

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

*Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 482.367004*

This summary presents the recommendations adopted by the Commission on Special License Plates during its meeting on August 10, 2018. The Commission submits the following recommendations and bill draft requests (BDRs) to the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

During the drafting process, specific details of the following proposals for legislation may be further clarified by staff in consultation with the chair or others, as appropriate.

1. Pursuant to [NRS 482.38279](#), in the event that a charitable organization has failed to comply with one or more provisions of [NRS 482.38277](#) or, if the legislative auditor determines that an organization has committed improper practices of financial administration, filed inadequate or inaccurate forms or records, or failed to ensure that all money received is expended appropriately, and the Commission concurs with the findings, the Commission is authorized to recommend to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to:
  - a. Suspend the collection of all additional fees gathered on behalf of the charitable organization; and
  - b. Suspend the production of the special license plate, if the DMV is still producing that design.

During the work session, the Commission voted to request legislation to propose the following additional recommendations to the DMV for situations when an organization does not comply with one or more provisions of NRS 482.38277:

- a. Provide that the Commission may recommend to the DMV to suspend the production and distribution of the license plate and the collection of all additional fees gathered on behalf of the charitable organization. Plate holders may renew existing plates; however, no additional fees would be collected on behalf of the organization.
- b. Provide that the Commission may recommend to the DMV to suspend the production and distribution of the license plate and the collection of all additional fees gathered on behalf of the charitable organization for a specified period of time (to be determined on a case-by-case basis). At the end of the time period, if the DMV, in consultation with the Commission, determines:
  - i. The charitable organization is in compliance, the DMV may lift the suspension and forward the money that was collected during the suspension to the organization; or

ii. The charitable organization is not in compliance, the DMV may:

- (1) Suspend the production and distribution of the special license plate and the collection of all additional fees gathered on behalf of the charitable organization. Plate holders may renew existing plates; however, no additional fees would be collected on behalf of the organization. Any fees held in abeyance would be distributed by the DMV, in consultation with the Commission; and/or
- (2) Resume the production and distribution of the special license plate and redirect the collection of all additional fees (both fees held and ongoing) to a new organization. To be eligible, the new organization must:
  - (i) Submit an application to the DMV;
  - (ii) Meet all applicable requirements of [NRS 482.367002](#) for a charitable organization to receive financial support from a special license plate; and
  - (iii) Confirm that the expenditure of funds would be for “similar” purposes as the original organization (“similar” means that the plate still raises money for a cause that the plate holder intended to support).

In the event the application for the new organization contains information that one or more of the individuals responsible for overseeing the operation of the new charitable organization was also responsible for overseeing the operation of the charitable organization for which the special license plate was suspended, the Commission must consider this information when determining the ability of the applicant to meet all applicable requirements of NRS 482.367002 concerning the receipt of financial support from a special license plate. **(BDR 43–395)**

2. Request legislation to propose exempting a charitable organization from preparing and filing the documents and forms required pursuant to [NRS 482.38277](#) (i.e., balance sheet, personal information of individuals responsible for overseeing the operation of the charitable organization, the budget of the charitable organization, and tax return information) under the following circumstances:
  - a. The special license plate has ceased production; or
  - b. The fees generated from the renewal of the license plate are less than \$10,000 annually. **(BDR 43–396)**

## SUMMARY OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Following is a summary of the applications recommended by the Commission on Special License Plates to the DMV for approval of the design, preparation, and issuance of special license plates at its meeting on August 10, 2018.

### **First Tier**

#### *Grant a Gift Autism Foundation*

1. Grant a Gift Autism Foundation was founded in 2009 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization helping children with autism and their families by providing diagnostic and treatment funding, education, support services, transition planning, and vocational training. In addition, the Foundation provides funds for treatment not covered by state and federal resources or insurance. The Foundation collaborates with organizations, providers, and state agencies to give children with autism spectrum disorder, growing up in Nevada, a better quality of life and future as they transition into adulthood. Revenue from the special license plate will be used for autism research and treatment and empowering families who have children with autism.

#### *Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada*

2. The Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada (IFCSN) was established more than 30 years ago from an earlier parent organization, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which was founded in 1928. The IFCSN coordinates a variety of programs to fulfill its mission to “promote mutual understanding, respect, appreciation, and cooperation among people of various faith and cultural communities in southern Nevada and in the world.” The revenue from the special license plate will support and augment these programs: Interfaith Forums, annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Mayor Prayer Breakfast, and Camp Anytown.

#### *Northern Nevada Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc.*

3. The Northern Nevada Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is the local chapter of the premier professional society for mining professionals. The special license plate will honor the mining industry in Nevada, which has a prominent place in the history of the state and continues to play a significant role in its economy. The proceeds of the special license plate will endow a scholarship at the University of Nevada, Reno, benefitting undergraduate and graduate students in the Mackay School of Mines and the College of Science.

### **Second Tier**

#### *Henderson, Nevada Historical Society*

1. The Henderson Historical Society was founded in 2011 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to encourage and foster public awareness and pride in the City of Henderson and to preserve

the stories of the past. The funds generated by the sale and renewal of a special license plate will be used to:

- a. Grow the Henderson “Speaks” program;
- b. Grow the Henderson, Nevada, Then and Now project, including a traveling museum;
- c. Procure and archive artifacts, photos, and stories;
- d. Hire a full-time executive director; and
- e. Upgrade communications including interactive website and social media outlets.

*Raiders Foundation (The Oakland Raiders)*

2. The Raiders Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 2015 to support the local community of Oakland, California, and Raider Nation as the charitable arm of the Oakland Raiders football team. It is the Foundation’s mission to increase community and civic health through military support and youth development. All proceeds from the special license plate will be used for active military members and veterans, funding youth development, and growing the game of football.