

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 482.3667 and 482.3669.

A REGULATION relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions governing the nomenclature that may be used on personalized prestige license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law states that the Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to establish, design and otherwise prepare for issue personalized prestige license plates and shall also establish all necessary procedures for the application and issuance of such license plates. The Department is authorized to limit the number of letters and numbers used and to prohibit the use of inappropriate letters or combinations of letters and numbers when issuing personalized prestige license plates. (NRS 482.3667)

Existing law authorizes the Department to make such regulations as are necessary to insure compliance with all applicable laws pertaining to the licensing and registration of vehicles before issuing personalized prestige license plates and provides that all applications for personalized prestige license plates must be made to the Department. (NRS 482.3669) Existing regulations provide a list of prohibited uses of inappropriate letters or combinations of letters and numbers the Department may reference in reviewing applications for the issuance of personalized prestige license plates. (NAC 482.320). This regulation adds categories to the list of prohibited combinations including any combination of letters, numbers or spaces that contain any connotation that promotes or encourages violence and any other combination that, when evaluated in context, would be interpreted by a reasonable person as falling within the prohibited categories established by the Department.

Section 1. NAC 482.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.320 1. The letter “O,” the letter “I” and the letter “Q” must not be used alone but may be used with a combination of other letters and numbers if the combination does not create

confusion between the letter “O” or “Q” and the number “0” or between the letter “I” and the number “1.”

2. Only letters, numbers and spaces may be used on personalized prestige license plates. Letters, numbers and spaces may be used in any combination not prohibited by this section or NRS 482.3667.

3. A blank plate will not be issued.

4. No letter or number may be placed on a personalized prestige license plate upside down or backwards or in other than its normal legible position.

5. No more than seven characters may be on any one personalized prestige license plate.

6. No combination of letters, numbers or spaces is allowed if it:

(a) Creates confusion with any combination on other license plates.

(b) Expresses contempt, ridicule or superiority of:

(1) Race;

(2) Ethnic heritage;

(3) Religion; or

(4) Gender.

(c) Contains any connotation that is sexual, vulgar, derogatory, profane or obscene.

(d) *Contains any connotation that promotes or encourages violence.*

(e) Contains a direct or indirect reference to a:

(1) Drug or drug paraphernalia; or

(2) Gang.

~~(e)~~ (f) Makes a defamatory reference to a person or group.

(g) Makes any other combination that, when evaluated in context, would be interpreted by a reasonable person as falling within the prohibited categories established in this section or as constituting unprotected speech under applicable law.

7. The person who first applies for a particular letter or number or combination of letters, numbers or spaces and pays the prescribed fee for registration and for the personalized prestige license plates has priority to receive plates with that particular letter or number or combination of letters, numbers or spaces once the application has been accepted by the Department.