

SENATE BILL NO. 402—SENATOR WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning educational programs relating to science, technology, engineering and mathematics and makes an appropriation. (BDR 43-887)

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 educational programs; providing for the issuance of a special license plate indicating support for educational programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of such special license plates; revising provisions related to the promotion and recognition of educational programs in this State that teach science, technology, engineering and mathematics; making appropriations to the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology to fund certain programs and activities relating to science, technology, engineering and mathematics; 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 indicating support for educational programs
3 in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, commonly referred to as
4 “STEM.” The fees generated by the special license plates that are in addition to all
5 other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services and taxes
6 are required to be deposited with the State Treasurer, who must, on a quarterly
7 basis, distribute the fees to the Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and
8 Technology. The Director is required to consult with the Advisory Council on
9 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to identify nonprofit
10 corporations to assist in distributing the funds in a manner designed to encourage
11 the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics by pupils in this
12 State. A person wishing to obtain the special license plates may also request that the



13 plates be combined with personalized prestige plates if the person pays the
14 additional fees for the personalized prestige plates.

15 Under existing law, certain special license plates: (1) must be approved by the
16 Department, based on a recommendation from the Commission on Special License
17 Plates; (2) are subject to a limitation on the number of separate designs of special
18 license plates which the Department may issue at any one time; and (3) may not be
19 designed, prepared or issued by the Department unless a certain number of
20 applications for the plates are received. (NRS 482.367004, 482.367008, 482.36705)
21 **Sections 6-8** of this bill exempt the special license plates indicating support for
22 educational programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics from
23 each of the proceeding requirements. **Sections 2-5 and 9-12** of this bill make
24 conforming changes.

25 Under existing law the Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering
26 and Mathematics is required to develop a plan for identifying and awarding
27 recognition to not more than 15 schools in this State that demonstrate exemplary
28 performance in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The
29 Council must also establish an event in southern Nevada and an event in northern
30 Nevada to recognize students for similar exemplary performance, with the events
31 required to be held at an institution of higher education in this State. Finally, the
32 Council must establish a statewide event to be held in Carson City to recognize the
33 not more than 15 schools in this State identified for exemplary performance. (NRS
34 223.650) **Section 13** of this bill removes the limitation of 15 schools, removes the
35 requirement that the northern and southern events be held at institutions of higher
36 education, and removes the requirement that the statewide event be held in Carson
37 City.

38 Finally, **section 14** of this bill makes two appropriations to the Office of
39 Science, Innovation and Technology. The first is for awarding grants to elementary
40 schools in this state to promote equitable access to and increase the quality of
41 programs designed to introduce and teach science, technology, engineering and
42 mathematics. The second is to create a regional grant program in each of three
43 regions of this State through regional advisory boards, with the grants to be used to
44 fund activities and programs designed to increase awareness of, promote the
45 benefits of and carry out programs that reinforce education in science, technology,
46 engineering and mathematics.

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 the Office of Science,*
4 *Innovation and Technology in the Office of Governor, shall*
5 *design, prepare and issue license plates that indicate support for*
6 *educational programs in the areas of science, technology,*
7 *engineering and mathematics, using any colors that the*
8 *Department deems appropriate.*

9 *2. The Department shall issue license plates that indicate*
10 *support for educational programs in the areas of science,*
11 *technology, engineering and mathematics for a passenger car or*
12 *light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is*



1 entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who
2 otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and
3 licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that
4 personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS
5 482.3667 be combined with license plates that indicate support for
6 educational programs in the areas of science, technology,
7 engineering and mathematics if that person pays the fees for the
8 personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the
9 license plates that indicate support for educational programs in
10 the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics
11 pursuant to subsection 3.

12 3. The fee for license plates that indicate support for
13 educational programs in the areas of science, technology,
14 engineering and mathematics is \$35, in addition to all other
15 applicable registration and license fees and governmental services
16 taxes. The license plates are renewable upon the payment to the
17 Department of \$10.

