



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* 482.367004)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Commission on Special License Plates was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, at 3 p.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building in Carson City, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's Web site at www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Scott Sisco, Interim Director, Department of Cultural Affairs (nonvoting member)

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator Dennis Nolan, Chairman
Assemblyman John Ocegura, Vice Chairman
Senator Margaret (Maggie) A. Carlton
Assemblyman Kelvin D. Atkinson
Assemblyman Scott A. Sibley
Virginia (Ginny) Lewis, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (nonvoting member)
George Togliatti, Director, Department of Public Safety (nonvoting member)

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU (LCB) STAFF PRESENT:

Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB
Kim Marsh Guinnasso, Principal Deputy Legal Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Nenita Wasserman, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division, LCB

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Senator Dennis Nolan, Chairman, welcomed members and the public to the first meeting of Nevada's Commission on Special License Plates.

REMARKS CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

- Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, gave an overview of the responsibilities of the Commission on Special License Plates ([Exhibit B](#)). She reviewed:
 1. The Commission's responsibility is to approve or disapprove applications submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for special license plates;
 2. The definition of special plates according to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 482.367008 ([Exhibit C](#));
 3. A DMV report which listed all active special license plates and the total revenue the plates generated for the past year ([Exhibit D](#)).;
 4. The composition of the voting members of the Commission; and
 5. The composition of the nonvoting members of the Commission.

REVIEW OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES IN NEVADA

- Ms. Paslov Thomas, previously identified, reviewed facts regarding special license plates in Nevada and explained that there are currently 26 special license plates authorized, which raise funds for certain causes and are available to the general public [Exhibit E1](#). She stated that: (1) The "Durango" (an authorized plate) plate continues to await issuance until a slot becomes available; (2) Eighteen special license plates have been authorized by the Legislature and eight approved by the Commission; (3) Nine special license plates applications were considered by the Commission last interim; (4) She also provided an annual report listing active special license plates which is prepared by the DMV ([Exhibit E2](#)).

REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF OTHER STATES WITH SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND POSSIBLE FUTURE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES IN NEVADA

- Ginny Lewis, Director, DMV, reported on the special license plate process in other states. She added there may be future limitations on the number of special license plates issued in Nevada. Her overview highlighted the following points:

1. The results of a poll of numerous states and Canadian territories that use a body similar to Nevada's Commission;
2. The entities that limit the number of special license plates (which include the State of Washington and the Yukon Territory);
3. A legislative history from State of California legislation that prevented the California Department of Motor Vehicles from issuing additional special license plates.
4. The State of Florida's policy on special license plates; and
5. A comparison to other states show Nevada is the only state that has two methods for approving plates, one being through the Nevada Legislature and the other, the Commission on Special License Plates.

After some discussion among Commission members, a request to legal staff was made to determine how California reached its decision to limit special license plates. The Chairman suggested developing a legislative methodology to determine special license plate approval.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

- Ginny Lewis, previously identified, gave an overview of pending special license plate applications. She commented that: (1) The application process for the State of Washington includes a review board before final legislative approval; and (2) An examination of Nevada's current process, including a signature requirement, could be eliminated if prepaid applications were required.

The Commission discussed the methodology of the prepaid application process and requested a presentation be made by the DMV at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Frederick L. Wilkening, resident, Las Vegas, stated that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America plate have collected the required number of signatures for application of a special license plate.
- Sally Summers, Founder, Horse Power, Carson City, testified her group has collected at 1,000 signatures for a special license plate featuring wild horses, burrows, and strays.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- The Chairman announced the next Commission meeting is scheduled for October 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nenita Wasserman
Senior Research Secretary

Marjorie Paslov Thomas
Senior Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dennis Nolan, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Carson City.

[Exhibit B](#) is a copy of testimony dated November 2, 2005, titled “Remarks Concerning the Responsibilities of the Commission on Special License Plates,” furnished by Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit C](#) is a copy of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 482.367008 submitted by Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit D](#) is a document titled “Special Plate 25 Design Limit,” presented by Ginny Lewis, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Carson City.

[Exhibit E1](#) is a dated October 27, 2005, titled “Department of Motor Vehicles, Special Plate Funds,” furnished by Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit E2](#) is a two-page report dated October 2005, titled “October Yearly Report for Specialty Plates,” submitted by Ginny Lewis, Director, DMV, Carson City.

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