

SENATE BILL NO. 163—SENATOR SPEARMAN

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Provides for the issuance of special license plates to support the Divine Nine organizations. (BDR 43-1018)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to special license plates; providing for the issuance of special license plates to support the Divine Nine organizations; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of such license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to design,  
2 prepare and issue special license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine  
3 organizations, which are the following historically Black collegiate fraternities and  
4 sororities: (1) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; (2) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,  
5 Inc.; (3) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; (4) Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.; (5)  
6 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; (6) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; (7) Phi Beta  
7 Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; (8) Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and (9) Zeta Phi Beta  
8 Sorority, Inc. **Section 1** requires an individual license plate to be designed, prepared  
9 and issued for each Divine Nine organization. **Section 1** requires the fees collected  
10 for the special license plates that are in addition to all other applicable registration  
11 and license fees and governmental services taxes to be deposited with the State  
12 Treasurer, who must, on a quarterly basis, distribute: (1) five percent of the fees to  
13 the United Negro College Fund; and (2) the remaining 95 percent of the fees among  
14 the chapters of the applicable Divine Nine organization that are in this State or  
15 to the charitable organization associated with the applicable Divine Nine  
16 organization, as specified in **section 1**. **Section 1** authorizes a person who wishes to  
17 obtain the special license plates to request that the plates be combined with  
18 personalized prestige plates if the person pays the fees for the personalized prestige  
19 plates in addition to the fees for the special license plates.

20 Under existing law, certain special license plates: (1) must be approved by the  
21 Department, based on a recommendation from the Commission on Special License  
22 Plates; (2) are subject to a limitation on the number of separate designs which the  
23 Department may issue at any one time; and (3) may not be designed, prepared or



24 issued by the Department unless a certain number of applications for the plates are  
25 received. (NRS 482.367004, 482.367008, 482.36705) **Sections 6-8** of this bill  
26 exempt the special license plates that indicate support for a Divine Nine  
27 organization from each of the preceding requirements. **Sections 2-5 and 9-12** of  
28 this bill make conforming changes by indicating the placement of **section 1** within  
29 the Nevada Revised Statutes and by adding **section 1** to certain lists of special  
30 license plates.

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

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

3 *1. The Department, in cooperation with each of the*  
4 *applicable Divine Nine organizations, shall design, prepare and*  
5 *issue a license plate that indicates support for the applicable*  
6 *Divine Nine organization, using any colors that the Department*  
7 *deems appropriate. An individual license plate must be designed,*  
8 *prepared and issued for each of the Divine Nine organizations.*

9 *2. The organizations for which license plates must be*  
10 *designed, prepared and issued pursuant to subsection 1 are:*

- 11 *(a) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.;*
- 12 *(b) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;*
- 13 *(c) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;*
- 14 *(d) Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.;*
- 15 *(e) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.;*
- 16 *(f) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;*
- 17 *(g) Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.;*
- 18 *(h) Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and*
- 19 *(i) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*

20 *3. The Department shall issue license plates that indicate*  
21 *support for a Divine Nine organization for a passenger car or light*  
22 *commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to*  
23 *license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise*  
24 *complies with the requirements for registration and licensing*  
25 *pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized*  
26 *prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be*  
27 *combined with license plates that indicate support for a Divine*  
28 *Nine organization if that person pays the fees for the personalized*  
29 *prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates*  
30 *that indicate support for a Divine Nine organization pursuant to*  
31 *subsections 4 and 5.*

32 *4. The fee for license plates that indicate support for a Divine*  
33 *Nine organization is \$35, in addition to all other applicable*  
34 *registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The*



1 *license plates are renewable upon the payment to the Department*  
2 *of \$10.*

3 *5. In addition to all other applicable registration and license*  
4 *fees, governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed pursuant*  
5 *to subsection 4, a person who requests a set of license plates that*  
6 *indicate support for a Divine Nine organization must pay a fee of*  
7 *\$25 for the issuance of the plates and a fee of \$20 for each*  
8 *renewal of the plates, to be deposited in accordance with*  
9 *subsection 6.*

10 *6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.38279, the*  
11 *Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection*  
12 *5 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.*  
13 *The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute:*

14 *(a) Five percent of the fees deposited pursuant to this*  
15 *subsection to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., or its*  
16 *successor organization, for college scholarships for Nevada*  
17 *residents attending a college in this State; and*