18 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license
19 fees and governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed
20 pursuant to subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license
21 plates that indicate support for educational programs in the areas
22 of science, technology, engineering and mathematics must pay for
23 the issuance of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each
24 renewal of the plates an additional fee of \$20, to be deposited in
25 accordance with subsection 5.

26 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.38279, the
27 Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection
28 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.
29 The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fees
30 deposited pursuant to this subsection to the Director of the Office
31 of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the
32 Governor. The Director of the Office, in consultation with the
33 Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and
34 Mathematics created by NRS 223.640, shall identify nonprofit
35 corporations in this State to assist in the distribution of the funds
36 from this section in a manner designed to encourage the study of
37 science, technology, engineering and mathematics by pupils in this
38 State.

39 6. The provisions of NRS 482.36705 do not apply to license
40 plates described in this section.

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

44 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that
45 meets the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for



1 *the transfer of the registration and any registration fee or*
2 *governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or*

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

5 *8. The Department may accept any gifts, grants and*
6 *donations or other sources of money for the production and*
7 *issuance of the special license plates pursuant to this section. All*
8 *money received pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in*
9 *the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates*
10 *created by NRS 482.1805.*

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

13 482.2065 1. A trailer may be registered for a 3-year period as
14 provided in this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (f) Governmental services taxes imposed pursuant to chapter
32 371 of NRS, as provided in NRS 482.260.

33 (g) The applicable taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 372, 374,
34 377 and 377A of NRS.

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

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

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

43 482.216 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155,
44 upon the request of a new vehicle dealer, the Department may
45 authorize the new vehicle dealer to:



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

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

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

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

10 (a) Transmit the applications received to the Department within
11 the period prescribed by the Department;

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

14 (c) Comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
15 5; and

16 (d) Bear any cost of equipment which is necessary to issue
17 certificates of registration, including any computer hardware or
18 software.

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

21 (a) Charge any additional fee for the performance of those
22 services;

23 (b) Receive compensation from the Department for the
24 performance of those services;

25 (c) Accept applications for the renewal of registration of a motor
26 vehicle; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 482.2703 1. The Director may order the preparation of
45 sample license plates which must be of the same design and size as



1 regular license plates or license plates issued pursuant to NRS
2 482.384. The Director shall ensure that:

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

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

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

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

19 (b) The number assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) is not
20 assigned to a vehicle registered pursuant to this chapter or chapter
21 706 of NRS.

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

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

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

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

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

33 482.274 1. The Director shall order the preparation of vehicle
34 license plates for trailers in the same manner provided for motor
35 vehicles in NRS 482.270, except that a vehicle license plate
36 prepared for a full trailer or semitrailer that is registered pursuant to
37 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483 is not required to have displayed upon
38 it the month and year the registration expires.

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

42 3. The Director shall determine the registration numbers
43 assigned to trailers.



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

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

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

11 **Sec. 6.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as
12 follows:

13 482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on
14 Special License Plates. The Commission is advisory to the
15 Department and consists of five Legislators and three nonvoting
16 members as follows:

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

18 (1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of
19 the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the
20 most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an
21 alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The
22 alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the
23 Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most
24 recent legislative session.

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

32 (b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

33 (1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a
34 designee of the Director.

35 (2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or a
36 designee of the Director.

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

39 2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to
40 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing
41 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the
42 Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original
43 appointment.

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



1 4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall
2 provide administrative support to the Commission.

3 5. The Commission shall recommend to the Department that
4 the Department approve or disapprove:

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

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

10 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, applications
11 for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that
12 have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1,
13 2007.

14 ➤ In determining whether to recommend to the Department the
15 approval of such an application or issuance, the Commission shall
16 consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and
17 feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or
18 issue the particular special license plate. For the purpose of making
19 recommendations to the Department, the Commission shall consider
20 each application in the chronological order in which the application
21 was received by the Department.

