

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 58—COMMITTEE  
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to veterans.  
(BDR 37-303)

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 veterans; making the Office of Veterans Services the Department of Veterans Services; creating the Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination in the Office of the Governor; creating the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; revising provisions relating to donations for veterans homes; requiring the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue annual permits for the free use of state parks and other recreational areas to certain veterans; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Office of Veterans Services has various duties and  
2 powers relating to veterans and servicemen and servicewomen and their dependents  
3 in Nevada, including assisting them with obtaining benefits to which they are  
4 entitled and any services that they require and providing administrative oversight of  
5 veterans homes and veterans cemeteries in Nevada. (Chapter 417 of NRS) **Section**  
6 **14** of this bill changes the Office to the Department of Veterans Services, a state  
7 department. Accordingly, the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of  
8 the Office become the Director and Deputy Director of the Department,  
9 respectively. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission will now advise the  
10 Department instead of the Office. (NRS 417.190) **Sections 1-7, 13, 15-33, 45 and**  
11 **48-50** of this bill make conforming changes.

12 **Sections 8 and 9** of this bill create the Office of Veterans Policy and  
13 Coordination in the Office of the Governor. This Office is headed by an Executive



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14 Director who is in the nonclassified service. The Office of Veterans Policy and  
15 Coordination is charged with developing policies, initiatives and strategies  
16 concerning services provided to veterans and servicemen and servicewomen and  
17 their families and coordinating those services.

18 In 2012, the Governor established by executive order the Interagency Council  
19 on Veterans Affairs. (Executive Order 2012-15 (7-3-2012)) The Council was  
20 charged with identifying and prioritizing the needs of Nevada's veterans, working  
21 toward increasing the coordination of the efforts of public and private agencies to  
22 meet those needs and preparing a report of its findings and recommendations by  
23 December 31, 2013, for submission to the Governor. **Section 10** of this bill creates  
24 the Council in statute and prescribes its membership, which includes ex officio  
25 members and members appointed by the Governor. **Section 11** of this bill provides  
26 that the Executive Director of the Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination  
27 serves as the Chair of the Council. **Section 11** also requires the Council to hold  
28 meetings at least once every 3 months. **Section 12** of this bill prescribes issues for  
29 the Council to study and requires the Council to submit a report of its findings and  
30 recommendations to each regular session of the Legislature.

31 The Gift Account for Veterans Homes is established under existing law to  
32 receive gifts of money or personal property which a donor has restricted to one or  
33 more uses at a veterans home. (NRS 417.145) As a result of the authorization of the  
34 creation of a veterans home in northern Nevada in **section 55** of this bill, **section 23**  
35 of this bill changes the existing Gift Account for Veterans Homes to the Gift  
36 Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada to be used for the deposit of  
37 gifts which donors have restricted to use at that home. **Section 23** also creates the  
38 Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada to be used for the deposit  
39 of gifts which donors have restricted to use at this new veterans home. **Sections 37-**  
40 **44 and 47** of this bill make conforming changes.

41 Under existing law, the Division of State Parks of the State Department of  
42 Conservation and Natural Resources is required to issue an annual permit for the  
43 free use of all state parks and recreational areas in this State to persons who are 65  
44 years of age or older and who meet certain residency requirements. (NRS 407.065)  
45 **Section 46** of this bill extends this same benefit to a veteran with a permanent  
46 service-connected disability of 10 percent or more who received an other than  
47 dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States and who is a  
48 resident of Nevada.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*  
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 417.010 and*  
6 *sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to*  
7 *them in those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Department” means the Department of Veterans*  
9 *Services created by NRS 417.020.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Deputy Director” means the Deputy Director of the*  
11 *Department.*



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1       **Sec. 5.** *“Director” means the Director of the Department.*

2       **Sec. 6.** *“Executive Director” means the Executive Director*  
3 *of the Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination created by*  
4 *section 8 of this act.*

5       **Sec. 7.** *The Director may adopt such regulations as are*  
6 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.*

7       **Sec. 8. 1.** *There is hereby created within the Office of the*  
8 *Governor the Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination.*

9       **2.** *The Governor shall propose a budget for the Office of*  
10 *Veterans Policy and Coordination.*

11       **3.** *The Governor shall appoint the Executive Director of the*  
12 *Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination. To be eligible for*  
13 *appointment as the Executive Director, a person must:*

14       **(a)** *Be an actual and bona fide resident of the State of Nevada;*  
15 *and*

16       **(b)** *Possess an honorable discharge from a branch of the*  
17 *military and naval service of the United States.*

18       **4.** *The Executive Director is not in the classified or*  
19 *unclassified service of this State and serves at the pleasure of the*  
20 *Governor. The Executive Director shall devote his or her entire*  
21 *time to the duties of his or her office and shall not engage in any*  
22 *other gainful employment or occupation.*

23       **5.** *The Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination shall*  
24 *consist of the Executive Director and not more than 10 employees.*

25       **6.** *Employees of the Office of Veterans Policy and*  
26 *Coordination are not in the classified or unclassified service of*  
27 *this State and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director.*

28       **Sec. 9.** *The Executive Director:*

29       **1.** *Shall direct and supervise the administrative and technical*  
30 *activities of the Office of Veterans Policy and Coordination.*

31       **2.** *As directed by the Governor, shall identify, recommend*  
32 *and carry out policies, initiatives and strategies relating to the*  
33 *provision of services to veterans and servicemen and*  
34 *servicewomen and their families in Nevada, including, without*  
35 *limitation, the funding, delivery and coordination of those*  
36 *services.*

37       **3.** *Shall work in coordination with the Department and the*  
38 *Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs to carry out the policies,*  
39 *initiatives and strategies described in subsection 2 and to*  
40 *communicate those policies, strategies and initiatives to veterans*  
41 *and servicemen and servicewomen and their families.*

42       **4.** *Shall work to increase collaboration and coordination*  
43 *between the State of Nevada and veterans and veterans*  
44 *organizations.*



1       5. *Shall collaborate and coordinate with the Federal*  
2 *Government and the appropriate officials of other states to develop*  
3 *best practices for the provision of services to veterans and*  
4 *servicemen and servicewomen and their families.*

5       6. *Shall develop recommendations for proposed legislation*  
6 *regarding veterans and servicemen and servicewomen and their*  
7 *families.*

8       7. *On or before February 15 of each year, shall submit a*  
9 *report concerning the activities of the Office of Veterans Policy*  
10 *and Coordination during the preceding calendar year to the*  
11 *Nevada Veterans Services Commission, the Governor and the*  
12 *Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:*

13       (a) *If the Legislature is in session, the standing committees of*  
14 *the Legislature which have jurisdiction over the subject matter; or*

15       (b) *If the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative*  
16 *Commission.*

17       8. *May apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant*  
18 *or other source of money to assist the Executive Director in*  
19 *carrying out his or her duties.*

20       9. *May adopt such regulations as may be necessary to carry*  
21 *out the provisions of this section.*

22       **Sec. 10. 1.** *The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs is*  
23 *hereby created. The Council consists of:*

24       (a) *The Executive Director of the Office of Veterans Policy*  
25 *and Coordination;*

26       (b) *The Director of the Department of Business and Industry;*

27       (c) *The Director of the Department of Corrections;*

28       (d) *The Director of the Department of Employment, Training*  
29 *and Rehabilitation;*

30       (e) *The Director of the Department of Health and Human*  
31 *Services;*

32       (f) *The Director of the Department of Public Safety;*

33       (g) *The Director of the Department of Veterans Services;*

34       (h) *The Adjutant General;*

35       (i) *The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education;*

36       (j) *The Executive Director of the Office of Economic*  
37 *Development;*

38       (k) *The Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission;*  
39 *and*

40       (l) *Any other persons appointed by the Governor, including,*  
41 *without limitation, representatives of federal and local*  
42 *governmental agencies and private entities that provide services to*  
43 *veterans. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph serve at*  
44 *the pleasure of the Governor.*



1       2. *A member of the Council set forth in paragraphs (b) to (l),*  
2 *inclusive, may designate a person to represent him or her at any*  
3 *meeting of the Council. The person designated may exercise all*  
4 *the duties, rights and privileges of the member that he or she*  
5 *represents.*

6       **Sec. 11.** *1. The Executive Director shall serve as the Chair*  
7 *of the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. The members of*  
8 *the Council shall elect a Vice Chair, who presides in the absence*  
9 *of the Chair.*

10       2. *The Council shall meet at least once each quarter but may*  
11 *meet more often at the call of the Chair or a majority of the*  
12 *members of the Council.*

13       3. *Members of the Council serve without compensation,*  
14 *except that each member of the Council is entitled, while engaged*  
15 *in the business of the Council, to receive the per diem allowance*  
16 *and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees*  
17 *generally. The per diem allowance and travel expenses provided to*  
18 *a member of the Council who is an officer or employee of the*  
19 *State of Nevada or a political subdivision of this State must be paid*  
20 *by the state agency or political subdivision which employs him or*  
21 *her.*