18 *(b) The remaining 95 percent of the fees deposited pursuant to*  
19 *this subsection to one of the following organizations, as selected*  
20 *by the person who paid the fees pursuant to subsection 5, in the*  
21 *following manner:*

22 *(1) For Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.:*

23 *(I) Eighty-five percent distributed to the Alpha Kappa*  
24 *Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc., to promote*  
25 *community awareness and action through educational, economic*  
26 *and cultural service activities within this State.*

27 *(II) Ten percent distributed to the Alpha Kappa Alpha*  
28 *Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc., solely for the*  
29 *marketing of the license plate.*

30 *(2) For Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.:*

31 *(I) Eighty-five percent equally distributed among the*  
32 *Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity chapters in this State for the*  
33 *promotion of community awareness and action through*  
34 *educational, economic and cultural service activities within this*  
35 *State.*

36 *(II) Ten percent equally distributed among the Alpha*  
37 *Phi Alpha Fraternity chapters in this State solely for the*  
38 *marketing of the license plate.*

39 *(3) For Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.:*

40 *(I) Eighty-five percent distributed to the Delta Research*  
41 *and Educational Foundation, Inc., to promote community*  
42 *awareness and action through educational, economic and cultural*  
43 *service activities within this State.*



1           (ii) Ten percent distributed to the Delta Research and  
2 Educational Foundation, Inc., solely for the marketing of the  
3 license plate.

4           (4) For Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.:

5           (i) Eighty-five percent distributed to the National Iota  
6 Foundation, Inc., to promote community awareness and action  
7 through educational, economic and cultural service activities  
8 within this State.

9           (ii) Ten percent distributed to the National Iota  
10 Foundation, Inc., solely for the marketing of the license plate.

11          (5) For Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.:

12          (i) Eighty-five percent distributed to the Western  
13 Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., for the promotion of  
14 community awareness and action through educational, economic  
15 and cultural service activities within this State.

16          (ii) Ten percent distributed to the Western Province of  
17 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., solely for the marketing of the  
18 license plate.

19          (6) For Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:

20          (i) Eighty-five percent distributed among the Omega Psi  
21 Phi Fraternity chapters in this State for the promotion of  
22 community awareness and action through educational, economic  
23 and cultural service activities within this State.

24          (ii) Ten percent distributed among the Omega Psi Phi  
25 Fraternity chapters in this State solely for the marketing of the  
26 license plate.

27          (7) For Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.:

28          (i) Eighty-five percent distributed to the Western Region  
29 of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for the promotion of  
30 community awareness and action through educational, economic  
31 and cultural service activities within this State.

32          (ii) Ten percent distributed to the Western Region of  
33 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., solely for the marketing of the  
34 license plate.

35          (8) For Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.:

36          (i) Eighty-five percent distributed to the Sigma Gamma  
37 Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc., to promote  
38 community awareness and action through educational, economic  
39 and cultural service activities within this State.

40          (ii) Ten percent distributed to the Sigma Gamma Rho  
41 Sorority National Education Fund, Inc., solely for the marketing  
42 of the license plate.

43          (9) For Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.:

44          (i) Eighty-five percent equally distributed among the  
45 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority chapters in this State for the promotion of



1 *community awareness and action through educational, economic*  
2 *and cultural service activities within this State.*

3 *(II) Ten percent equally distributed among the Zeta Phi*  
4 *Beta Sorority chapters in this State solely for the marketing of the*  
5 *license plate.*

6 *7. If, during a registration period, the holder of license plates*  
7 *issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the*  
8 *vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:*

9 *(a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that*  
10 *meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for*  
11 *the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or*  
12 *governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or*

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

15 *8. The Department may accept any gifts, grants and*  
16 *donations or other sources of money for the production and*  
17 *issuance of license plates pursuant to this section. All money*  
18 *received pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the*  
19 *Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates*  
20 *created by NRS 482.1805.*

21 *9. As used in this section, "Divine Nine organization" means*  
22 *one of the nine organizations listed in subsection 2.*

23 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.2065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 482.2065 1. A trailer may be registered for a 3-year period as  
25 provided in this section.