22 6. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the
23 Commission shall compile a list of each special license plate for
24 which the Commission, during the immediately preceding fiscal
25 year, recommended to the Department that the Department approve
26 the application for the special license plate or approve the issuance
27 of the special license plate. The list so compiled must set forth, for
28 each such plate, the cause or charitable organization for which the
29 special license plate generates or would generate financial support,
30 and the intended use to which the financial support is being put or
31 would be put. The Commission shall transmit the information
32 described in this subsection to the Department and the Department
33 shall make that information available on its Internet website.

34 7. The provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 do not apply
35 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS
36 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,
37 482.3787 or 482.37901 **or section 1 of this act.**

38 8. The Commission shall:

39 (a) Recommend to the Department that the Department approve
40 or disapprove any proposed change in the distribution of money
41 received in the form of additional fees. As used in this paragraph,
42 "additional fees" means the fees that are charged in connection with
43 the issuance or renewal of a special license plate for the benefit of a
44 particular cause, fund or charitable organization. The term does not
45 include registration and license fees or governmental services taxes.



1 (b) If it recommends a proposed change pursuant to paragraph
2 (a) and determines that legislation is required to carry out the
3 change, recommend to the Department that the Department request
4 the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation of a bill
5 draft to carry out the change.

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

8 482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate"
9 means:

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

13 (b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the
14 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,
15 482.37903, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918,
16 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935,
17 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938,
18 482.37939, 482.37945 or 482.37947; and

19 (c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS
20 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,
21 482.3787 or 482.37901 **[H]** or **section 1 of this act**, a license plate
22 that is approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005.

23 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
24 and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Department
25 shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30 separate designs of
26 special license plates. Whenever the total number of separate
27 designs of special license plates issued by the Department at any one
28 time is less than 30, the Department shall issue a number of
29 additional designs of special license plates that have been authorized
30 by an act of the Legislature or the application for which has been
31 recommended by the Commission on Special License Plates to be
32 approved by the Department pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS
33 482.367004, not to exceed a total of 30 designs issued by the
34 Department at any one time. Such additional designs must be issued
35 by the Department in accordance with the chronological order of
36 their authorization or approval by the Department.

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

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



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

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

7 (2) Pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design
8 of the special license plates that is conducted pursuant to this
9 section, it is determined that at least 3,000 special license plates
10 have been issued.

11 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on
12 October 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of
13 each separate design of special license plate that the Department is
14 currently issuing by determining the total number of validly
15 registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license
16 plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total
17 number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular
18 design of special license plate is affixed if:

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

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

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

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

28 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection
29 3, less than 3,000,

30 the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner
31 described in subsection 6.

32 6. The notice required pursuant to subsection 5 must be
33 provided:

34 (a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a
35 cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable
36 organization.

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

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



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

3 (b) In the case of special license plates described in subsection
4 3, less than 3,000,

5 ↪ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
6 the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no
7 longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Except as
8 otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 482.265, such an order
9 does not require existing holders of that particular design of special
10 license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and does not
11 prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

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

13 482.36705 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

14 (a) If a new special license plate is authorized by an act of the
15 Legislature after January 1, 2003, other than a special license plate
16 that is authorized pursuant to NRS 482.379375, the Legislature will
17 direct that the license plate not be designed, prepared or issued by
18 the Department unless the Department receives at least 1,000
19 applications for the issuance of that plate within 2 years after the
20 effective date of the act of the Legislature that authorized the plate.

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

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

33 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with regard to
34 special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3746,
35 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785, 482.3787 or
36 482.37901 ~~[-]~~ *or section 1 of this act.*

37 **Sec. 9.** NRS 482.3824 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 482.3824 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
39 482.38279, with respect to any special license plate that is issued
40 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of*
41 *this act* and for which additional fees are imposed for the issuance
42 of the special license plate to generate financial support for a
43 charitable organization:

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



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

4 (2) Issue such souvenir license plates, for a fee established
5 pursuant to NRS 482.3825, only to the charitable organization that
6 is benefited by the particular special license plate. The charitable
7 organization may resell such souvenir license plates at a price
8 determined by the charitable organization.

