

Senate Bill No. 191—Senators Cannizzaro, Cancela, Segerblom,
Parks, Spearman; Manendo and Woodhouse

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Joiner, Spiegel and Yeager

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to veterans; establishing a standard for evidence of eligibility for any benefit, program or assistance provided to a veteran with a service-connected disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill provides that, for the purpose of eligibility for any benefit, program or assistance provided to a veteran with a service-connected disability: (1) a veteran shall be deemed to be a veteran with a service-connected disability to the extent determined by the Federal Government; and (2) a certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense which indicates that the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability and which indicates the percentage or compensation of that disability is sufficient evidence that the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability and is sufficient evidence of the percentage or compensation of that disability. **Sections 2-8** of this bill make conforming changes.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, for the purpose of determining the eligibility for any benefit, program or assistance provided by the State or a local government to a veteran, or a business owned or operated by a veteran, with a service-connected disability:

1. The veteran shall be deemed to be a veteran with a service-connected disability to the extent determined by the Federal Government; and

2. A certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense which indicates that the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability and which indicates the total percentage or compensation of that disability is sufficient evidence:

(a) That the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability; and



(b) Of the total percentage or compensation of the service-connected disability.

Sec. 2. NRS 333.3369 is hereby amended to read as follows:

333.3369 The Purchasing Division may adopt such regulations as it determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of NRS 333.3361 to 333.3369, inclusive. The regulations may include, without limitation, provisions setting forth:

1. The method by which a business may apply to receive a preference described in NRS 333.3366;

2. ~~The~~ ***Subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act, the*** documentation or other proof that a business must submit to demonstrate that it qualifies for a preference described in NRS 333.3366; and

3. Such other matters as the Purchasing Division deems relevant.

➡ In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Purchasing Division shall, to the extent practicable, cooperate and coordinate with the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration so that any regulations adopted pursuant to this section and NRS 338.13847 are reasonably consistent.

Sec. 3. NRS 338.13847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

338.13847 The State Public Works Board may adopt such regulations as it determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of NRS 338.1384 to 338.13847, inclusive. The regulations may include, without limitation, provisions setting forth:

1. The method by which a business may apply to receive a preference described in NRS 338.13844;

2. ~~The~~ ***Subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act, the*** documentation or other proof that a business must submit to demonstrate that it qualifies for a preference described in NRS 338.13844; and

3. Such other matters as the Division deems relevant.

➡ In carrying out the provisions of this section, the State Public Works Board and the Division shall, to the extent practicable, cooperate and coordinate with the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration so that any regulations adopted pursuant to this section and NRS 333.3369 are reasonably consistent.

Sec. 4. NRS 482.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows:


482.3765 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the words "PEARL HARBOR VETERAN" or "PEARL HARBOR



SURVIVOR,” at the option of the veteran, and a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

3. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of their status as a survivor and, if applicable  *and subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act*, evidence of disability required by the Department.

5. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

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

(a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

7. The fee for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section is \$25, in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes. The annual fee for a renewal sticker for a set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section is \$5.



Sec. 5. NRS 482.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.377 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who, as a result of his or her service:

(a) Has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability and who receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to specially designed license plates that must be inscribed with:

(1) The words "DISABLED VETERAN," "DISABLED FEMALE VETERAN" or "VETERAN WHO IS DISABLED," at the option of the veteran;

(2) The international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background; and

(3) A number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

(b) Has been captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation is entitled to specially designed license plates inscribed with the words "EX PRISONER OF WAR" and a number of characters, including numbers and letters, as determined necessary by the Director.

2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for persons qualified pursuant to this section who submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department and *, subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act,* evidence of disability or former imprisonment required by the Department.

4. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to this section are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

5. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special license plates issued pursuant to this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

(a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the



Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

Sec. 6. NRS 482.3775 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3775 1. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who was awarded the Purple Heart is entitled to specially designed license plates which indicate that the veteran is a recipient of the Purple Heart.

2. A person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section, has suffered a 100-percent service-connected disability as a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States and receives compensation from the United States for the disability is entitled to have his or her special license plates issued pursuant to this section inscribed with the international symbol of access, which must comply with any applicable federal standards and must be white on a blue background.

3. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be used only on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

4. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of his or her status as a recipient of the Purple Heart and, if applicable **and subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act**, evidence of disability as required by the Department. The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

5. A vehicle on which license plates issued by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 are displayed is exempt from the payment of any parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the State, other than the United States.

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

(a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the



Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or

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

7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 482.265, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If the special plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of replacement license plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

Sec. 7. NRS 482.3783 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3783 1. The Department shall design, prepare and issue license plates honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been awarded, as applicable, the:

(a) Silver Star; or

(b) Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device.

2. Each person who qualifies for special license plates pursuant to this section may apply for not more than two sets of plates. If the person applies for a second set of plates for an additional vehicle, the second set of plates must have a different number than the first set of plates issued to the same applicant. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may only be used on a private passenger vehicle, a noncommercial truck or a motor home.

3. The Department shall issue specially designed license plates for any person qualified pursuant to this section who submits an application on a form prescribed by the Department and evidence of his or her status as a recipient of the Silver Star or the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device, as applicable, and *, subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act,* evidence of his or her service-connected disability, if applicable, as required by the Department. The Department may designate any appropriate colors for the special plates.

4. If, during a registration year, the holder of a set of special license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

(a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle which meets the requirements of this section and report the change to the Department in accordance with the procedure set forth for other transfers; or



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

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 482.265, no fee in addition to the applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes may be charged for the issuance or renewal of a set of special license plates pursuant to this section. If the special license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle may secure a set of replacement license plates from the Department for the fees required pursuant to NRS 482.268.

Sec. 8. NRS 502.072 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.072 The Department shall issue without charge any license authorized under the provisions of this chapter, upon satisfactory proof *, subject to the provisions of section 1 of this act,* of the requisite facts to any bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a service-connected disability which is considered to be 50 percent or more by the Department of Veterans Affairs and has received upon severance from service an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sec. 9. 1. This section and sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 4 and 6 of this act become effective on the earlier of:

(a) July 1, 2018; or

(b) The date on which the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 7 of chapter 62, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 268, notifies the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau that sufficient resources are available to enable the Department to carry out the amendatory provisions of chapter 62, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 262.