26 2. A person who registers a trailer for a 3-year period must pay  
27 upon registration all fees and taxes that would be due during the 3-  
28 year period if he or she registered the trailer for 1 year and renewed  
29 that registration for 2 consecutive years immediately thereafter,  
30 including, without limitation:

31 (a) Registration fees pursuant to NRS 482.480 and 482.483.

32 (b) A fee for each license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.268.

33 (c) Fees for the initial issuance, reissuance and renewal of a  
34 special license plate pursuant to NRS 482.265, if applicable.

35 (d) Fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a personalized  
36 prestige license plate pursuant to NRS 482.367, if applicable.

37 (e) Additional fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a  
38 special license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,  
39 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* which are imposed to generate  
40 financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization, if  
41 applicable.

42 (f) Governmental services taxes imposed pursuant to chapter  
43 371 of NRS, as provided in NRS 482.260.

44 (g) The applicable taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 372, 374,  
45 377 and 377A of NRS.



1 3. A license plate issued pursuant to this section will be  
2 reissued as provided in NRS 482.265 except that such reissuance  
3 will be done at the first renewal after the license plate has been  
4 issued for not less than 8 years.

5 4. As used in this section, the term "trailer" does not include a  
6 full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of  
7 NRS 482.483.

8 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 482.216 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155,  
10 upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the Department may  
11 authorize the new vehicle dealer to:

12 (a) Accept applications for the registration of the new motor  
13 vehicles he or she sells and the related fees and taxes;

14 (b) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who satisfy the  
15 requirements of this chapter; and

16 (c) Accept applications for the transfer of registration pursuant  
17 to NRS 482.399 if the applicant purchased from the new vehicle  
18 dealer a new vehicle to which the registration is to be transferred.

19 2. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates  
20 of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

21 (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within  
22 the period prescribed by the Department;

23 (b) Transmit the fees collected from the applicants and properly  
24 account for them within the period prescribed by the Department;

25 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection  
26 5; and

27 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue  
28 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or  
29 software.

30 3. A new vehicle dealer who is authorized to issue certificates  
31 of registration pursuant to subsection 1 shall not:

32 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those  
33 services;

34 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the  
35 performance of those services;

36 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor  
37 vehicle; or

38 (d) Accept an application for the registration of a motor vehicle  
39 if the applicant wishes to:

40 (1) Obtain special license plates pursuant to NRS 482.3667  
41 to 482.3823, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act*; or

42 (2) Claim the exemption from the governmental services tax  
43 provided pursuant to NRS 361.1565 to veterans and their relations.

44 4. The provisions of this section do not apply to the registration  
45 of a moped pursuant to NRS 482.2155.



1 5. The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to  
2 carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations adopted  
3 pursuant to this subsection must provide for:

4 (a) The expedient and secure issuance of license plates and  
5 decals by the Department; and

6 (b) The withdrawal of the authority granted to a new vehicle  
7 dealer pursuant to subsection 1 if that dealer fails to comply with the  
8 regulations adopted by the Department.

9 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.2703 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 482.2703 1. The Director may order the preparation of  
11 sample license plates which must be of the same design and size as  
12 regular license plates or license plates issued pursuant to NRS  
13 482.384. The Director shall ensure that:

14 (a) Each license plate issued pursuant to this subsection,  
15 regardless of its design, is inscribed with the word SAMPLE and an  
16 identical designation which consists of the same group of three  
17 numerals followed by the same group of three letters; and

18 (b) The designation of numerals and letters assigned pursuant to  
19 paragraph (a) is not assigned to a vehicle registered pursuant to this  
20 chapter or chapter 706 of NRS.

21 2. The Director may order the preparation of sample license  
22 plates which must be of the same design and size as any of the  
23 special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,  
24 inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act*. The Director shall ensure  
25 that:

26 (a) Each license plate issued pursuant to this subsection,  
27 regardless of its design, is inscribed with the word SAMPLE and the  
28 number zero in the location where any other numerals would  
29 normally be displayed on a license plate of that design; and

30 (b) The number assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) is not  
31 assigned to a vehicle registered pursuant to this chapter or chapter  
32 706 of NRS.

33 3. The Director may establish a fee for the issuance of sample  
34 license plates of not more than \$15 for each license plate.

35 4. A decal issued pursuant to NRS 482.271 may be displayed  
36 on a sample license plate issued pursuant to this section.

37 5. All money collected from the issuance of sample license  
38 plates must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the  
39 Motor Vehicle Fund.