22       4. *Each member of the Council who is an officer or employee*  
23 *of the State of Nevada or a political subdivision of this State must*  
24 *be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular*  
25 *compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend*  
26 *meetings of the Council and perform any work necessary to carry*  
27 *out the duties of the Council in the most timely manner*  
28 *practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State*  
29 *shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the*  
30 *Council to make up the time that he or she is absent from work to*  
31 *carry out his or her duties as a member of the Council or to use*  
32 *annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence.*

33       5. *A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a*  
34 *quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on*  
35 *the Council.*

36       **Sec. 12.** *The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs shall:*

37       1. *Identify and prioritize the needs of veterans and*  
38 *servicemen and servicewomen and their families in this State.*

39       2. *Study and make recommendations to the Office of*  
40 *Veterans Policy and Coordination regarding coordination of the*  
41 *efforts of the Federal Government, State Government, local*  
42 *governments and private entities to meet the needs of veterans and*  
43 *servicemen and servicewomen and their families in this State.*

44       3. *On or before February 15 of each year, submit a report*  
45 *concerning the activities of the Council during the preceding*



1 *calendar year and any recommendations of the Council to the*  
2 *Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*  
3 *transmittal to:*

4 *(a) If the Legislature is in session, the standing committees of*  
5 *the Legislature which have jurisdiction of the subject matter; or*

6 *(b) If the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative*  
7 *Commission.*

8 **Sec. 13.** NRS 417.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 417.010 ~~{As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise~~  
10 ~~requires:~~

11 ~~1. “Administrator” means the administrator of a veterans~~  
12 ~~home in this State.~~

13 ~~2. “Deputy Executive Director” means the Deputy Executive~~  
14 ~~Director for Veterans Services.~~

15 ~~3. “Executive Director” means the Executive Director for~~  
16 ~~Veterans Services.~~

17 **Sec. 14.** NRS 417.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 417.020 1. The ~~{Office}~~ **Department** of Veterans Services is  
19 hereby created.

20 2. ~~{The Office consists of the offices of the Executive Director~~  
21 ~~for Veterans Services and the Deputy Executive Director for~~  
22 ~~Veterans Services.~~

23 ~~3. The Executive Director shall serve as the Director of the~~  
24 ~~Office of Veterans Services and is responsible for the performanee~~  
25 ~~of the duties imposed upon the Office, and for such other duties as~~  
26 ~~may be prescribed by this chapter.~~

27 ~~4. The Executive Director may adopt such regulations as are~~  
28 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.~~ **The**  
29 **Department is vested with the powers and authority provided in**  
30 **this chapter and shall carry out the purposes of this chapter.**

31 **Sec. 15.** NRS 417.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 417.030 1. **The office of Director of the Department of**  
33 **Veterans Services is hereby created.**

34 2. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director ~~{and Deputy Executive Director}~~  
35 must be appointed by **and serves at the pleasure of** the Governor.

36 ~~2-}~~ 3. **The Director shall appoint one Deputy Director of the**  
37 **Department, who shall assist the Director in performing the duties**  
38 **prescribed in this chapter.**

39 4. Any person to be eligible for appointment as the ~~{Executive}~~  
40 Director or the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director must:

41 (a) Be an actual and bona fide resident of the State of Nevada;

42 (b) Possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the  
43 military and naval service of the United States; and

44 (c) Have at least 4 years of experience in management or  
45 administration.



1       **Sec. 16.** NRS 417.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       417.035 The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall execute and deliver to  
3 the Secretary of State his or her official bond in the penal sum of  
4 \$500,000 with a corporate surety licensed to do business in this  
5 State, conditioned to ensure his or her faithful discharge of  
6 responsibilities as guardian of the estates of those veterans and  
7 dependents for whom he or she acts. A separate bond for each estate  
8 is not required.

9       **Sec. 17.** NRS 417.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10       417.060 The ~~{Executive}~~ Director and the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~  
11 Director are in the unclassified service of the State. Except as  
12 otherwise provided in NRS 284.143, each shall devote his or her  
13 entire time and attention to the business of his or her office and shall  
14 not pursue any other business or occupation or hold any other office  
15 of profit.

16       **Sec. 18.** NRS 417.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17       417.070 1. The office of the ~~{Executive}~~ Director must be  
18 located in the same city where the state regional office of the United  
19 States Department of Veterans Affairs maintains its state  
20 administrative bureau, and if that office is discontinued in the State  
21 of Nevada, then at such place as the Governor may designate.

22       2. The office of the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director must be  
23 maintained at Las Vegas, Nevada.

24       ~~{3.—The Deputy Executive Director shall report to the Executive~~  
25 ~~Director and shall assist the Executive Director in performing the~~  
26 ~~duties prescribed in this chapter.}~~

27       **Sec. 19.** NRS 417.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28       417.080 1. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director:

29       (a) May employ such clerical and stenographic assistance as  
30 necessary.

31       (b) May purchase necessary office equipment and supplies.

32       (c) Is entitled to receive necessary travel and miscellaneous  
33 administrative expenses in the administration of this chapter.

34       2. All clerical and stenographic services, office equipment and  
35 supplies, travel expenses at the same rate as other state officers and  
36 miscellaneous administrative expenses and salaries must be paid at  
37 the time and in the manner that similar claims and expenses of other  
38 state departments and officers are paid, but:

39       (a) All expenses must be within the limits of the appropriation  
40 made for the purposes of this chapter; and

41       (b) The salaries and compensation of clerks and stenographers  
42 must be at the same rate as that provided by law for clerks and  
43 stenographers in other state departments.



1       **Sec. 20.** NRS 417.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       417.090 The ~~Executive~~ Director and the Deputy ~~Executive~~  
3 Director shall:

4       1. Assist veterans, and those presently serving in the military  
5 and naval forces of the United States who are residents of the State  
6 of Nevada, their wives, widows, widowers, husbands, children,  
7 dependents, administrators, executors and personal representatives,  
8 in preparing, submitting and presenting any claim against the United  
9 States, or any state, for adjusted compensation, hospitalization,  
10 insurance, pension, disability compensation, vocational training,  
11 education or rehabilitation and assist them in obtaining any aid or  
12 benefit to which they may, from time to time, be entitled under the  
13 laws of the United States or of any of the states.

14       2. Aid, assist, encourage and cooperate with every nationally  
15 recognized service organization insofar as the activities of such  
16 organizations are for the benefit of veterans, servicemen and  
17 servicewomen.

18       3. Give aid, assistance and counsel to each and every problem,  
19 question and situation, individual as well as collective, affecting any  
20 veteran, serviceman or servicewoman, or their dependents, or any  
21 group of veterans, servicemen and servicewomen, when in their  
22 opinion such comes within the scope of this chapter.

23       4. Coordinate activities of veterans organizations.

24       5. Serve as a clearinghouse and disseminate information  
25 relating to veterans benefits.

26       6. Conduct any studies which will assist veterans to obtain  
27 compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, disability  
28 compensation, vocational training, education, rehabilitation or any  
29 other benefit to which veterans may be entitled under the laws of the  
30 United States or of any state.

31       7. Aid, assist and cooperate with the office of coordinator of  
32 services for veterans created in a county pursuant to NRS 244.401.

33       8. Pay to each county that creates the office of coordinator of  
34 services for veterans, from state money available to him or her, a  
35 portion of the cost of operating the office in an amount determined  
36 by the ~~Executive~~ Director.

37       9. Take possession of any abandoned or unclaimed artifacts or  
38 other property that has military value for safekeeping. The  
39 ~~Executive~~ Director or Deputy ~~Executive~~ Director may transfer  
40 such property to a veterans or military museum.

41       ***10. Provide administrative support to the Interagency Council***  
42 ***on Veterans Affairs.***

43       **Sec. 21.** NRS 417.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44       417.100 The ~~Executive~~ Director and the Deputy ~~Executive~~  
45 Director may:





1 1. Administer oaths to any person whose acknowledgment may  
2 become necessary in the prosecution of any claim for compensation,  
3 hospitalization, insurance or other aid or benefits.

4 2. Certify to the correctness of any document or documents  
5 which may be submitted in connection with any such application.

6 **Sec. 22.** NRS 417.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 417.105 1. Each year on or before October 1, the ~~Office of~~  
8 ~~Veterans Services~~ **Department** shall review the reports submitted  
9 pursuant to NRS 333.3368 and 338.13846.

10 2. In carrying out the provisions of subsection 1, the ~~Office of~~  
11 ~~Veterans Services~~ **Department** shall seek input from:

12 (a) The Purchasing Division of the Department of  
13 Administration.

14 (b) The State Public Works Board of the State Public Works  
15 Division of the Department of Administration.

16 (c) The Office of Economic Development.

17 (d) Groups representing the interests of veterans of the Armed  
18 Forces of the United States.

19 (e) The business community.