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

31 2. If, as authorized pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1,
32 the Department issues a special license plate for a trailer, motorcycle
33 or other type of vehicle that is not a passenger car or light
34 commercial vehicle, the Department shall charge and collect for the
35 issuance and renewal of such a plate the same fees that the
36 Department would charge and collect if the other type of vehicle
37 was a passenger car or light commercial vehicle. As used in this
38 subsection, "fees" does not include any applicable registration or
39 license fees or governmental services taxes.

40 3. As used in this section:

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

43 (b) "Charitable organization" means a particular cause, charity
44 or other entity that receives money from the imposition of additional
45 fees in connection with the issuance of a special license plate



1 pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to 482.3823, inclusive **[H]**, *and section 1*
2 *of this act*. The term includes the successor, if any, of a charitable
3 organization.

4 **Sec. 10.** NRS 482.38276 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows:

6 482.38276 “Special license plate” means:

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

10 2. A license plate approved by the Legislature that the
11 Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747,
12 482.37903, 482.37904, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175,
13 482.37918, 482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934,
14 482.37935, 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375,
15 482.37938, 482.37939, 482.37945 or 482.37947; and

16 3. Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS
17 482.3746, 482.3757, 482.3785, 482.3787 or 482.37901 **[H]** *or*
18 *section 1 of this act*, a license plate that is approved by the
19 Legislature after July 1, 2005.

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

21 482.399 1. Upon the transfer of the ownership of or interest
22 in any vehicle by any holder of a valid registration, or upon
23 destruction of the vehicle, the registration expires.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.2155 and
25 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, the holder of the original registration
26 may transfer the registration to another vehicle to be registered by
27 the holder and use the same regular license plate or plates or special
28 license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 to
29 482.3823, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or 482.384, on the
30 vehicle from which the registration is being transferred, if the
31 license plate or plates are appropriate for the second vehicle, upon
32 filing an application for transfer of registration and upon paying the
33 transfer registration fee and the excess, if any, of the registration fee
34 and governmental services tax on the vehicle to which the
35 registration is transferred over the total registration fee and
36 governmental services tax paid on all vehicles from which he or she
37 is transferring ownership or interest. Except as otherwise provided
38 in NRS 482.294, an application for transfer of registration must be
39 made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the
40 Department or to a registered dealer, and the license plate or plates
41 may not be used upon a second vehicle until registration of that
42 vehicle is complete.

43 3. In computing the governmental services tax, the
44 Department, its agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion
45 of the tax paid on the first vehicle attributable to the remainder of



1 the current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly
2 basis against the tax due on the second vehicle or on any other
3 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner. If any person
4 transfers ownership or interest in two or more vehicles, the
5 Department or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the tax
6 paid on all of the vehicles attributable to the remainder of the
7 current registration period or calendar year on a pro rata monthly
8 basis against the tax due on the vehicle to which the registration is
9 transferred or on any other vehicle of which the person is the
10 registered owner. The certificates of registration and unused license
11 plates of the vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or
12 interest must be submitted before credit is given against the tax due
13 on the vehicle to which the registration is transferred or on any other
14 vehicle of which the person is the registered owner.

15 4. In computing the registration fee, the Department or its
16 agent or the registered dealer shall credit the portion of the
17 registration fee paid on each vehicle attributable to the remainder of
18 the current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis
19 against the registration fee due on the vehicle to which registration
20 is transferred.

21 5. If the amount owed on the registration fee or governmental
22 services tax on the vehicle to which registration is transferred is less
23 than the credit on the total registration fee or governmental services
24 tax paid on all vehicles from which a person transfers ownership or
25 interest, the person may apply the unused portion of the credit to the
26 registration of any other vehicle owned by the person. Any unused
27 portion of such a credit expires on the date the registration of the
28 vehicle from which the person transferred the registration was due
29 to expire.