40 6. A person shall not affix a sample license plate issued  
41 pursuant to this section to a vehicle. A person who violates the  
42 provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.

43 **Sec. 5.** NRS 482.274 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 482.274 1. The Director shall order the preparation of vehicle  
45 license plates for trailers in the same manner provided for motor





1 vehicles in NRS 482.270, except that a vehicle license plate  
2 prepared for a full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to  
3 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 is not required to have displayed upon  
4 it the month and year the registration expires.

5 2. The Director shall order preparation of two sizes of vehicle  
6 license plates for trailers. The smaller plates may be used for trailers  
7 with a gross vehicle weight of less than 1,000 pounds.

8 3. The Director shall determine the registration numbers  
9 assigned to trailers.

10 4. Any license plates issued for a trailer before July 1, 1975,  
11 bearing a different designation from that provided for in this section,  
12 are valid during the period for which such plates were issued.

13 5. Any license plates issued for a trailer before January 1,  
14 1982, are not subject to reissue pursuant to subsection 2 of  
15 NRS 482.265.

16 6. The Department shall not issue for a full trailer or semitrailer  
17 that is registered pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 a special  
18 license plate available pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823,  
19 inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act.*

20 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on  
23 Special License Plates. The Commission is advisory to the  
24 Department and consists of five Legislators and three nonvoting  
25 members as follows:

26 (a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:

27 (1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of  
28 the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the  
29 most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an  
30 alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The  
31 alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the  
32 Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most  
33 recent legislative session.

34 (2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of  
35 the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most  
36 recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate  
37 to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must  
38 be another Legislator who also served on the Senate Standing  
39 Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative  
40 session.

41 (b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

42 (1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a  
43 designee of the Director.

44 (2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or a  
45 designee of the Director.





1 (3) The Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural  
2 Affairs, or a designee of the Director.

3 2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to  
4 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing  
5 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the  
6 Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original  
7 appointment.

8 3. Members of the Commission serve without salary or  
9 compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

10 4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall  
11 provide administrative support to the Commission.

12 5. The Commission shall recommend to the Department that  
13 the Department approve or disapprove:

14 (a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of  
15 special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant  
16 to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002;

17 (b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that  
18 have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

19 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, applications  
20 for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that  
21 have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1,  
22 2007.

23 ↪ In determining whether to recommend to the Department the  
24 approval of such an application or issuance, the Commission shall  
25 consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and  
26 feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or  
27 issue the particular special license plate. For the purpose of making  
28 recommendations to the Department, the Commission shall consider  
29 each application in the chronological order in which the application  
30 was received by the Department.

31 6. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the  
32 Commission shall compile a list of each special license plate for  
33 which the Commission, during the immediately preceding fiscal  
34 year, recommended to the Department that the Department approve  
35 the application for the special license plate or approve the issuance  
36 of the special license plate. The list so compiled must set forth, for  
37 each such plate, the cause or charitable organization for which the  
38 special license plate generates or would generate financial support,  
39 and the intended use to which the financial support is being put or  
40 would be put. The Commission shall transmit the information  
41 described in this subsection to the Department and the Department  
42 shall make that information available on its Internet website.

43 7. The provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 do not apply  
44 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS  
45 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,



1 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794  
2 or 482.3817 **H** or section 1 of this act.

3 8. The Commission shall:

4 (a) Recommend to the Department that the Department approve  
5 or disapprove any proposed change in the distribution of money  
6 received in the form of additional fees, including, without limitation,  
7 pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of  
8 NRS 482.38279. As used in this paragraph, "additional fees" means  
9 the fees that are charged in connection with the issuance or renewal  
10 of a special license plate for the benefit of a particular cause, fund or  
11 charitable organization. The term does not include registration and  
12 license fees or governmental services taxes.

13 (b) If it recommends a proposed change pursuant to paragraph  
14 (a) and determines that legislation is required to carry out the  
15 change, recommend to the Department that the Department request  
16 the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation of a bill  
17 draft to carry out the change.

18 **Sec. 7.** NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate"  
21 means:

22 (a) A license plate that the Department has designed and  
23 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the  
24 system of application and petition described in that section;

25 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the  
26 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,  
27 482.37903, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918,  
28 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935,  
29 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938,  
30 482.37939, 482.37945 or 482.37947; and

31 (c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS  
32 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,  
33 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794  
34 or 482.3817 **H** or section 1 of this act, a license plate that is  
35 approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005.

