## SENATE BILL NO. 151–SENATORS GUSTAVSON; CEGAVSKE, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND AND SETTELMEYER

### FEBRUARY 18, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN FIORE; DUNCAN AND ELLISON

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development

SUMMARY—Revises the formula used to determine the value of used vehicles for the purpose of calculating the amount of governmental services taxes due. (BDR 32-433)

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

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

AN ACT relating to taxation; revising the provisions governing the calculation of governmental services taxes due annually for used vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law sets forth depreciation schedules for determining the amount of governmental services taxes due each year for a used vehicle. (NRS 371.060) During the 2009 Legislative Session, the Legislature amended these depreciation schedules to increase by 10 percent the portion of the initial value of used vehicles upon which the amount of those taxes are calculated, and allocated the resulting increase in tax revenue to the State. (Chapter 395, Statutes of Nevada 2009, pp. 2190-91, 2193-94) This bill essentially repeals that increase and allocation beginning on July 1, 2013.





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

**Section 1.** NRS 371.060 is hereby amended to read as follows: 371.060 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, each vehicle must be depreciated by the Department for the purposes of the annual governmental services tax according to the following schedule:

6		Percentage of
7	Age	Initial Value
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9	New	100 percent
10	1 year	
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15	6 years	
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18	9 years or more	
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2. Each bus, truck or truck-tractor having a declared gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more and each trailer or semitrailer having an unladen weight of 4,000 pounds or more must be depreciated by the Department for the purposes of the annual governmental services tax according to the following schedule:

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25		Percentage of
26	Age	Initial Value
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28	New	100 percent
29	1 year	
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31		<mark>57] 47</mark> percent
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33	5 years	
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3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the minimum amount of the governmental services tax:





- 1 (a) On any trailer having an unladen weight of 1,000 pounds or 2 less is \$3; and
  - (b) On any other vehicle is [\$16.] \$6.

- 4. For the purposes of this section, a vehicle shall be deemed a "new" vehicle if the vehicle has never been registered with the Department and has never been registered with the appropriate agency of any other state, the District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United States or any foreign state, province or country.
  - **Sec. 2.** NRS 371.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 371.230 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 371.1035, 482.180 [,] and 482.181, [and 482.182,] money collected by the Department for governmental services taxes and penalties pursuant to the provisions of this chapter must be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Fund.
  - **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.180 1. The Motor Vehicle Fund is hereby created as an agency fund. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 or by a specific statute, all money received or collected by the Department must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund.
- 2. The interest and income on the money in the Motor Vehicle Fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the State Highway Fund.
- 3. Any check accepted by the Department in payment of the governmental services tax or any other fee required to be collected pursuant to this chapter must, if it is dishonored upon presentation for payment, be charged back against the Motor Vehicle Fund or the county to which the payment was credited pursuant to this section or NRS 482.181, in the proper proportion.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, all money received or collected by the Department for the basic governmental services tax must be distributed in the manner set forth in NRS 482.181. [and 482.182.]
- 5. Money for the administration of the provisions of this chapter must be provided by direct legislative appropriation from the State Highway Fund or other legislative authorization, upon the presentation of budgets in the manner required by law. Out of the appropriation or authorization, the Department shall pay every item of expense.
- 6. The Department shall withhold 6 percent from the amount of the governmental services tax collected by the Department as a commission. From the amount of the governmental services tax collected by a county assessor, the State Controller shall credit 1 percent to the Department as a commission and remit 5 percent to





the county for credit to its general fund as commission for the services of the county assessor. All money withheld by or credited to the Department pursuant to this subsection must be used only for the administration of this chapter as authorized by the Legislature pursuant to subsection 5.

- 7. When the requirements of this section and NRS 482.181 [and 482.182] have been met, and when directed by the Department, the State Controller shall transfer monthly to the State Highway Fund any balance in the Motor Vehicle Fund.
- 8. If a statute requires that any money in the Motor Vehicle Fund be transferred to another fund or account, the Department shall direct the State Controller to transfer the money in accordance with the statute.

