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The following "Work Session Document" was prepared by staff of Nevada's Commission on Special License Plates (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 482.367004). The document contains recommendations within the scope of the study that were presented in hearings or submitted in writing for the Commission's consideration. The document also may contain supplemental information as referenced in this document. If you would like copies of these supporting documents, please contact Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) at 775/684-6825.

The possible actions listed in this document do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Commission. Rather, these possible actions are compiled and organized so the members may review them to decide if they should be adopted, changed, rejected, or further considered. Individual or joint sponsors of recommendations may be referenced in parentheses. Please note that specific sponsors of the recommendations may not be provided if the proposals were raised and discussed by numerous individuals and entities during the course of the interim.

The members of the Commission may vote to send as many Commission statements or letters as they choose; however, pursuant to NRS 218.2429, the Commission is limited to ten bill draft requests (BDRs), including requests for the drafting of legislative resolutions. For purposes of this "Work Session Document," the recommendations have been grouped, in part, by topic and also by possible Committee action. They are not preferentially ordered. Finally, it should be noted that many of the recommendations may contain an unknown fiscal impact. Commission members should be advised that LCB staff will coordinate with the interested parties to obtain detailed fiscal estimates, where appropriate (for inclusion in the final report), and that all recommendations may be considered within available funding limits.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Recommendation No. 1 — Draft a bill amending Chapter 482 of NRS to provide that Nevada’s Commission on Special License Plates may approve an organization’s request for a special license plate if the organization meets the following requirements: (a) the primary activity of the organization serves the community, contributes to the welfare of others, and is not discriminatory or offensive in nature, activity, or name; (b) the name of the organization or any part of the organization’s purpose does not promote any specific product or brand name that is provided for sale; and (c) the purpose of the organization does not promote a specific religion, faith, or antireligious belief. Additionally, the Commission must consider each application for a special license plate based on the chronological order of application submission to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Background Information for Recommendation No. 1

Tab A – Copy of Section B of *Arizona Revised Statutes* 28-2404, “Special organization plates; state highway fund account; definitions.”

Recommendation No. 2 — Draft a bill amending NRS 482.367002 to require that an organization must, along with submitting an application to the DMV, pay a \$4,000 fee for the initial costs incurred in producing a special license plate. Upon approval by Nevada’s Commission on Special License Plates, the DMV will begin design and production of the organization’s special license plate. On October 1 (after the plate has been available for 12 months), if the DMV determines there are 1,000 active plates, the DMV will refund the \$4,000 fee to the organization. However, if the organization does not meet the 1,000 active plate minimum within the required time frame, the DMV will not refund the design and production fee. Additionally, if Nevada’s Commission on Special License Plates does not approve an organization’s request for a special license plate, the \$4,000 fee will be refunded to the organization.

(Recommended by Virginia Lewis, Director, DMV)

Background Information for Recommendation No. 2

Tab B – Copy of *Montana Code Annotated* 61-3-478, “Generic specialty license plate sponsor fee – exception.”

Recommendation No. 3 — Draft a bill amending Chapter 482 of NRS to limit the production of a special license plate once the plate has been in circulation for ten years or the charitable organization has collected \$60,000 in fees from the plate. However, existing holders of that particular design of special license plate may retain the plate and are not prohibited from renewing that plate.

(Discussed at the November 2, 2005, meeting of Nevada’s Commission on Special License Plates.)

Recommendation No. 4 — Draft a bill amending Section 3 of NRS 482.367004 to require that legislators serving on the Commission be paid a salary and compensated for their travel and per diem expenses.

(Discussed at the November 2, 2005, meeting of Nevada’s Commission on Special License Plates.)

Background Information for Recommendation No. 4

Tab C – Copy of Section 3 of NRS 482.367004, “Commission on Special License Plates; membership; terms; vacancies; service without salary or compensation; administrative support; duties.”

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO DRAFT A LETTER OR
INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE FINAL REPORT**

At this time, there are no recommendations to draft a letter or include a statement in the final report.