36 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
37 and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Department  
38 shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30 separate designs of  
39 special license plates. Whenever the total number of separate  
40 designs of special license plates issued by the Department at any one  
41 time is less than 30, the Department shall issue a number of  
42 additional designs of special license plates that have been authorized  
43 by an act of the Legislature or the application for which has been  
44 recommended by the Commission on Special License Plates  
45 to be approved by the Department pursuant to subsection 5 of



1 NRS 482.367004, not to exceed a total of 30 designs issued by the  
2 Department at any one time. Such additional designs must be issued  
3 by the Department in accordance with the chronological order of  
4 their authorization or approval by the Department.

5 3. In addition to the special license plates described in  
6 subsection 2, the Department may issue not more than five separate  
7 designs of special license plates in excess of the limit set forth in  
8 that subsection. To qualify for issuance pursuant to this subsection:

9 (a) The Commission on Special License Plates must have  
10 recommended to the Department that the Department approve the  
11 design, preparation and issuance of the special plates as described in  
12 paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004; and

13 (b) The special license plates must have been applied for,  
14 designed, prepared and issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002, except  
15 that:

16 (1) The application for the special license plates must be  
17 accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the  
18 amount of \$20,000; and

19 (2) Pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design  
20 of the special license plates that is conducted pursuant to this  
21 section, it is determined that at least 3,000 special license plates  
22 have been issued.

23 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on  
24 October 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of  
25 each separate design of special license plate that the Department is  
26 currently issuing by determining the total number of validly  
27 registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license  
28 plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total  
29 number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular  
30 design of special license plate is affixed if:

31 (a) The particular design of special license plate was designed  
32 and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

33 (b) On October 1, that particular design of special license plate  
34 has been available to be issued for less than 12 months.

35 5. If, on October 1, the total number of validly registered motor  
36 vehicles to which a particular design of special license plate is  
37 affixed is:

38 (a) In the case of special license plates not described in  
39 subsection 3, less than 1,000; or

40 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection  
41 3, less than 3,000,

42 the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner  
43 described in subsection 6.

44 6. The notice required pursuant to subsection 5 must be  
45 provided:



1 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a  
2 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable  
3 organization.

4 (b) If the special license plate does not generate financial  
5 support for a cause or charitable organization, to an entity which is  
6 involved in promoting the activity, place or other matter that is  
7 depicted on the plate.

8 7. If, on December 31 of the same year in which notice was  
9 provided pursuant to subsections 5 and 6, the total number of validly  
10 registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special  
11 license plate is affixed is:

12 (a) In the case of special license plates not described in  
13 subsection 3, less than 1,000; or

14 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection  
15 3, less than 3,000,

16 ↪ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
17 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no  
18 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Except as  
19 otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 482.265, such an order  
20 does not require existing holders of that particular design of special  
21 license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and does not  
22 prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

23 **Sec. 8.** NRS 482.36705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 482.36705 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

25 (a) If a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the  
26 Legislature after January 1, 2003, other than a special license plate  
27 that is authorized pursuant to NRS 482.379375, the Legislature will  
28 direct that the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by  
29 the Department unless the Department receives at least 1,000  
30 applications for the issuance of that plate within 2 years after the  
31 effective date of the act of the Legislature that authorized the plate.

32 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (a), if a  
33 new special license plate is authorized by an act of the Legislature  
34 after July 1, 2005, the Legislature will direct that the license plate  
35 not be issued by the Department unless its issuance complies with  
36 subsection 2 of NRS 482.367008.

37 (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and  
38 (b), if a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the  
39 Legislature after January 1, 2007, the Legislature will direct that the  
40 license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by the Department  
41 unless the Commission on Special License Plates recommends to  
42 the Department that the Department approve the application for the  
43 authorized plate pursuant to NRS 482.367004.

44 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with regard to  
45 special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3746,



1 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785, 482.3787,  
2 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794 or 482.3817  
3 **+** or section 1 of this act.