20 (f) Local businesses owned by veterans with service-connected  
21 disabilities.

22 3. After performing the duties described in subsections 1 and 2,  
23 the ~~Office of Veterans Services~~ **Department** shall make  
24 recommendations to the Legislative Commission regarding the  
25 continuation, modification, promotion or expansion of the  
26 preferences for local businesses owned by veterans with service-  
27 connected disabilities which are described in NRS 333.3366 and  
28 338.13844.

29 4. As used in this section:

30 (a) "Business owned by a veteran with a service-connected  
31 disability" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 338.13841.

32 (b) "Local business" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
33 NRS 333.3363.

34 (c) "Veteran with a service-connected disability" has the  
35 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 338.13843.

36 **Sec. 23.** NRS 417.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 417.145 1. The Veterans Home Account is hereby  
38 established in the State General Fund.

39 2. Money received from:

40 (a) Payments made by the United States Department of Veterans  
41 Affairs for veterans who receive care in a veterans home;

42 (b) Other payments for medical care and services;

43 (c) Appropriations made by the Legislature for veterans homes;

44 (d) Federal grants and other money received pursuant to  
45 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 417.147;



1 (e) Money collected pursuant to the schedule of rates established  
2 pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 417.147 for occupancy of rooms at  
3 veterans homes; and

4 (f) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 7,~~ **subsections 7**  
5 **and 8**, gifts of money and proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of  
6 personal property for the use of veterans homes, if the use of those  
7 gifts has not been restricted by the donor,

8 **→** must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the  
9 Veterans Home Account.

10 3. Interest and income must not be computed on the money in  
11 the Veterans Home Account.

12 4. The Veterans Home Account must be administered by the  
13 ~~Executive~~ Director, with the advice of the administrators, and  
14 except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of  
15 NRS 417.147, the money deposited in the Veterans Home Account  
16 may only be expended for:

17 (a) The establishment, management, maintenance and operation  
18 of veterans homes;

19 (b) A program or service related to a veterans home;

20 (c) The solicitation of other sources of money to fund a veterans  
21 home; and

22 (d) The purpose of informing the public about issues concerning  
23 the establishment and uses of a veterans home.

24 5. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 7,~~ **subsections**  
25 **7 and 8**, gifts of personal property for the use of veterans homes:

26 (a) May be sold or exchanged if the sale or exchange is  
27 approved by the State Board of Examiners; or

28 (b) May be used in kind if the gifts are not appropriate for  
29 conversion to money.

30 6. All money in the Veterans Home Account must be paid out  
31 on claims approved by the ~~Executive~~ Director as other claims  
32 against the State are paid.

33 7. The Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ **Home in**  
34 **Southern Nevada** is hereby established in the State General Fund.  
35 Gifts of money or personal property which the donor has restricted  
36 to one or more uses at ~~the~~ **the** veterans home **in southern Nevada**  
37 must be used only in the manner designated by the donor. Gifts of  
38 money which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at ~~this~~ **this**  
39 veterans home must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit  
40 to the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ **Home in Southern**  
41 **Nevada**. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift  
42 Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ **Home in Southern Nevada**,  
43 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift  
44 Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ **Home in Southern Nevada**.  
45 Any money remaining in the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ **Home in Southern Nevada**.



1 *Home in Southern Nevada* at the end of each fiscal year does not  
2 lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried forward into the  
3 next fiscal year.

4 8. *The Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*  
5 *Nevada is hereby established in the State General Fund. Gifts of*  
6 *money or personal property which the donor has restricted to one*  
7 *or more uses at the veterans home in northern Nevada must be*  
8 *used only in the manner designated by the donor. Gifts of money*  
9 *which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at this*  
10 *veterans home must be deposited with the State Treasurer for*  
11 *credit to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*  
12 *Nevada. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift*  
13 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada, after*  
14 *deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift*  
15 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada. Any money*  
16 *remaining in the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*  
17 *Nevada at the end of each fiscal year does not lapse to the State*  
18 *General Fund, but must be carried forward into the next fiscal*  
19 *year.*

20 9. The Gift Account for Veterans is hereby created in the State  
21 General Fund. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall administer the Gift  
22 Account for Veterans. The money deposited in the Gift Account for  
23 Veterans pursuant to NRS 482.3764 may only be used for the  
24 support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their  
25 families, or both, as determined by the ~~Executive~~ Director. The  
26 interest and income earned on the money in the Gift Account for  
27 Veterans, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited  
28 to the Gift Account for Veterans. All money in the Gift Account for  
29 Veterans must be paid out on claims approved by the ~~Executive~~  
30 Director as other claims against the State are paid. Any money  
31 remaining in the Gift Account for Veterans at the end of each fiscal  
32 year does not lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried  
33 forward into the next fiscal year.

34 ~~9.1~~ 10. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall, on or before August 1  
35 of each year, prepare and submit to the Interim Finance Committee  
36 a report detailing the expenditures made from the Gift Account for  
37 *the Veterans ~~Homes~~ Home in Southern Nevada, the Gift Account*  
38 *for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* and the Gift Account  
39 for Veterans.

40 **Sec. 24.** NRS 417.147 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 417.147 1. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall:

42 (a) Appoint an administrator for each veterans home in this  
43 State. Each administrator must be licensed as a nursing facility  
44 administrator pursuant to NRS 654.170.



1 (b) Take such other actions as are necessary for the  
2 management, maintenance and operation of veterans homes in this  
3 State, including, without limitation, establishing and implementing  
4 rules, policies and procedures for such management, maintenance  
5 and operation.

6 (c) Apply for federal grants and other sources of money  
7 available for establishing veterans homes. A federal grant must be  
8 used only as permitted by the terms of the grant.

9 2. With the advice of the Nevada Veterans Services  
10 Commission, the ~~Executive~~ Director shall, on or before April 1 of  
11 each calendar year, recommend to the State Board of Examiners a  
12 schedule of rates to be charged for occupancy of rooms at each  
13 veterans home in this State during the following fiscal year. The  
14 State Board of Examiners shall establish the schedule of rates. In  
15 setting the rates, the State Board of Examiners shall consider the  
16 recommendations of the ~~Executive~~ Director, but is not bound to  
17 follow the recommendations of the ~~Executive~~ Director.

18 3. The first veterans home that is established in this State must  
19 be established at a location in southern Nevada determined to be  
20 appropriate by the Interim Finance Committee. The Interim Finance  
21 Committee shall give preference to a site that is zoned appropriately  
22 for the establishment of a veterans home, that affords minimum  
23 costs of maintenance and that is located in an area where the  
24 members of the families of the veterans can easily visit the veterans  
25 home. The site for the construction of the veterans home in southern  
26 Nevada must be:

27 (a) Located in reasonable proximity to:

28 (1) A public transportation system;

29 (2) Shopping centers; and

30 (3) A major hospital that has a center for the treatment of  
31 trauma which is designated as a level II center by the Administrator  
32 of the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human  
33 Services.

34 (b) Not less than 5 acres in area.

35 4. If an additional veterans home is authorized, it must be  
36 established in northern Nevada.

37 **Sec. 25.** NRS 417.148 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 417.148 1. A revolving account up to the amount of \$2,000 is  
39 hereby created for each veterans home, and may be used for the  
40 payment of bills of the veterans home requiring immediate payment  
41 and for no other purpose. The administrator of a veterans home shall  
42 deposit the money for the revolving account for the veterans home  
43 in a bank, credit union or savings and loan association qualified to  
44 receive deposits of public money. The revolving account must be



1 under the control of the administrator of the veterans home for  
2 which the account was created.

3 2. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director may transfer such amounts of  
4 money from the Veterans Home Account to a revolving account as  
5 the ~~{Executive}~~ Director determines necessary provided that the  
6 balance in the revolving account does not exceed \$2,000.

7 **Sec. 26.** NRS 417.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 417.150 1. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission,  
9 consisting of nine members, is hereby created.

10 2. The Governor shall appoint:

11 (a) Three members who are representatives of nationally  
12 recognized veterans organizations and who possess honorable  
13 discharges from some branch of the military and naval service of the  
14 United States.

15 (b) Two members who are representatives of the general public.

16 3. The Chair of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans  
17 Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Chair of the Advisory  
18 Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada shall each  
19 appoint one member from their respective committees to serve as a  
20 member of the Commission. Each member so appointed must be a  
21 representative of a nationally recognized veterans organization and  
22 possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the military  
23 and naval service of the United States.

24 4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member  
25 of the Senate to serve as a member of the Commission.

26 5. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of  
27 the Assembly to serve as a member of the Commission.

28 6. The Governor may remove a member of the Commission at  
29 any time for failure to perform his or her duties, malfeasance or  
30 other good cause.

31 7. The term of office of each member is 2 years.

32 8. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of those members  
33 appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the Governor  
34 shall fill the vacancy from among the names of qualified nominees  
35 provided to the Governor in writing by the ~~{Executive}~~ Director.

