time salaried
5 firefighters in the State of Nevada, shall design, prepare and issue
6 license plates that recognize current or former employment as a



1 professional full-time salaried firefighter using any colors and
2 designs which the Department deems appropriate. The Department
3 shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives
4 at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

5 2. The Department shall issue license plates that recognize
6 current or former employment as a professional full-time salaried
7 firefighter for a passenger car or a light commercial vehicle upon
8 application by a qualified person who is entitled to license plates
9 pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the
10 requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter.
11 A person may request that personalized prestige license plates
12 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates
13 that recognize current or former employment as a professional full-
14 time salaried firefighter if that person pays the fees for the
15 personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the
16 license plates that recognize current or former employment as a
17 professional full-time salaried firefighter.

18 3. An application for the issuance ~~for renewal~~ of license plates
19 that recognize current or former employment as a professional full-
20 time salaried firefighter is void unless it is accompanied by
21 documentation which, in the determination of the Department,
22 provides reasonable proof of the identity of the applicant and proof
23 of the applicant's:

24 (a) Current employment as a professional full-time salaried
25 firefighter; or

26 (b) Status as a former professional full-time salaried firefighter
27 who retired from employment after completing at least 10 years of
28 creditable service as a firefighter within this State or any other
29 jurisdiction with:

30 (1) A fire department; or

31 (2) A federal or state agency, the duties of which involve the
32 prevention and suppression of fires, including, without limitation,
33 the Bureau of Land Management and the Division of Forestry of the
34 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

35 4. Proof of an applicant's current or former employment as a
36 professional full-time salaried firefighter must consist of:

37 (a) An identification card issued by the Professional Fire
38 Fighters of Nevada or its successor;

39 (b) An identification card issued by the Nevada Fire Chiefs
40 Association or its successor;

41 (c) An identification card issued by a professional firefighters'
42 or chiefs' organization or association from any other jurisdiction
43 that is acceptable to the Department; or



1 (d) A letter certifying the applicant's current or former
2 employment as a professional full-time salaried firefighter, which
3 letter must be from:

4 (1) The Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada or its successor;

5 (2) The Nevada Fire Chiefs Association or its successor;

6 (3) A professional firefighters' or chiefs' organization or
7 association from any other jurisdiction that is acceptable to the
8 Department; or

9 (4) The chief officer of a federal or state agency or any other
10 jurisdiction, the duties of which involve the prevention and
11 suppression of fires, including, without limitation, the Bureau of
12 Land Management and the Division of Forestry of the State
13 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

14 5. *An application for the renewal of license plates issued*
15 *pursuant to this section is not required to be accompanied by proof*
16 *of the applicant's current or former employment as a professional*
17 *full-time salaried firefighter.*

18 6. The fee payable to the Department for license plates that
19 recognize current or former employment as a professional full-time
20 salaried firefighter is \$35, in addition to all other applicable
21 registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The
22 license plates are renewable upon the payment to the Department of
23 \$10 in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees
24 and governmental services taxes.

25 ~~6.~~ 7. In addition to all other applicable registration and
26 license fees and governmental services taxes and the fees prescribed
27 in subsection ~~5.~~ 6 a person who requests a set of license plates that
28 recognize current or former employment as a professional full-time
29 salaried firefighter must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an
30 additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional
31 fee of \$20 to support the Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada
32 Benevolent Association.

33 ~~7.~~ 8. The Department shall deposit the fees collected
34 pursuant to subsection ~~6.~~ 7 with the State Treasurer for credit to the
35 State General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis,
36 distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the
37 Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada Benevolent Association.

38 ~~8.~~ 9. If, during a registration period, the holder of license
39 plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of
40 the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

41 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets
42 the requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees
43 are paid as set out in this chapter; or

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



~~9.1~~ 10. As used in this section:

(a) "Any other jurisdiction" means any governmental or quasi-governmental entity within the United States which employs professional full-time salaried firefighters and includes, without limitation, any city, county, state, territory, Indian tribe or branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) "Professional full-time salaried firefighter" means a person employed in this State or any other jurisdiction in a full-time salaried occupation of fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public.

Sec. 2. NRS 482.3754 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3754 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department, in cooperation with the Nevada State Firefighters' Association or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter using any colors and designs which the Department deems appropriate. The Department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

2. The Department shall issue license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter for a passenger car or a light commercial vehicle upon application by a qualified person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter.

3. An application for the issuance ~~or renewal~~ of license plates that recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter is void unless it is accompanied by documentation which, in the determination of the Department, provides reasonable proof of the identity of the applicant and proof of the applicant's current service as a volunteer firefighter or status as a former volunteer firefighter who retired from service as a volunteer firefighter within this State after completing at least 10 years of active service. Proof of an applicant's current or former service as a volunteer firefighter must consist of:

(a) An identification card which indicates that the applicant currently serves as a volunteer firefighter; or



1 (b) A letter from the chief officer of a volunteer or combination
2 fire department certifying the applicant's current or former service
3 as a volunteer firefighter.

4 4. *An application for the renewal of license plates issued*
5 *pursuant to this section is not required to be accompanied by proof*
6 *of the applicant's current or former service as a volunteer*
7 *firefighter.*

8 5. The fee payable to the Department for license plates that
9 recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter is \$35,
10 in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and
11 governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable upon
12 the payment to the Department of \$10 in addition to all other
13 applicable registration and license fees and governmental services
14 taxes.

15 ~~{5}~~ 6. In addition to all other applicable registration and
16 license fees and governmental services taxes and the fees prescribed
17 in subsection ~~{4}~~ 5 a person who requests a set of license plates that
18 recognize current or former service as a volunteer firefighter must
19 pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and
20 for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 to support the
21 training of volunteer firefighters.

22 ~~{6}~~ 7. The Department shall deposit the fees collected
23 pursuant to subsection ~~{5}~~ 6 with the State Treasurer for credit to the
24 State General Fund. The State Treasurer shall account separately for
25 the money deposited pursuant to this subsection and reserve such
26 money for expenditure by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with
27 this subsection. The State Fire Marshal may expend the money
28 reserved pursuant to this subsection solely for the support of, and to
29 pay expenses related to, training for volunteer firefighters provided
30 by or as directed by the Board of Directors of the Nevada State
31 Firefighters' Association or its successor.

32 ~~{7}~~ 8. If, during a registration period, the holder of license
33 plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of
34 the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

35 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets
36 the requirements of this section if the transfer and registration fees
37 are paid as set out in this chapter; or

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

40 ~~{8}~~ 9. As used in this section:

41 (a) "Combination fire department" means a fire department that
42 is:

43 (1) Served by both volunteer and full-time salaried
44 firefighters; and

45 (2) Recognized as such by the State Fire Marshal.



1 (b) “Volunteer fire department” means a fire department
2 recognized as a bona fide volunteer fire department by the State Fire
3 Marshal.

4 (c) “Volunteer firefighter” means a person who serves actively
5 in an unpaid capacity in a volunteer or combination fire department
6 within this State as a firefighter for the benefit or safety of the
7 public.

8 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
9 approval.

10 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:

11 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
12 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
13 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

14 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.