**Sec. 4.** NRS 482.181 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 482.181 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, after deducting the amount withheld by the Department and the amount credited to the Department pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 482.180, [and the amount transferred to the State Highway Fund pursuant to NRS 482.182,] the Department shall certify monthly to the State Board of Examiners the amount of the basic and supplemental governmental services taxes collected for each county by the Department and its agents during the preceding month, and that money must be distributed monthly as provided in this section.
- 2. Any supplemental governmental services tax collected for a county must be distributed only to the county, to be used as provided in NRS 371.043, 371.045 and 371.047.
- 3. The distribution of the basic governmental services tax received or collected for each county must be made to the county school district within each county before any distribution is made to a local government, special district or enterprise district. For the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic governmental services tax to be distributed to the county school district, the taxes levied by each local government, special district and enterprise district are the product of its certified valuation, determined pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 361.405, and its tax rate, established pursuant to NRS 361.455 for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1980, except that the tax rate for school districts, including the rate attributable to a district's debt service, is the rate established pursuant to NRS 361.455 for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1978, but if the rate attributable to a district's debt service in any fiscal year is greater than its rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1978, the higher rate must be used to determine the amount attributable to debt service.
- 4. After making the distributions set forth in subsection 3, the remaining money received or collected for each county must be





deposited in the Local Government Tax Distribution Account created by NRS 360.660 for distribution to local governments, special districts and enterprise districts within each county pursuant to the provisions of NRS 360.680 and 360.690.

- 5. An amount equal to any basic governmental services tax distributed to a redevelopment agency in the Fiscal Year 1987-1988 must continue to be distributed to that agency as long as it exists but must not be increased
- 6. The Department shall make distributions of the basic governmental services tax directly to county school districts.
  - 7. As used in this section:

- (a) "Enterprise district" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 360.620.
- (b) "Local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 360.640.
  - (c) "Received or collected for each county" means:
- (1) For the basic governmental services tax collected on vehicles subject to the provisions of chapter 706 of NRS, the amount determined for each county based on the following percentages:

Carson City.	1.07 percent	Lincoln	3.12 percent
	5.21 percent		2.90 percent
Clark	22.54 percent	Mineral	2.40 percent
Douglas	2.52 percent	Nye	4.09 percent
Elko	13.31 percent	Pershing	7.00 percent
Esmeralda	2.52 percent	Storey	0.19 percent
Eureka	3.10 percent	Washoe	12.24 percent
Humboldt	8.25 percent	White Pine	5.66 percent
Lander	3.88 percent		•

- (2) For all other basic and supplemental governmental services tax received or collected by the Department, the amount attributable to each county based on the county of registration of the vehicle for which the tax was paid.
- (d) "Special district" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 360.650.
  - **Sec. 5.** NRS 482.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.260 1. When registering a vehicle, the Department and its agents or a registered dealer shall:
- (a) Collect the fees for license plates and registration as provided for in this chapter.
- (b) Collect the governmental services tax on the vehicle, as agent [for the State and] for the county where the applicant intends





to base the vehicle for the period of registration, unless the vehicle is deemed to have no base.

- (c) Collect the applicable taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 372, 374, 377 and 377A of NRS.
  - (d) Issue a certificate of registration.

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- (e) If the registration is performed by the Department, issue the regular license plate or plates.
- (f) If the registration is performed by a registered dealer, provide information to the owner regarding the manner in which the regular license plate or plates will be made available to the owner.
- 2. Upon proof of ownership satisfactory to the Director, the Director shall cause to be issued a certificate of title as provided in this chapter.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 371.070, every vehicle being registered for the first time in Nevada must be taxed for the purposes of the governmental services tax for a 12-month period.
- 4. The Department shall deduct and withhold 2 percent of the taxes collected pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and remit the remainder to the Department of Taxation.
- 5. A registered dealer shall forward all fees and taxes collected for the registration of vehicles to the Department.
  - **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 1. The registration of every vehicle expires at 482.280 midnight on the day specified on the receipt of registration, unless the day specified falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. If the day specified on the receipt of registration is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the registration of the vehicle expires at midnight on the next judicial day. The Department shall mail to each holder of a certificate of registration a notification for renewal of registration for the following period of registration. The notifications must be mailed by the Department in sufficient time to allow all applicants to mail the notifications to the Department or to renew the certificate of registration at a kiosk or authorized inspection station or via the Internet or an interactive response system and to receive new certificates of registration and license plates, stickers, tabs or other suitable devices by mail before the expiration of their registrations. An applicant may present or submit the notification to any agent or office of the Department.
    - 2. A notification:
- (a) Mailed or presented to the Department or to a county assessor pursuant to the provisions of this section;
  - (b) Submitted to the Department pursuant to NRS 482.294; or
- (c) Presented to an authorized inspection station or authorized station pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.281,