36 **Sec. 27.** NRS 417.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 417.160 1. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission shall  
38 annually choose one of its members to serve as Chair and one of its  
39 members to serve as Vice Chair.

40 2. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall provide for the preparation  
41 and maintenance of written minutes for and audio recordings or  
42 transcripts of each meeting of the ~~{Veterans Services}~~ Commission.

43 3. Members of the ~~{Veterans—Services}~~ Commission are  
44 entitled to receive:



1 (a) A salary of not more than \$80 per day, as fixed by the  
2 ~~Executive~~ Director, while engaged in the business of the  
3 Commission.

4 (b) A subsistence allowance of not more than \$56 per day, as  
5 fixed by the ~~Executive~~ Director, and actual expenses for  
6 transportation, while traveling on business of the Commission.

7 **Sec. 28.** NRS 417.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 417.190 The Nevada Veterans Services Commission shall:

9 1. Advise the ~~Executive~~ Director and Deputy ~~Executive~~  
10 Director.

11 2. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the  
12 ~~Executive~~ Director and the Deputy ~~Executive~~ Director regarding  
13 aid or benefits to veterans.

14 **Sec. 29.** NRS 417.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 417.200 1. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall establish, operate  
16 and maintain a veterans cemetery in northern Nevada and a veterans  
17 cemetery in southern Nevada, and may, within the limits of  
18 legislative authorization, employ personnel and purchase equipment  
19 and supplies necessary for the operation and maintenance of the  
20 cemeteries. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall employ a cemetery  
21 superintendent to operate and maintain each cemetery.

22 2. The cemetery superintendent shall ensure that the area  
23 immediately above and surrounding the interred remains in each  
24 veterans cemetery is landscaped with natural grass.

25 3. A person desiring to provide voluntary services to further  
26 the establishment, maintenance or operation of either of the  
27 cemeteries shall submit a written offer to the cemetery  
28 superintendent which describes the nature of the services. The  
29 cemetery superintendent shall consider all such offers and approve  
30 those he or she deems appropriate. The cemetery superintendent  
31 shall coordinate the provision of all services so approved.

32 **Sec. 30.** NRS 417.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 417.210 1. A veteran who is eligible for interment in a  
34 national cemetery pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 2402 is  
35 eligible for interment in a veterans cemetery in this State.

36 2. An eligible veteran, or a member of his or her immediate  
37 family, or a veterans organization recognized by the ~~Executive~~  
38 Director may apply for a plot in a cemetery for veterans in this State  
39 by submitting a request to the cemetery superintendent on a form to  
40 be supplied by the cemetery superintendent. The cemetery  
41 superintendent shall assign available plots in the order in which  
42 applications are received. A specific plot may not be reserved before  
43 it is needed for burial. No charge may be made for a plot or for the  
44 interment of a veteran.



1 3. One plot is allowed for the interment of each eligible veteran  
2 and for each member of his or her immediate family, except where  
3 the conditions of the soil or the number of the decedents of the  
4 family requires more than one plot.

5 4. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall charge a fee for the interment  
6 of a family member, but the fee may not exceed the actual cost of  
7 interment.

8 5. As used in this section, "immediate family" means the  
9 spouse, minor child or, when the ~~Executive~~ Director deems  
10 appropriate, the unmarried adult child of an eligible veteran.

11 **Sec. 31.** NRS 417.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 417.220 1. The Account for Veterans Affairs is hereby  
13 created in the State General Fund.

14 2. Money received by the ~~Executive~~ Director or the Deputy  
15 ~~Executive~~ Director from:

16 (a) Fees charged pursuant to NRS 417.210;

17 (b) Allowances for burial from the *United States* Department of  
18 Veterans Affairs or other money provided by the Federal  
19 Government for the support of veterans cemeteries;

20 (c) Receipts from the sale of gifts and general merchandise;

21 (d) Grants obtained by the ~~Executive~~ Director or the Deputy  
22 ~~Executive~~ Director for the support of veterans cemeteries; and

23 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 and NRS  
24 417.145 and 417.147, gifts of money and proceeds derived from the  
25 sale of gifts of personal property that he or she is authorized to  
26 accept, if the use of such gifts has not been restricted by the donor,

27 ↪ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the  
28 Account for Veterans Affairs and must be accounted for separately  
29 for a veterans cemetery in northern Nevada or a veterans cemetery  
30 in southern Nevada, whichever is appropriate.

31 3. The interest and income earned on the money deposited  
32 pursuant to subsection 2, after deducting any applicable charges,  
33 must be accounted for separately. Interest and income must not be  
34 computed on money appropriated from the State General Fund to  
35 the Account for Veterans Affairs.

36 4. The money deposited pursuant to subsection 2 may only be  
37 used for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery for which  
38 the money was collected. In addition to personnel he or she is  
39 authorized to employ pursuant to NRS 417.200, the ~~Executive~~  
40 Director may use money deposited pursuant to subsection 2 to  
41 employ such additional employees as are necessary for the operation  
42 and maintenance of the cemeteries, except that the number of such  
43 additional full-time employees that the ~~Executive~~ Director may  
44 employ at each cemetery must not exceed 60 percent of the number  
45 of full-time employees for national veterans cemeteries that is



1 established by the National Cemetery Administration of the United  
2 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, gifts of  
4 personal property which the ~~{Executive}~~ Director or the Deputy  
5 ~~{Executive}~~ Director is authorized to receive but which are not  
6 appropriate for conversion to money may be used in kind.

7 6. The Gift Account for Veterans Cemeteries is hereby created  
8 in the State General Fund. Gifts of money that the ~~{Executive}~~  
9 Director or the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director is authorized to accept  
10 and which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at a veterans  
11 cemetery must be accounted for separately in the Gift Account for  
12 Veterans Cemeteries. The interest and income earned on the money  
13 deposited pursuant to this subsection must, after deducting any  
14 applicable charges, be accounted for separately for a veterans  
15 cemetery in northern Nevada or a veterans cemetery in southern  
16 Nevada, as applicable. Any money remaining in the Gift Account  
17 for Veterans Cemeteries at the end of each fiscal year does not  
18 revert to the State General Fund, but must be carried over into the  
19 next fiscal year.

20 7. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director or the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director  
21 shall use gifts of money or personal property that he or she is  
22 authorized to accept and for which the donor has restricted to one or  
23 more uses at a veterans cemetery in the manner designated by the  
24 donor, except that if the original purpose of the gift has been  
25 fulfilled or the original purpose cannot be fulfilled for good cause,  
26 any money or personal property remaining in the gift may be used  
27 for other purposes at the veterans cemetery in northern Nevada or  
28 the veterans cemetery in southern Nevada, as appropriate.

29 **Sec. 32.** NRS 417.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 417.230 1. There are hereby created the Advisory Committee  
31 for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Advisory  
32 Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada, each  
33 consisting of seven members as follows:

34 (a) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader  
35 of the Senate.

36 (b) One member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of  
37 the Assembly.

38 (c) Five members of veterans organizations in this State,  
39 appointed by the Governor.

40 2. The members of the Committees shall serve terms of 2  
41 years.

42 3. Each Committee shall annually elect a Chair and a Vice  
43 Chair from among its members.

44 4. Each Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year.





1 5. Any legislative member of a Committee who is not a  
2 candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues  
3 to serve after the general election until the next regular or special  
4 session of the Legislature convenes.

5 6. While engaged in the work of the Committee, each member  
6 of each Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowances  
7 and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees  
8 generally.

9 7. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall consult with each Committee  
10 regarding the establishment, maintenance and operation of the  
11 veterans cemetery for which the Committee was created.

12 **Sec. 33.** NRS 120A.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 120A.610 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 to  
14 8, inclusive, all abandoned property other than money delivered to  
15 the Administrator under this chapter must, within 2 years after the  
16 delivery, be sold by the Administrator to the highest bidder at public  
17 sale in whatever manner affords, in his or her judgment, the most  
18 favorable market for the property. The Administrator may decline  
19 the highest bid and reoffer the property for sale if the Administrator  
20 considers the bid to be insufficient.

21 2. Any sale held under this section must be preceded by a  
22 single publication of notice, at least 3 weeks before sale, in a  
23 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the property  
24 is to be sold.

25 3. The purchaser of property at any sale conducted by the  
26 Administrator pursuant to this chapter takes the property free of all  
27 claims of the owner or previous holder and of all persons claiming  
28 through or under them. The Administrator shall execute all  
29 documents necessary to complete the transfer of ownership.

30 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the  
31 Administrator need not offer any property for sale if the  
32 Administrator considers that the probable cost of the sale will  
33 exceed the proceeds of the sale. The Administrator may destroy or  
34 otherwise dispose of such property or may transfer it to:

35 (a) The Nevada State Museum Las Vegas, the Nevada State  
36 Museum or the Nevada Historical Society, upon its written request,  
37 if the property has, in the opinion of the requesting institution,  
38 historical, artistic or literary value and is worthy of preservation; or

39 (b) A genealogical library, upon its written request, if the  
40 property has genealogical value and is not wanted by the Nevada  
41 State Museum Las Vegas, the Nevada State Museum or the Nevada  
42 Historical Society.

