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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring that the additional funds generated by the special license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area be administered and distributed by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, with the advice of the Mount Charleston Town Advisory Board or its successor, rather than by the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law provides for the issuance of special license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area, creates an account for those license plates, requires the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to administer the account and allows the Administrator to provide grants from the account. (NRS 321.5959, 482.37935) This bill: (1) eliminates the Account for License Plates for the Support of the Natural Environment of the Mount Charleston Area; (2) requires that the additional funds generated by those special license plates be distributed directly, on a quarterly basis, to the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County; and (3) requires the Board of County Commissioners, with the advice of the Mount Charleston Town Advisory Board or its successor, to use and grant the money so distributed to it only for the support of programs for the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area. Thus, this bill does not change the permissible uses of the additional funds generated by the special license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area. Rather, it simply changes the identity of the governmental entity entrusted to administer and distribute those funds. This bill also provides, however, that programs and projects in effect on, and grants made before, the effective date of this bill (July 1, 2011) must be continued or expended, as applicable, under the supervision of the Administrator of the Division of State Lands.

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

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

**Section 1.** NRS 482.37935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.37935 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Department, in cooperation with the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, shall design, prepare and issue license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area



using any colors that the Department deems appropriate. The design of the license plates must include a depiction of Mount Charleston and its surrounding area. The Department shall not design, prepare or issue the license plates unless it receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of those plates.

2. If the Department receives at least 250 applications for the issuance of license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area, the Department shall issue those plates for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area if that person pays the fees for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

3. The fee for license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment of \$10.

4. In addition to all *other applicable registration and license* fees ~~for the license, registration~~ and governmental services taxes ~~and the fee prescribed in subsection 3,~~ a person who requests a set of license plates for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area must pay for the initial issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20 , to ~~finance projects for the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area.~~ *be distributed pursuant to subsection 5.*

5. The Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the ~~Account for License Plates for the Support of the Natural Environment of the Mount Charleston Area created pursuant to NRS 321.5959.~~ *State General Fund. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection to the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County. The fees distributed pursuant to this subsection:*



*(a) May be used by the Board of County Commissioners, with the advice of the Mount Charleston Town Advisory Board or its successor, only:*

*(1) For the support of programs for the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area, including, without limitation, programs to improve the wildlife habitat, the ecosystem, the forest, public access to the area and its recreational use.*

*(2) To make grants to governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to carry out the programs described in subparagraph (1).*

*(b) Must not be used to replace or supplant money available from other sources.*

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

*(a) Retain* the plates and ~~affix~~ ~~(a) Affix~~ affix them to another vehicle that meets the requirements of this section if the *holder pays the fee for the transfer of the registration* and *any registration fees are paid as set out in this chapter;* *fee or governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399;* or

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

**Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 3.** NRS 321.5959 is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 4.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 5.** 1. On July 1, 2011, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Administrator shall cause to be transferred to the Board any money that was in the Account at the end of the day on June 30, 2011. Any money so transferred may be used only for the purposes set forth in subsection 5 of NRS 482.37935, as amended by section 1 of this act.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Account" means the Account for License Plates for the Support of the Natural Environment of the Mount Charleston Area, created by NRS 321.5959.

(b) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(c) "Board" means the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County.



**Sec. 6.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act:

1. Each program or project for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area that was commenced before July 1, 2011; and

2. Each grant for the support of the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area that was made before July 1, 2011,

↳ must be continued or expended, as applicable, under the supervision of the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County shall, from the money distributed to it pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.37935, as amended by section 1 of this act, transfer money to the Administrator as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