30 6. If the license plate or plates are not appropriate for the
31 second vehicle, the plate or plates must be surrendered to the
32 Department or registered dealer and an appropriate plate or plates
33 must be issued by the Department. The Department shall not reissue
34 the surrendered plate or plates until the next succeeding licensing
35 period.

36 7. If application for transfer of registration is not made within
37 60 days after the destruction or transfer of ownership of or interest
38 in any vehicle, the license plate or plates must be surrendered to the
39 Department on or before the 60th day for cancellation of the
40 registration.

41 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS
42 371.040, NRS 482.2155, subsections 7 and 8 of NRS 482.260 and
43 subsection 3 of NRS 482.483, if a person cancels his or her
44 registration and surrenders to the Department the license plates for a
45 vehicle, the Department shall:



1 (a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 9, issue to
2 the person a refund of the portion of the registration fee and
3 governmental services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the
4 remainder of the current calendar year or registration period on a pro
5 rata basis; or

6 (b) If the person does not qualify for a refund in accordance with
7 the provisions of subsection 9, issue to the person a credit in the
8 amount of the portion of the registration fee and governmental
9 services tax paid on the vehicle attributable to the remainder of the
10 current calendar year or registration period on a pro rata basis. Such
11 a credit may be applied by the person to the registration of any other
12 vehicle owned by the person. Any unused portion of the credit
13 expires on the date the registration of the vehicle from which the
14 person obtained a refund was due to expire.

15 9. The Department shall issue a refund pursuant to subsection 8
16 only if the request for a refund is made at the time the registration is
17 cancelled and the license plates are surrendered, the person
18 requesting the refund is a resident of Nevada, the amount eligible
19 for refund exceeds \$100, and evidence satisfactory to the
20 Department is submitted that reasonably proves the existence of
21 extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, the
22 term "extenuating circumstances" means circumstances wherein:

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

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

27 (c) The owner of the vehicle is seriously ill or has died and the
28 guardians or survivors have sold or otherwise disposed of the
29 vehicle.

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

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

34 482.500 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3
35 or specifically provided by statute, whenever upon application any
36 duplicate or substitute certificate of registration, indicator, decal or
37 number plate is issued, the following fees must be paid:

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| 38 | |
| 39 | For a certificate of registration \$5.00 |
| 40 | For every substitute number plate or set of plates 5.00 |
| 41 | For every duplicate number plate or set of plates..... 10.00 |
| 42 | For every decal displaying a county name50 |
| 43 | For every other indicator, decal, license plate sticker |
| 44 | or tab..... 5.00 |



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

4 (a) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667,
5 482.367002, 482.3672, 482.3675, 482.370 to 482.3755, inclusive,
6 **and section 1 of this act**, 482.376 or 482.379 to 482.3818, inclusive,
7 a fee of \$10.

8 (b) For any special plate issued pursuant to NRS 482.368,
9 482.3765, 482.377 or 482.378, a fee of \$5.

10 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection
11 1 of NRS 482.3824, for any souvenir license plate issued pursuant
12 to NRS 482.3825 or sample license plate issued pursuant to NRS
13 482.2703, a fee equal to that established by the Director for the
14 issuance of those plates.

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

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

22 **Sec. 13.** NRS 223.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 223.650 1. The Advisory Council on Science, Technology,
24 Engineering and Mathematics created by NRS 223.640 shall:

25 (a) Develop a strategic plan for the development of educational
26 resources in the fields of science, technology, engineering and
27 mathematics to serve as a foundation for workforce development,
28 college preparedness and economic development in this State;

29 (b) Develop a plan for identifying and awarding recognition to
30 pupils in this State who demonstrate exemplary achievement in the
31 fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics;

32 (c) Develop a plan for identifying and awarding recognition to
33 ~~[not more than 15]~~ schools in this State that demonstrate exemplary
34 performance in the fields of science, technology, engineering and
35 mathematics;