43 ➤ An action may not be maintained by any person against the  
44 holder of the property because of that transfer, disposal or  
45 destruction.



1 5. The Administrator shall transfer property to the ~~Office~~  
2 *Department* of Veterans Services, upon its written request, if the  
3 property has military value.

4 6. Securities delivered to the Administrator pursuant to this  
5 chapter may be sold by the Administrator at any time after the  
6 delivery. Securities listed on an established stock exchange must be  
7 sold at the prevailing price for that security on the exchange at the  
8 time of sale. Other securities not listed on an established stock  
9 exchange may be sold:

10 (a) Over the counter at the prevailing price for that security at  
11 the time of sale; or

12 (b) By any other method the Administrator deems acceptable.

13 7. The Administrator shall hold property that was removed  
14 from a safe-deposit box or other safekeeping repository for 1 year  
15 after the date of the delivery of the property to the Administrator,  
16 unless that property is a will or a codicil to a will, in which case the  
17 Administrator shall hold the property for 10 years after the date of  
18 the delivery of the property to the Administrator. If no claims are  
19 filed for the property within that period and the Administrator  
20 determines that the probable cost of the sale of the property will  
21 exceed the proceeds of the sale, it may be destroyed.

22 8. All proceeds received by the Administrator from abandoned  
23 gift certificates must be accounted for separately in the Abandoned  
24 Property Trust Account in the State General Fund. At the end of  
25 each fiscal year, before any other money in the Abandoned Property  
26 Trust Account is transferred pursuant to NRS 120A.620, the balance  
27 in the subaccount created pursuant to this subsection, less any costs,  
28 service charges or claims chargeable to the subaccount, must be  
29 transferred to the Educational Trust Account, which is hereby  
30 created in the State General Fund. The money in the Educational  
31 Trust Account may be expended only as authorized by the  
32 Legislature for educational purposes.

33 **Sec. 34.** NRS 244.406 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 244.406 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
35 office of coordinator of services for veterans must be supported  
36 from money in the county general fund and from any gifts or grants  
37 received by the county for the support of the office.

38 2. The board of county commissioners of a county that creates  
39 the office of coordinator of services for veterans is authorized to  
40 accept funds from the ~~Executive~~ Director ~~for~~ *of the Department*  
41 *of* Veterans Services pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 417.090 for  
42 the support of the office.

43 3. The board of county commissioners of a county that creates  
44 the office of coordinator of services for veterans may enter into an  
45 agreement with the Health Division of the Department of Health and



1 Human Services for the purpose of obtaining federal matching funds  
2 to contribute to the salaries and expenses of the office of coordinator  
3 of services for veterans for its activities which are reasonably related  
4 to the programs of the Health Division of the Department of Health  
5 and Human Services and which benefit or result in cost avoidance  
6 for the Health Division.

7 4. The board of county commissioners of a county that creates  
8 the office of coordinator of services for veterans shall, on or before  
9 February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the  
10 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to each  
11 regular session of the Legislature describing the efficiency and  
12 effectiveness of the office. The report must include, without  
13 limitation, the number, total value and average value of the benefits  
14 received by the office on behalf of veterans, their spouses and their  
15 dependents.

16 **Sec. 35.** (Deleted by amendment.)

17 **Sec. 36.** (Deleted by amendment.)

18 **Sec. 37.** NRS 361.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 361.090 1. The property, to the extent of \$2,000 assessed  
20 valuation, of any actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada  
21 who:

22 (a) Has served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active  
23 duty, who was assigned to active duty at some time between  
24 April 21, 1898, and June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and  
25 November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and  
26 December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and May 7, 1975, or  
27 between September 26, 1982, and December 1, 1987, or between  
28 October 23, 1983, and November 21, 1983, or between  
29 December 20, 1989, and January 31, 1990, or between August 2,  
30 1990, and April 11, 1991, or between December 5, 1992, and  
31 March 31, 1994, or between November 20, 1995, and December 20,  
32 1996;

33 (b) Has served on active duty in connection with carrying out  
34 the authorization granted to the President of the United States in  
35 Public Law 102-1; or

36 (c) Has served on active duty in connection with a campaign or  
37 expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the  
38 Government of the United States, regardless of the number of days  
39 served on active duty,

40 and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable  
41 discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed  
42 Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving  
43 in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.



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1 2. For the purpose of this section, the first \$2,000 assessed  
2 valuation of property in which an applicant has any interest shall be  
3 deemed the property of the applicant.

4 3. The exemption may be allowed only to a claimant who files  
5 an affidavit with his or her claim for exemption on real property  
6 pursuant to NRS 361.155. The affidavit may be filed at any time by  
7 a person claiming exemption from taxation on personal property.

8 4. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a  
9 notary public and filed with the county assessor. It must state that  
10 the affiant is a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who meets  
11 all the other requirements of subsection 1 and that the exemption is  
12 not claimed in any other county in this State. After the filing of the  
13 original affidavit, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise  
14 provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

15 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

16 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift  
17 Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~ *Home in Southern Nevada or*  
18 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*  
19 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

20 to the person each year following a year in which the exemption  
21 was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate  
22 its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption. If so  
23 requested by the person claiming the exemption, the county assessor  
24 may provide the form to the person by electronic means in lieu of by  
25 mail. The county assessor may authorize the return of the form by  
26 electronic means in accordance with the provisions of chapter 719  
27 of NRS.

28 5. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the  
29 period of such service from filing the annual forms for renewal of  
30 the exemption, and the county assessors shall continue to grant the  
31 exemption to such persons on the basis of the original affidavits  
32 filed. In the case of any person who has entered the military service  
33 without having previously made and filed an affidavit of exemption,  
34 the affidavit may be filed in his or her behalf during the period of  
35 such service by any person having knowledge of the facts.

36 6. Before allowing any veteran's exemption pursuant to the  
37 provisions of this chapter, the county assessor shall require proof of  
38 status of the veteran, and for that purpose shall require production of  
39 an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service or a  
40 certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as may be  
41 necessary.

42 7. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to  
43 the county assessor or a notary public and, as a result of the false  
44 affidavit or false proof, the person is allowed a tax exemption to



1 which the person is not entitled, the person is guilty of a gross  
2 misdemeanor.

3 8. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary  
4 amounts in subsections 1 and 2 must be adjusted for each fiscal year  
5 by adding to the amount the product of the amount multiplied by the  
6 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) from  
7 July 2003 to the July preceding the fiscal year for which the  
8 adjustment is calculated. The Department shall provide to each  
9 county assessor the adjusted amount, in writing, on or before  
10 September 30 of each year.

11 **Sec. 38.** NRS 361.0905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 361.0905 1. Any person who qualifies for an exemption  
13 pursuant to NRS 361.090 or 361.091 may, in lieu of claiming the  
14 exemption:

15 (a) Pay to the county ~~assessor~~ *tax receiver* all or any portion of  
16 the amount by which the tax would be reduced if the person claimed  
17 the exemption; and

18 (b) Direct the county ~~assessor~~ *tax receiver* to deposit that  
19 amount for credit to the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~  
20 *Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans*  
21 *Home in Northern Nevada* established pursuant to NRS 417.145.

22 2. Any person who wishes to waive his or her exemption  
23 pursuant to this section shall designate the amount to be credited to  
24 ~~the~~ *a Gift* Account on a form provided by the Nevada Tax  
25 Commission.

26 3. The county ~~assessor~~ *tax receiver* shall deposit any money  
27 received pursuant to this section with the State Treasurer for credit  
28 to the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~ *Home in Southern*  
29 *Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*  
30 *Nevada* established pursuant to NRS 417.145. The State Treasurer  
31 shall not accept more than a total of \$2,000,000 for credit to ~~the~~ *a*  
32 *Gift* Account pursuant to this section and NRS 371.1035 during any  
33 fiscal year.

34 **Sec. 39.** NRS 361.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 361.091 1. A bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who  
36 has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and has been  
37 honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States,  
38 or his or her surviving spouse, is entitled to an exemption.

39 2. The amount of exemption is based on the total percentage of  
40 permanent service-connected disability. The maximum allowable  
41 exemption for total permanent disability is the first \$20,000 assessed  
42 valuation. A person with a permanent service-connected disability  
43 of:

44 (a) Eighty to 99 percent, inclusive, is entitled to an exemption of  
45 \$15,000 assessed value.



1 (b) Sixty to 79 percent, inclusive, is entitled to an exemption of  
2 \$10,000 assessed value.

3 ➤ For the purposes of this section, any property in which an  
4 applicant has any interest is deemed to be the property of the  
5 applicant.

