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AN ACT relating to special license plates; providing for the issuance of special license plates inscribed with the international symbol of access to a veteran with a qualifying service-connected disability under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the issuance of special license plates to a veteran who, as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States, has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and receives compensation from the United States for the disability. (NRS 482.377) Such a special license plate must be inscribed with the international symbol of access, which is a diagram of a figure that resembles a wheelchair. A vehicle on which such a special license plate is displayed is: (1) exempt from the payment of parking fees charged by this State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States; and (2) authorized, if the veteran is in the vehicle, to park in a parking space designated for persons who are handicapped. (NRS 484B.463, 484B.467) Such an exemption and authorization are also provided for special license plates authorized for a veteran who was captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation. (NRS 482.377)

Existing law also authorizes special license plates for veterans who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor or who were awarded the Purple Heart, the Congressional Medal of Honor or the Silver Star or Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device. Existing law also provides that a veteran who is eligible for Pearl Harbor, Purple Heart, Congressional Medal of Honor or Silver Star or Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device special license plates who also suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled, by not later than July 1, 2018, to have his or her special license plates inscribed with the international symbol of access. In addition, such a person is exempt from the payment of parking fees charged by this State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States, and may, if the veteran is in the vehicle, park in a parking space designated for persons who are handicapped. (NRS 482.3765, 482.377, 482.3775, 482.378, 482.3783)

Sections 3-8 of this bill provide that to be eligible for the international symbol of access on all such special license plates, a veteran, as a result of his or her service, must have suffered a “qualifying service-connected disability” and receive compensation from the United States for the disability. **Section 1** of this bill defines a “qualifying service-connected disability” as: (1) a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent; (2) more than one service-connected disability, the combined ratings of which add up to at least 100 percent; or (3) a service-connected disability of any rating that constitutes or includes a permanent disability that qualifies a person for a special license plate.



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

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Qualifying service-connected disability” means:

- 1. A service-connected disability rated at 100 percent;***
- 2. More than one service-connected disability, the combined ratings of which add up to at least 100 percent; or***
- 3. A service-connected disability of any rating that constitutes or includes a permanent disability that qualifies a person for a special license plate pursuant to NRS 482.384.***

Sec. 2. NRS 482.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 482.0105 to 482.137, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act*** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 482.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3765 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the words “PEARL HARBOR VETERAN” or “PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR,” at the option of the veteran, and a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a ~~100 percent~~ ***qualifying*** service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

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



4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of their status as a survivor and, if applicable, evidence of disability required by the Department.

5. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(a) Has suffered a ~~100-percent~~ *qualifying* service-connected disability and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to specially designed license plates that must be inscribed with:

(1) The words "DISABLED VETERAN," "DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN" or "VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED," at the option of the veteran;

(2) The international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background; and

(3) A number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

(b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the words "EX PRISONER OF WAR" and a number



of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 5. NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(a) Has suffered a ~~100-percent~~ **qualifying** service-connected disability and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to specially designed license plates that must be inscribed with:

(1) The words "DISABLED VETERAN," "DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN" or "VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED," as the option of the veteran;

(2) The international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background; and

(3) A number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.



(b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the words "EX PRISONER OF WAR" and a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, has suffered a ~~100-percent~~ *qualifying* service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

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

4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of disability, former imprisonment or both, as applicable, required by the Department.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 6. NRS 482.3775 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3775 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who was awarded the Purple Heart is entitled to specially



designed license plates which indicate that the veteran is a recipient of the Purple Heart.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a ~~100-percent~~ *qualifying* service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

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

4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of his or her status as a recipient of the Purple Heart and, if applicable, evidence of disability as required by the Department. The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

5. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

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

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

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

7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 482.265, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the



issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of replacement license plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

Sec. 7. NRS 482.378 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.378 1. An owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this State and has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor may, upon signed application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department, be issued license plates which indicate that he or she is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The applicant shall comply with the motor vehicle laws of this State, including the provisions of chapter 371 of NRS and the payment of the registration fees required by this chapter, but no fee may be charged under NRS 482.367.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a ~~100-percent~~ *qualifying* service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

3. Each person who is eligible for special license plates under this section may apply for two sets of plates. The second set of plates for an additional vehicle must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. The plates may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

5. The Department may adopt regulations governing the issuance of special license plates to recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sec. 8. NRS 482.3783 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3783 1. The Department shall design, prepare and issue license plates honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been awarded, as applicable, the:

(a) Silver Star; or



(b) Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a ~~100-percent~~ *qualifying* service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with the applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

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

4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of his or her status as a recipient of the Silver Star or the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device, as applicable, and evidence of his or her service-connected disability, if applicable, as required by the Department. The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including, without limitation, those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within this State, other than the United States.

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

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

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



7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 482.265, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If the special license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of replacement license plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

Sec. 9. 1. This section and sections 1, 2, and 4 of this act become effective on July 1, 2017.

2. Sections 3 and 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act become effective on the earlier of July 1, 2018, or the date on which the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles notifies the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau that sufficient resources are available to enable the Department to carry out the provisions of chapter 62, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 262.