36 (d) Conduct a survey of education programs and proposed
37 programs relating to the fields of science, technology, engineering
38 and mathematics in this State and in other states to identify
39 recommendations for the implementation of such programs by
40 public schools and institutions of higher education in this State and
41 report the information gathered by the survey to the State Board of
42 Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada;

43 (e) Apply for grants on behalf of the State of Nevada relating to
44 the development and expansion of education programs in the fields
45 of science, technology, engineering and mathematics;



1 (f) Identify a nonprofit corporation to assist in the
2 implementation of the plans developed pursuant to paragraphs (a),
3 (b) and (c);

4 (g) Prepare a written report which includes, without limitation,
5 recommendations based on the survey conducted pursuant to
6 paragraph (d) and any other recommendations concerning the
7 instruction and curriculum in courses of study in science,
8 technology, engineering and mathematics in public schools in this
9 State and, on or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year,
10 submit a copy of the report to the State Board of Education, the
11 Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the Governor and
12 the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
13 Legislature;

14 (h) Conduct surveys for and make recommendations as deemed
15 necessary to the Office of Economic Development and the
16 Governor's Workforce Investment Board; and

17 (i) Appoint a subcommittee on computer science consisting of at
18 least three members to provide advice and recommendations to:

19 (1) The State Board of Education, the Council to Establish
20 Academic Standards for Public Schools, the boards of trustees of
21 school districts and the governing bodies of charter schools and
22 university schools for profoundly gifted pupils concerning the
23 curriculum and materials for courses in computer science and
24 computer education and technology and professional development
25 for teachers who teach such courses; and

26 (2) The Commission on Professional Standards in Education
27 concerning the qualifications for licensing teachers and other
28 educational personnel who teach courses in computer science or
29 computer education and technology.

30 2. Each year the Council:

31 (a) Shall establish an event in southern Nevada and an event in
32 northern Nevada to recognize pupils in this State who demonstrate
33 exemplary achievement in the fields of science, technology,
34 engineering and mathematics. ~~[The events must be held at an
35 institution of higher education in this State.]~~

36 (b) Shall establish a statewide event ~~[which must be held in
37 Carson City]~~ to recognize ~~[not more than 15]~~ schools in this State
38 that have demonstrated exemplary performance in the fields of
39 science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

40 (c) May accept any gifts, grants or donations from any source
41 for use in carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

42 3. The Council or a subcommittee of the Council may seek the
43 input, advice and assistance of persons and organizations that have
44 knowledge, interest or expertise relevant to the duties of the
45 Council.



1 4. The State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of
2 the University of Nevada shall consider the plans developed by the
3 Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and
4 Mathematics pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1
5 and the written report submitted pursuant to paragraph (g) of
6 subsection 1. The State Board of Education shall adopt such
7 regulations as the State Board deems necessary to carry out the
8 recommendations in the written report.

9 **Sec. 14.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
10 General Fund to the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology
11 in the Office of the Governor for awarding grants to elementary
12 schools in this State to promote equitable access to and increase the
13 quality of programs designed to introduce and teach science,
14 technology, engineering and mathematics the following sums:

15 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$250,000
16 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$250,000

17 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to
18 the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of
19 the Governor to create a grant program for awarding grants in this
20 State through regional advisory boards in each of three regions of
21 this State to fund activities and programs in this State designed to
22 increase awareness of, promote the benefits of and carry out
23 programs that reinforce education in science, technology,
24 engineering and mathematics the following sums:

25 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$300,000
26 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$300,000

27 3. The sums appropriated in subsections 1 and 2 are available
28 for either fiscal year. Any balance of those sums must not be
29 committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to
30 which the appropriation is made or any entity to which the money
31 from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any
32 manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must
33 not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either
34 entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which
35 the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
36 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

37 **Sec. 15.** (Deleted by amendment.)