6 3. The exemption may be allowed only to a claimant who has  
7 filed an affidavit with his or her claim for exemption on real  
8 property pursuant to NRS 361.155. The affidavit may be made at  
9 any time by a person claiming an exemption from taxation on  
10 personal property.

11 4. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a  
12 notary public and be filed with the county assessor. It must state that  
13 the affiant is a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada, that the  
14 affiant meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 and that the  
15 exemption is not claimed in any other county within this State. After  
16 the filing of the original affidavit, the county assessor shall, except  
17 as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

18 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

19 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift  
20 Account for *the Veterans ~~Homes~~ Home in Southern Nevada or*  
21 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*  
22 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

23 ➤ to the person each year following a year in which the exemption  
24 was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate  
25 its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption. If so  
26 requested by the person claiming the exemption, the county assessor  
27 may provide the form to the person by electronic means in lieu of by  
28 mail. The county assessor may authorize the return of the form by  
29 electronic means in accordance with the provisions of chapter 719  
30 of NRS.

31 5. Before allowing any exemption pursuant to the provisions of  
32 this section, the county assessor shall require proof of the  
33 applicant's status, and for that purpose shall require the applicant to  
34 produce an original or certified copy of:

35 (a) An honorable discharge or other document of honorable  
36 separation from the Armed Forces of the United States which  
37 indicates the total percentage of his or her permanent service-  
38 connected disability;

39 (b) A certificate of satisfactory service which indicates the total  
40 percentage of his or her permanent service-connected disability; or

41 (c) A certificate from the *United States* Department of Veterans  
42 Affairs or any other military document which shows that he or she  
43 has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and which  
44 indicates the total percentage of that disability, together with a  
45 certificate of honorable discharge or satisfactory service.



1 6. A surviving spouse claiming an exemption pursuant to this  
2 section must file with the county assessor an affidavit declaring that:

3 (a) The surviving spouse was married to and living with the  
4 veteran who incurred a permanent service-connected disability for  
5 the 5 years preceding his or her death;

6 (b) The veteran was eligible for the exemption at the time of his  
7 or her death or would have been eligible if the veteran had been a  
8 resident of the State of Nevada;

9 (c) The surviving spouse has not remarried; and

10 (d) The surviving spouse is a bona fide resident of the State of  
11 Nevada.

12 ➔ The affidavit required by this subsection is in addition to the  
13 certification required pursuant to subsections 4 and 5. After the  
14 filing of the original affidavit required by this subsection, the county  
15 assessor shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail  
16 a form for renewal of the exemption to the person each year  
17 following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that  
18 person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by  
19 the person claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person  
20 claiming the exemption, the county assessor may provide the form  
21 to the person by electronic means in lieu of by mail. The county  
22 assessor may authorize the return of the form by electronic means in  
23 accordance with the provisions of chapter 719 of NRS.

24 7. If a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran submits, as  
25 proof of disability, documentation that indicates a percentage of  
26 permanent service-connected disability for more than one permanent  
27 service-connected disability, the amount of the exemption must be  
28 based on the total of those combined percentages, not to exceed 100  
29 percent.

30 8. If a tax exemption is allowed under this section, the claimant  
31 is not entitled to an exemption under NRS 361.090.

32 9. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to  
33 the county assessor or a notary public and, as a result of the false  
34 affidavit or false proof, the person is allowed a tax exemption to  
35 which the person is not entitled, the person is guilty of a gross  
36 misdemeanor.

37 10. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary  
38 amounts in subsection 2 must be adjusted for each fiscal year by  
39 adding to the amount the product of the amount multiplied by the  
40 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) from  
41 July 2003 to the July preceding the fiscal year for which the  
42 adjustment is calculated. The Department shall provide to each  
43 county assessor the adjusted amount, in writing, on or before  
44 September 30 of each year.



1     **Sec. 40.** NRS 361.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     361.155 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section:

3     (a) All claims for personal tax exemptions on real property, the  
4     initial claim of an organization for a tax exemption on real property  
5     and the designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account  
6     for *the Veterans ~~Homestead~~ Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift*  
7     *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* pursuant to  
8     NRS 361.0905 must be filed on or before June 15.

9     (b) An initial claim for a tax exemption on real property  
10    acquired after June 15 and before July 1 must be filed on or before  
11    July 5.

12    2. All exemptions provided for pursuant to this chapter apply  
13    on a fiscal year basis, and any exemption granted pursuant to this  
14    chapter must not be in an amount which gives the taxpayer a total  
15    exemption greater than that to which the taxpayer is entitled during  
16    any fiscal year.

17    3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each claim for  
18    an exemption provided for pursuant to this chapter must be filed  
19    with the county assessor of:

20    (a) The county in which the claimant resides for personal tax  
21    exemptions; or

22    (b) Each county in which property is located for the tax  
23    exemption of an organization.

24    4. After the initial claim for an exemption pursuant to NRS  
25    361.088 or 361.098 to 361.150, inclusive, an organization is not  
26    required to file annual claims if the property remains exempt. If any  
27    portion of the property loses its exemption pursuant to NRS 361.157  
28    or for any other reason becomes taxable, the organization must  
29    notify the county assessor.

30    5. If an exemption is granted or renewed in error because of an  
31    incorrect claim or failure of an organization to give the notice  
32    required by subsection 4, the assessor shall assess the taxable  
33    portion of the property retroactively pursuant to NRS 361.769 and a  
34    penalty of 10 percent of the tax due for the current year and any  
35    prior years may be added.

36    6. If a claim for a tax exemption on real property and any  
37    required affidavit or other documentation in support of the claim is  
38    not filed within the time required by subsection 1, or if a claim for a  
39    tax exemption is denied by the county assessor, the person claiming  
40    the exemption may, on or before January 15 of the fiscal year for  
41    which the claim of exemption is made, file the claim and any  
42    required documentation in support of the claim with the county  
43    board of equalization of the county in which the claim is required to  
44    be filed pursuant to subsection 3. The county board of equalization  
45    shall review the claim of exemption and may grant or deny the





1 claim for that fiscal year, as it determines to be appropriate. The  
2 State Board of Equalization shall establish procedures for:

3 (a) The review of a claim of exemption by a county board of  
4 equalization pursuant to this subsection; and

5 (b) The appeal to the State Board of Equalization of the denial  
6 of a claim of exemption by a county board of equalization pursuant  
7 to this subsection.

8 **Sec. 41.** NRS 371.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 371.103 1. Vehicles, to the extent of \$2,000 determined  
10 valuation, registered by any actual bona fide resident of the State of  
11 Nevada who:

12 (a) Has served a minimum of 90 days on active duty, who was  
13 assigned to active duty at some time between April 21, 1898, and  
14 June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918,  
15 or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or between  
16 June 25, 1950, and May 7, 1975, or between September 26, 1982,  
17 and December 1, 1987, or between October 23, 1983, and  
18 November 21, 1983, or between December 20, 1989, and  
19 January 31, 1990, or between August 2, 1990, and April 11, 1991,  
20 or between December 5, 1992, and March 31, 1994, or between  
21 November 20, 1995, and December 20, 1996;

22 (b) Has served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active duty  
23 none of which was for training purposes, who was assigned to active  
24 duty at some time between January 1, 1961, and May 7, 1975;

25 (c) Has served on active duty in connection with carrying out  
26 the authorization granted to the President of the United States in  
27 Public Law 102-1; or

28 (d) Has served on active duty in connection with a campaign or  
29 expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the  
30 Government of the United States, regardless of the number of days  
31 served on active duty,

32 and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable  
33 discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed  
34 Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving  
35 in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.

36 2. In lieu of claiming the exemption from taxation set forth in  
37 subsection 1 in his or her name, a veteran may transfer the  
38 exemption to his or her current spouse. To transfer the exemption,  
39 the veteran must file an affidavit of transfer with the Department in  
40 the county where the exemption would otherwise have been  
41 claimed. The affidavit of transfer must be made before the county  
42 assessor or a notary public. If a veteran makes such a transfer:

43 (a) The spouse of the veteran is entitled to the exemption in the  
44 same manner as if the spouse were the veteran;



1 (b) The veteran is not entitled to the exemption for the duration  
2 of the transfer;

3 (c) The transfer expires upon the earlier of:

4 (1) The termination of the marriage;

5 (2) The death of the veteran; or

6 (3) The revocation of the transfer by the veteran as described  
7 in paragraph (d); and

8 (d) The veteran may, at any time, revoke the transfer of the  
9 exemption by filing with the Department in the county where the  
10 exemption is claimed an affidavit made before the county assessor  
11 or a notary public.

12 3. For the purpose of this section, the first \$2,000 determined  
13 valuation of vehicles in which a person described in subsection 1 or  
14 2 has any interest shall be deemed to belong to that person.