4 **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.3824 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
5 482.3824 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
6 482.38279, with respect to any special license plate that is issued  
7 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive, **and section 1 of**  
8 **this act** and for which additional fees are imposed for the issuance  
9 of the special license plate to generate financial support for a  
10 charitable organization:

11 (a) The Director shall, at the request of the charitable  
12 organization that is benefited by the particular special license plate:

13 (1) Order the design and preparation of souvenir license  
14 plates, the design of which must be substantially similar to the  
15 particular special license plate; and

16 (2) Issue such souvenir license plates, for a fee established  
17 pursuant to NRS 482.3825, only to the charitable organization that  
18 is benefited by the particular special license plate. The charitable  
19 organization may resell such souvenir license plates at a price  
20 determined by the charitable organization.

21 (b) The Department may, except as otherwise provided in this  
22 paragraph and after the particular special license plate is approved  
23 for issuance, issue the special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle  
24 or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light  
25 commercial vehicle, excluding vehicles required to be registered  
26 with the Department pursuant to NRS 706.801 to 706.861,  
27 inclusive, full trailers or semitrailers registered pursuant to  
28 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 and mopeds registered pursuant to  
29 NRS 482.2155, upon application by a person who is entitled  
30 to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 or 482.272 and who  
31 otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and  
32 licensing pursuant to this chapter or chapter 486 of NRS. The  
33 Department may not issue a special license plate for such other  
34 types of vehicles if the Department determines that the design or  
35 manufacture of the plate for those other types of vehicles would not  
36 be feasible. In addition, if the Department incurs additional costs to  
37 manufacture a special license plate for such other types of vehicles,  
38 including, without limitation, costs associated with the purchase,  
39 manufacture or modification of dies or other equipment necessary to  
40 manufacture the special license plate for such other types of  
41 vehicles, those additional costs must be paid from private sources  
42 without any expense to the State of Nevada.

43 2. If, as authorized pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1,  
44 the Department issues a special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle  
45 or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light



1 commercial vehicle, the Department shall charge and collect for the  
2 issuance and renewal of such a plate the same fees that the  
3 Department would charge and collect if the other type of vehicle  
4 was a passenger car or light commercial vehicle. As used in this  
5 subsection, "fees" does not include any applicable registration or  
6 license fees or governmental services taxes.

7 3. As used in this section:

8 (a) "Additional fees" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
9 NRS 482.38273.

10 (b) "Charitable organization" means a particular cause, charity  
11 or other entity that receives money from the imposition of additional  
12 fees in connection with the issuance of a special license plate  
13 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive **[H]**, *and section 1*  
14 *of this act*. The term includes:

15 (1) The successor, if any, of a charitable organization; and

16 (2) A charitable organization to which additional fees for  
17 special license plates are distributed pursuant to subparagraph (3) of  
18 paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 482.38279.

19 **Sec. 10.** NRS 482.38276 is hereby amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 482.38276 "Special license plate" means:

22 1. A license plate that the Department has designed and  
23 prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the  
24 system of application and petition described in that section;

25 2. A license plate approved by the Legislature that the  
26 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,  
27 482.37903, 482.37904, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175,  
28 482.37918, 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934,  
29 482.37935, 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375,  
30 482.37938, 482.37939, 482.37945 or 482.37947; and

31 3. Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS  
32 482.3746, 482.3757, 482.3785, 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902,  
33 482.37906, 482.3791 or 482.3794 **[H]** *or section 1 of this act*, a  
34 license plate that is approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005.

35 **Sec. 11.** NRS 482.399 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 482.399 1. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest  
37 in any vehicle by any holder of a valid registration, or upon  
38 destruction of the vehicle, the registration expires.

39 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155 and  
40 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, the holder of the original registration  
41 may transfer the registration to another vehicle to be registered by  
42 the holder and use the same regular license plate or plates or special  
43 license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to  
44 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, or 482.384, on the  
45 vehicle from which the registration is being transferred, if the



1 license plate or plates are appropriate for the second vehicle, upon  
2 filing an application for transfer of registration and upon paying the  
3 transfer registration fee and the excess, if any, of the registration fee  
4 and governmental services tax on the vehicle to which the  
5 registration is transferred over the total registration fee and  
6 governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which he or she  
7 is transferring ownership or interest. Except as otherwise provided  
8 in NRS 482.294, an application for transfer of registration must be  
9 made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the  
10 Department or to a registered dealer, and the license plate or plates  
11 may not be used upon a second vehicle until registration of that  
12 vehicle is complete.

