SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Nevada Revised Statutes 482.367004

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Commission on Special License Plates at its meeting on September 23, 2020. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Legislative Commission for transmittal to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Revision to the Process Where the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Suspends a Special License Plate

1. Draft a bill providing that if the Commission on Special License Plates recommends the DMV suspend a special license plate pursuant to subsection 4(b) of NRS 482.38279, the Department, in consultation with the Commission, is authorized to: (1) change the status of the suspended special license plate to be suspended with conditions; or (2) terminate the special license plate. (BDR 43–473)

Submission of Artwork for a Special License Plate

2. Draft a bill requiring an organization to submit its special license plate artwork to the DMV within 180 days of a recommendation by: (1) the Commission on Special License Plates to the DMV to approve its application; or (2) a special license plate approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor. An organization that fails to submit the license plate artwork within 180 days is deemed to have forfeited the plate. Additionally, an organization has 30 days to respond to the Department once the DMV provides the organization with a formatted license plate design for its approval. An organization that does not respond in writing to the DMV with an approval and/or request to make additional modifications to the proposed design is deemed to have accepted the proposed special license plate design. (BDR –474)

Alphanumeric Sequencing for All Special License Plates

3. Draft a bill to allow the DMV to determine alphanumeric character sequencing on all special license plates. Effective July 1, 2021, except as otherwise provided pursuant to NRS 482.37933, "Support of preservation and restoration of Lake Tahoe Basin," all sequential passenger vehicle special license plates must hold five positions to include a series of the respective stacked character set and alphanumeric characters, and all sequential motorcycle special license plates must hold four positions to include a series of the respective stacked character set and alphanumeric characters. (BDR –475)

Transfer of the Duties and Responsibilities of the Commission on Special License Plates to the DMV

4. Draft a bill to transfer all of the duties and responsibilities of the Commission on Special License Plates to the DMV. Also, transfer all duties and responsibilities for financial investigations of charitable organizations that receive additional fees from special license plates from the legislative auditor, pursuant to NRS 482.38272 through 482.38279, to the DMV. (BDR 43-476)

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

The 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 September 23, 2020.

First Tier

Clark County Public Education Foundation, Inc., DBA The Public Education Foundation

1. The Public Education Foundation was established in 1991 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation's mission is to bring about transformational change in educational leadership, learning, and teaching. It investigates and evaluates ways that Nevada's children can be better educated and focuses on programs that meet the needs of its most underserved students while providing equity and access. Proceeds from the sale and renewal of a special license plate will be applied to the Family Learning Program, the Innovation Lab, Scholarship PLUS, and the Teacher Exchange.

Opportunity Village, The ARC

2. Opportunity Village, The ARC, is a not-for-profit organization serving adults in southern Nevada with intellectual and related disabilities since 1954. In Fiscal Year 2018–2019, Opportunity Village served 1,076 people, employed 735 people, and had 60 locations. The revenue generated from the sale and renewal of a special license plate will expand program choices, fund programs for individuals who have the highest level of need, fund services not currently available, and provide therapy and recreational opportunities.

Second Tier

The Neon Museum

3. Founded in 1996, the Neon Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to collecting, exhibiting, preserving, and studying iconic Las Vegas, Nevada, signs for educational, historic, art, and cultural enrichment. Representatives of the Neon Museum indicated the revenue from the sale and renewal of a special license plate will support several activities, including:

- a. Museum tours and an annual storytelling program for students in Title I schools;
- b. Special programming at the museum;
- c. Lectures and panel discussions;
- d. Professional development for educators employed by the Clark County School District;
- e. Junior-interpreter-led tours of the museum;
- f. School and community outreach;
- g. A scholar-in-residence program;
- h. An artist-in-residence program;
- i. Collaborations with other art and cultural organizations; and
- j. Programming targeted for adults age 55 and older.

Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police

4. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 1999. The Foundation has two goals: (1) raise funds to support and supplement the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) and create a safer community for all by supporting initiatives that improve and uplift communities, prevent crime, and save lives; and (2) build a stronger relationship between law enforcement and the community, particularly in communities that have historically had less positive experiences with law enforcement. The Foundation is focused on providing training and technology for LVMPD and first responders, community engagement events, and community-oriented policing. The proceeds of the special license plates will continue to grow community engagement events and programs, such as Bolden Little League and Rebuilding Every City Around Peace, as well as fund projects to test and purchase specialized equipment and technology and provide advanced training for officers and staff of LVMPD. Proceeds will also be used to fund the Nevada Joint Training Center, which, when it is completed, will be a cooperative world-class training campus for Nevada's first responders.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship

5. The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) is a mixed martial arts organization located in Las Vegas, Nevada. As the first professional sports brand to be headquartered in Nevada, the UFC has been active in the local community for more than two decades. The UFC partners with Nevada-based nonprofit organizations that advocate for youth education, military veterans and active service members, first responders, gender equality, persons fighting to overcome critical illnesses, and persons who have the will to excel despite physical and mental challenges. All proceeds from a special license plate will be used solely to help nonprofit organizations and charitable programs throughout Nevada.