15 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a person  
16 claiming the exemption shall file annually with the Department in  
17 the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring  
18 that he or she is an actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada  
19 who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as  
20 applicable, and that the exemption is claimed in no other county in  
21 this State. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or  
22 a notary public. After the filing of the original affidavit of  
23 exemption and after the transfer of the exemption, if any, pursuant  
24 to subsection 2, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise  
25 provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

26 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

27 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift  
28 Account for *the Veterans ~~Home~~ Home in Southern Nevada or*  
29 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*  
30 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

31 ➔ to the person who claimed the exemption each year following a  
32 year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form  
33 must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person  
34 claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person claiming the  
35 exemption, the county assessor may provide the form to the person  
36 by electronic means in lieu of by mail.

37 5. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the  
38 period of such service from filing annual affidavits of exemption  
39 and the Department shall grant exemptions to those persons on the  
40 basis of the original affidavits filed. In the case of any person who  
41 has entered the military service without having previously made and  
42 filed an affidavit of exemption, the affidavit may be filed in his or  
43 her behalf during the period of such service by any person having  
44 knowledge of the facts.



1 6. Before allowing any veteran's exemption pursuant to the  
2 provisions of this chapter, the Department shall require proof of  
3 status of the veteran or, if a transfer has been made pursuant to  
4 subsection 2, proof of status of the veteran to whom the person  
5 claiming the exemption is married, and for that purpose shall require  
6 production of an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory  
7 service or a certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as  
8 may be necessary.

9 7. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to  
10 the Department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof a  
11 tax exemption is allowed to a person not entitled to the exemption,  
12 the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

13 8. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary  
14 amounts in subsections 1 and 3 must be adjusted for each fiscal year  
15 by adding to each amount the product of the amount multiplied by  
16 the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items)  
17 from December 2003 to the December preceding the fiscal year for  
18 which the adjustment is calculated.

19 **Sec. 42.** NRS 371.1035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 371.1035 1. Any person who qualifies for an exemption  
21 pursuant to NRS 371.103 or 371.104 may, in lieu of claiming the  
22 exemption:

23 (a) Pay to the Department all or any portion of the amount by  
24 which the tax would be reduced if the person claimed the  
25 exemption; and

26 (b) Direct the Department to deposit that amount for credit to  
27 the Gift Account for *the Veterans ~~Home~~ Home in Southern*  
28 *Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*  
29 *Nevada* established pursuant to NRS 417.145.

30 2. Any person who wishes to waive his or her exemption  
31 pursuant to this section shall designate the amount to be credited to  
32 ~~the~~ *a Gift* Account on a form provided by the Department.

33 3. The Department shall deposit any money received pursuant  
34 to this section with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account  
35 for *the Veterans ~~Home~~ Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift*  
36 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* established  
37 pursuant to NRS 417.145. The State Treasurer shall not accept more  
38 than a total of \$2,000,000 for credit to ~~the~~ *a Gift* Account pursuant  
39 to this section and NRS 361.0905 during any fiscal year.

40 **Sec. 43.** NRS 371.104 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 371.104 1. A bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who  
42 has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and has been  
43 honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States,  
44 or his or her surviving spouse, is entitled to a veteran's exemption



1 from the payment of governmental services taxes on vehicles of the  
2 following determined valuations:

3 (a) If he or she has a disability of 100 percent, the first \$20,000  
4 of determined valuation.

5 (b) If he or she has a disability of 80 to 99 percent, inclusive, the  
6 first \$15,000 of determined valuation.

7 (c) If he or she has a disability of 60 to 79 percent, inclusive, the  
8 first \$10,000 of determined valuation.

9 2. In lieu of claiming the exemption from taxation set forth in  
10 subsection 1 in his or her name, a veteran may transfer the  
11 exemption to his or her current spouse. To transfer the exemption,  
12 the veteran must file an affidavit of transfer with the Department in  
13 the county where the exemption would otherwise have been  
14 claimed. The affidavit of transfer must be made before the county  
15 assessor or a notary public. If a veteran makes such a transfer:

16 (a) The spouse of the veteran is entitled to the exemption in the  
17 same manner as if the spouse were the veteran;

18 (b) The veteran is not entitled to the exemption for the duration  
19 of the transfer;

20 (c) The transfer expires upon the earlier of:

21 (1) The termination of the marriage;

22 (2) The death of the veteran; or

23 (3) The revocation of the transfer by the veteran as described  
24 in paragraph (d); and

25 (d) The veteran may, at any time, revoke the transfer of the  
26 exemption by filing with the Department in the county where the  
27 exemption is claimed an affidavit made before the county assessor  
28 or a notary public.

29 3. For the purpose of this section, the first \$20,000 of  
30 determined valuation of vehicles in which a person described in  
31 subsection 1 or 2 has any interest shall be deemed to belong entirely  
32 to that person.

33 4. A person claiming the exemption shall file annually with the  
34 Department in the county where the exemption is claimed an  
35 affidavit declaring that he or she is a bona fide resident of the State  
36 of Nevada who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 or  
37 2, as applicable, and that the exemption is claimed in no other  
38 county within this State. After the filing of the original affidavit of  
39 exemption and after the transfer of the exemption, if any, pursuant  
40 to subsection 2, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise  
41 provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

42 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

43 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift  
44 Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~ *Home in Southern Nevada or*



1 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*  
2 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

3 ➔ to the person who claimed the exemption each year following a  
4 year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form  
5 must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person  
6 claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person claiming the  
7 exemption, the county assessor may provide the form to the person  
8 by electronic means in lieu of by mail.

9 5. Before allowing any exemption pursuant to the provisions of  
10 this section, the Department shall require proof of the veteran's  
11 status, and for that purpose shall require production of:

12 (a) A certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs that  
13 the veteran has incurred a permanent service-connected disability,  
14 which shows the percentage of that disability; and

15 (b) Any one of the following:

16 (1) An honorable discharge;

17 (2) A certificate of satisfactory service; or

18 (3) A certified copy of either of these documents.

19 6. A surviving spouse claiming an exemption pursuant to this  
20 section must file with the Department in the county where the  
21 exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that:

22 (a) The surviving spouse was married to and living with the  
23 veteran with a disability for the 5 years preceding his or her death;

24 (b) The veteran with a disability was eligible for the exemption  
25 at the time of his or her death or, if not for a transfer of the  
26 exemption pursuant to subsection 2, would have been eligible for  
27 the exemption at the time of his or her death; and

28 (c) The surviving spouse has not remarried.

29 ➔ The affidavit required by this subsection is in addition to the  
30 certification required pursuant to subsections 4 and 5. After the  
31 filing of the original affidavit required by this subsection, the county  
32 assessor shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail  
33 a form for renewal of the exemption to the person each year  
34 following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that  
35 person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by  
36 the person claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person  
37 claiming the exemption, the county assessor may provide the form  
38 to the person by electronic means in lieu of by mail.

39 7. If a tax exemption is allowed under this section, the veteran  
40 and his or her current spouse are not entitled to an exemption under  
41 NRS 371.103.

42 8. If any person makes a false affidavit or produces false proof  
43 to the Department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof  
44 the person is allowed a tax exemption to which he or she is not  
45 entitled, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.



1 9. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary  
2 amounts in subsections 1 and 3 must be adjusted for each fiscal year  
3 by adding to each amount the product of the amount multiplied by  
4 the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items)  
5 from December 2003 to the December preceding the fiscal year for  
6 which the adjustment is calculated.

7 **Sec. 44.** NRS 371.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 371.105 Claims pursuant to NRS 371.101, 371.102, 371.103 or  
9 371.104 for tax exemption on the governmental services tax and  
10 designations of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account for  
11 ~~the Veterans Homes~~ *Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift*  
12 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* pursuant to  
13 NRS 371.1035 must be filed annually at any time on or before the  
14 date when payment of the tax is due. All exemptions provided for in  
15 this section must not be in an amount which gives the taxpayer a  
16 total exemption greater than that to which the taxpayer is entitled  
17 during any fiscal year.

18 **Sec. 45.** NRS 389.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 389.810 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the  
20 contrary, a person who:

21 (a) Left high school before graduating to serve in the Armed  
22 Forces of the United States during:

23 (1) World War II and so served at any time between  
24 September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946;

25 (2) The Korean War and so served at any time between  
26 June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955; or

27 (3) The Vietnam Era and so served at any time between  
28 January 1, 1961, and May 7, 1975;

29 (b) Was discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States  
30 under honorable conditions; and

31 (c) As a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the  
32 United States, did not receive a high school diploma,

33 ➤ shall be deemed to have earned sufficient credits to receive a  
34 standard high school diploma.

35 2. A school district may, upon request, issue a standard high  
36 school diploma to any person who meets the requirements set forth  
37 in subsection 1. A school district may issue a standard high school  
38 diploma to such a person even if the person:

39 (a) Holds a general educational development credential or its  
40 equivalent; or

41 (b) Is deceased, if the family of the veteran requests the issuance  
42 of the diploma.

43 3. The State Board and the ~~Office~~ *Department* of Veterans  
44 Services shall work cooperatively to establish guidelines for



1 identifying and issuing standard high school diplomas to persons  
2 pursuant to this section.