13 3. In computing the governmental services tax, the  
14 Department, its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion  
15 of the tax paid on the first vehicle attributable to the remainder of  
16 the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly  
17 basis against the tax due on the second vehicle or on any other  
18 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. If any person  
19 transfers ownership or interest in two or more vehicles, the  
20 Department or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax  
21 paid on all of the vehicles attributable to the remainder of the  
22 current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly  
23 basis against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is  
24 transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the  
25 registered owner. The certificates of registration and unused license  
26 plates of the vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or  
27 interest must be submitted before credit is given against the tax due  
28 on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other  
29 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner.

30 4. In computing the registration fee, the Department or its  
31 agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the  
32 registration fee paid on each vehicle attributable to the remainder of  
33 the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis  
34 against the registration fee due on the vehicle to which registration  
35 is transferred.

36 5. If the amount owed on the registration fee or governmental  
37 services tax on the vehicle to which registration is transferred is less  
38 than the credit on the total registration fee or governmental services  
39 tax paid on all vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or  
40 interest, the person may apply the unused portion of the credit to the  
41 registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused  
42 portion of such a credit expires on the date the registration of the  
43 vehicle from which the person transferred the registration was due  
44 to expire.





1 6. If the license plate or plates are not appropriate for the  
2 second vehicle, the plate or plates must be surrendered to the  
3 Department or registered dealer and an appropriate plate or plates  
4 must be issued by the Department. The Department shall not reissue  
5 the surrendered plate or plates until the next succeeding licensing  
6 period.

7 7. If application for transfer of registration is not made within  
8 60 days after the destruction or transfer of ownership of or interest  
9 in any vehicle, the license plate or plates must be surrendered to the  
10 Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the  
11 registration.

12 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS  
13 371.040, NRS 482.2155, subsections 7 and 8 of NRS 482.260 and  
14 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, if a person cancels his or her  
15 registration and surrenders to the Department the license plates for a  
16 vehicle, the Department shall:

17 (a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to  
18 the person a refund of the portion of the registration fee and  
19 governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the  
20 remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro  
21 rata basis; or

22 (b) If the person does not qualify for a refund in accordance with  
23 the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a credit in the  
24 amount of the portion of the registration fee and governmental  
25 services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the  
26 current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis. Such  
27 a credit may be applied by the person to the registration of any other  
28 vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of the credit  
29 expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the  
30 person obtained a refund was due to expire.

31 9. The Department shall issue a refund pursuant to subsection 8  
32 only if the request for a refund is made at the time the registration is  
33 cancelled and the license plates are surrendered, the person  
34 requesting the refund is a resident of Nevada, the amount eligible  
35 for refund exceeds \$100, and evidence satisfactory to the  
36 Department is submitted that reasonably proves the existence of  
37 extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, the  
38 term "extenuating circumstances" means circumstances wherein:

39 (a) The person has recently relinquished his or her driver's  
40 license and has sold or otherwise disposed of his or her vehicle.

41 (b) The vehicle has been determined to be inoperable and the  
42 person does not transfer the registration to a different vehicle.

43 (c) The owner of the vehicle is seriously ill or has died and the  
44 guardians or survivors have sold or otherwise disposed of the  
45 vehicle.



(d) Any other event occurs which the Department, by regulation, has defined to constitute an "extenuating circumstance" for the purposes of this subsection.

**Sec. 12.** NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3 or specifically provided by statute, whenever upon application any duplicate or substitute certificate of registration, indicator, decal or number plate is issued, the following fees must be paid:

For a certificate of registration .....	\$5.00
For every substitute number plate or set of plates .....	5.00
For every duplicate number plate or set of plates.....	10.00
For every decal displaying a county name .....	.50
For every other indicator, decal, license plate sticker or tab.....	5.00

2. The following fees must be paid for any replacement number plate or set of plates issued for the following special license plates:

(a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667, 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.3755, inclusive, 482.376 or 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a fee of \$10.

(b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the issuance of those plates.

3. A fee must not be charged for a duplicate or substitute of a decal issued pursuant to NRS 482.37635.

4. The fees which are paid for replacement number plates, duplicate number plates and decals displaying county names must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and allocated to the Department to defray the costs of replacing or duplicating the plates and manufacturing the decals.