- → must include, if required, evidence of compliance with standards for the control of emissions.
- 3. The Department shall include with each notification mailed pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) The amount of the governmental services tax to be collected *for the county* pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.260.
- (b) The amount set forth in a notice of nonpayment filed with the Department by a local authority pursuant to NRS 484B.527.
  - (c) A statement which informs the applicant:
- (1) That, pursuant to NRS 485.185, the applicant is legally required to maintain insurance during the period in which the motor vehicle is registered which must be provided by an insurance company licensed by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and approved to do business in this State; and
- (2) Of any other applicable requirements set forth in chapter 485 of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- 4. An owner who has made proper application for renewal of registration before the expiration of the current registration but who has not received the license plate or plates or card of registration for the ensuing period of registration is entitled to operate or permit the operation of that vehicle upon the highways upon displaying thereon the license plate or plates issued for the preceding period of registration for such a time as may be prescribed by the Department as it may find necessary for the issuance of the new plate or plates or card of registration.
  - Sec. 7. NRS 482.182 is hereby repealed.
- **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act apply only to governmental services taxes imposed for any period of registration of a vehicle that begins on or after July 1, 2013.
  - **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective:
- 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
  - 2. On July 1, 2013, for all other purposes.

#### TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

# 482.182 Governmental services taxes: Transfer of certain amount from proceeds to State Highway Fund.

1. After deducting the amount withheld by the Department and the amount credited to the Department pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 482.180 and before carrying out the provisions of





NRS 482.181 each month, the Department shall direct the State Controller to transfer to the State Highway Fund from the proceeds of the basic governmental services tax collected by the Department and its agents during the preceding month the amounts indicated pursuant to this section.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the amount required to be transferred pursuant to subsection 1 from the proceeds of the basic governmental services tax imposed on vehicles depreciated in accordance with:
  - (a) Subsection 1 of NRS 371.060 based upon an age of:
    - (1) One year, is a sum equal to 11 percent of those proceeds;
- (2) Two years, is a sum equal to 12 percent of those proceeds;
- (3) Three years, is a sum equal to 13 percent of those proceeds;
- (4) Four years, is a sum equal to 15 percent of those proceeds;
- (5) Five years, is a sum equal to 18 percent of those proceeds;
  - (6) Six years, is a sum equal to 22 percent of those proceeds;
- (7) Seven years, is a sum equal to 29 percent of those proceeds;
- (8) Eight years, is a sum equal to 40 percent of those proceeds; and
- (9) Nine years or more, is a sum equal to 67 percent of those proceeds; and
  - (b) Subsection 2 of NRS 371.060 based upon an age of:
    - (1) One year, is a sum equal to 12 percent of those proceeds;
- (2) Two years, is a sum equal to 14 percent of those proceeds;
- (3) Three years, is a sum equal to 18 percent of those proceeds;
- (4) Four years, is a sum equal to 21 percent of those proceeds;
- (5) Five years, is a sum equal to 26 percent of those proceeds;
  - (6) Six years, is a sum equal to 30 percent of those proceeds;
- (7) Seven years, is a sum equal to 33 percent of those proceeds;
- (8) Eight years, is a sum equal to 37 percent of those proceeds;
- (9) Nine years, is a sum equal to 40 percent of those proceeds; and
- (10) Ten years or more, is a sum equal to 43 percent of those proceeds.





3. The amount required to be transferred pursuant to subsection 1 from the proceeds of the basic governmental services tax imposed on vehicles to which the minimum amount of that tax applies pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NRS 371.060 is a sum equal to 63 percent of those proceeds.