3 4. A person to whom a standard high school diploma is issued  
4 pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be a pupil for the  
5 purposes of this title.

6 **Sec. 46.** NRS 407.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 407.065 1. The Administrator, subject to the approval of the  
8 Director:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, may  
10 establish, name, plan, operate, control, protect, develop and  
11 maintain state parks, monuments and recreational areas for the use  
12 of the general public. The name of an existing state park, monument  
13 or recreational area may not be changed unless the Legislature  
14 approves the change by statute.

15 (b) Shall protect state parks and property controlled or  
16 administered by the Division from misuse or damage and preserve  
17 the peace within those areas. The Administrator may appoint or  
18 designate certain employees of the Division to have the general  
19 authority of peace officers.

20 (c) May allow multiple use of state parks and real property  
21 controlled or administered by the Division for any lawful purpose,  
22 including, but not limited to, grazing, mining, development of  
23 natural resources, hunting and fishing, in accordance with such  
24 regulations as may be adopted in furtherance of the purposes of the  
25 Division.

26 (d) ~~Shall~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,*  
27 *shall* impose and collect reasonable fees for entering, camping and  
28 boating in state parks and recreational areas. The Division shall  
29 issue ~~upon application therefor and proof of residency and age,~~  
30 an annual permit for entering, camping and boating in all state parks  
31 and recreational areas in this State :

32 (1) *Upon application therefor and proof of residency and*  
33 *age,* to any person who is 65 years of age or older and has resided in  
34 this State for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date on  
35 which the application is submitted.

36 (2) *Upon application therefor and proof of residency and*  
37 *proof of status as described in subsection 5 of NRS 361.091, to a*  
38 *bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a*  
39 *permanent service-connected disability of 10 percent or more and*  
40 *has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the*  
41 *United States.*

42 ➤ The permit must be issued without charge, except that the  
43 Division shall charge and collect an administrative fee for the  
44 issuance of the permit in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of  
45 issuing the permit.



1 (e) May conduct and operate such special services as may be  
2 necessary for the comfort and convenience of the general public,  
3 and impose and collect reasonable fees for such special services.

4 (f) May rent or lease concessions located within the boundaries  
5 of state parks or of real property controlled or administered by the  
6 Division to public or private corporations, to groups of natural  
7 persons, or to natural persons for a valuable consideration upon such  
8 terms and conditions as the Division deems fit and proper, but no  
9 concessionaire may dominate any state park operation.

10 (g) May establish such capital projects construction funds as are  
11 necessary to account for the parks improvements program approved  
12 by the Legislature. The money in these funds must be used for the  
13 construction and improvement of those parks which are under the  
14 supervision of the Administrator.

15 (h) In addition to any concession specified in paragraph (f), may  
16 establish concessions within the boundaries of any state park to  
17 provide for the sale of food, drinks, ice, publications, sundries, gifts  
18 and souvenirs, and other such related items as the Administrator  
19 determines are appropriately made available to visitors. Any money  
20 received by the Administrator for a concession established pursuant  
21 to this paragraph must be deposited in the Fund for State Park  
22 Interpretative and Educational Programs and Operation of  
23 Concessions.

24 2. The Administrator:

25 (a) Shall issue an annual permit to a person who pays a  
26 reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the  
27 holder of the permit to enter each state park and each recreational  
28 area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,  
29 use the facilities of the state park or recreational area without paying  
30 the entrance fee; and

31 (b) May issue an annual permit to a person who pays a  
32 reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the  
33 holder of the permit to enter a specific state park or specific  
34 recreational area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in  
35 subsection 3, use the facilities of the state park or recreational area  
36 without paying the entrance fee.

37 3. An annual permit issued pursuant to subsection 2 does not  
38 authorize the holder of the permit to engage in camping or boating,  
39 or to attend special events. The holder of such a permit who wishes  
40 to engage in camping or boating, or to attend special events, must  
41 pay any fee established for the respective activity.

42 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS  
43 407.0762 and subsection 1 of NRS 407.0765, the fees collected  
44 pursuant to paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subsection 1 or subsection  
45 2 must be deposited in the State General Fund.





1       **Sec. 47.** NRS 482.3764 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       482.3764 1. Before the Department issues to any person,  
3 pursuant to NRS 482.3763:

4       (a) An initial set of special license plates, it shall:

5           (1) Collect a special fee for the support of outreach programs  
6 and services for veterans and their families in the amount of \$25;  
7 and

8           (2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant  
9 who meets the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.

10       (b) An annual renewal sticker, it shall:

11           (1) Collect a special fee for the support of outreach programs  
12 and services for veterans and their families in the amount of \$20;  
13 and

14           (2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant  
15 who meets the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.

16       2. The Department shall deposit all money collected pursuant  
17 to this section with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account  
18 for Veterans created by subsection ~~8~~ 9 of NRS 417.145.

19       **Sec. 48.** NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20       483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for an  
21 instruction permit or driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290, the  
22 Department shall inquire whether the person desires to declare that  
23 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

24       2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that  
25 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
26 person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he  
27 or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the  
28 United States.

29       3. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she  
30 is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
31 Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only  
32 numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

33       4. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

34           (a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during  
35 the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection  
36 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;  
37 and

38           (b) Transmit that number to the ~~Office~~ *Department*  
39 of Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

40       **Sec. 49.** NRS 483.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41       483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for an  
42 identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850, the Department shall  
43 inquire whether the person desires to declare that he or she is a  
44 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.



1       2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that  
2 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
3 person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he  
4 or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the  
5 United States.

6       3. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she  
7 is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
8 Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only  
9 numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

10       4. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

11       (a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during  
12 the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection  
13 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;  
14 and

15       (b) Transmit that number to the ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of  
16 Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

17       **Sec. 50.** NRS 642.0197 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18       642.0197 1. A funeral director who obtains custody of the  
19 unclaimed human remains of a deceased person whom the funeral  
20 director knows, has reason to know or reasonably believes is a  
21 veteran shall report the name of the deceased person to the ~~{Office}~~  
22 *Department* of Veterans Services not later than 1 year after  
23 obtaining custody of the unclaimed human remains of the deceased  
24 person.

25       2. Upon receipt of a report made pursuant to subsection 1, the  
26 ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of Veterans Services shall determine whether  
27 the deceased person is a veteran who is eligible for interment at a  
28 national cemetery pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 2402 or a veterans  
29 cemetery pursuant to NRS 417.210. The ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of  
30 Veterans Services shall provide notice of the determination to the  
31 funeral director.

32       3. If the ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of Veterans Services provides  
33 notice to a funeral director of a determination that a deceased person  
34 is a veteran who is eligible for interment at a national cemetery or a  
35 veterans cemetery, the funeral director shall arrange for the proper  
36 disposition of the veteran's remains with:

37       (a) A national cemetery or veterans cemetery; or

38       (b) The ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of Veterans Services.

39       4. A funeral director is immune from civil or criminal liability  
40 for any act or omission with respect to complying with the  
41 provisions of this section.

42       5. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed  
43 to it in NRS 176A.090.

44       **Sec. 51.** NRS 417.040 and 417.050 are hereby repealed.



1     **Sec. 52.** The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing  
2 supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately  
3 change any references to an officer, agency or other entity whose  
4 name is changed or whose responsibilities are transferred pursuant  
5 to the provisions of this act to refer to the appropriate officer,  
6 agency or other entity.

7     **Sec. 53.** If the name of a fund or account is changed pursuant  
8 to the provisions of this act, the State Controller shall change the  
9 designation of the name of the fund or account without making any  
10 transfer of the money in the fund or account. The assets and  
11 liabilities of such a fund or account are unaffected by the change of  
12 the name.

13     **Sec. 54.** Any regulations adopted by the Executive Director of  
14 the Office of Veterans Services before October 1, 2013, pursuant to  
15 NRS 417.020 remain in effect and may be enforced by the Director  
16 of the Department of Veterans Services until the Director of the  
17 Department of Veterans Services adopts regulations to repeal or  
18 replace those regulations.

19     **Sec. 55.** The Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of  
20 Veterans Services to purchase, construct, lease, renovate or acquire  
21 by lease-purchase a veterans home in northern Nevada.

22     **Sec. 56.** On or before October 1, 2013, the Governor shall  
23 appoint the members of the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs  
24 pursuant to paragraph (l) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

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**417.040 Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director:  
Terms of office.** The term of office of the Executive Director or  
Deputy Executive Director is 4 years, terminating on July 1 of the  
first year of the Governor's term of office.

**417.050 Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director:  
Vacancies; removal from office; absence from office.**

1. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of Executive  
Director or Deputy Executive Director, the Governor shall appoint a  
successor to that office within 30 days after the vacancy.

2. The Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director may  
be removed from office at any time on failure to perform the duties  
required by this chapter.

3. The Deputy Executive Director shall assume the duties of  
the Executive Director in the Executive Director's absence.



