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# **REPORT TO THE 73<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE BY THE COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Commission on Special License Plates, in compliance with *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 482.367004 (Appendix A), approves or disapproves applications for special license plates and the issuance of the special license plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). During the 2003-04 legislative interim period, the commission met three times in Las Vegas, Nevada. All public hearings were conducted through simultaneous videoconferences between the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas and the Legislative Building in Carson City.

Assemblywoman Vonne S. Chowning served as the chairwoman of the commission, and Senator Raymond C. Shaffer served as the vice chairman. Other members of the commission during the 2003-04 interim included:

Senator Michael A. Schneider  
Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr.  
Assemblyman Don Gustavson  
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## **II. OVERVIEW**

The plain metal tags that have adorned registered vehicles for decades, providing a means to identify a vehicle and its owner, were once easily distinguishable between states' standard issue designs. Currently, several states offer more than one hundred different designs to allow people to demonstrate their support for special causes, professional sports teams, or identify themselves as a member of a certain organization. Special license plates differ in design from the standard state license plate and include both special interest fundraising plates and other types of plates. A plate matrix prepared by the DMV including all Nevada license plates currently seen on our state's highways is included with this report as Appendix B. The matrix includes a color photo of the design, plate type, description, special notes, NRS citation authorizing the

plate, initial and renewal fees for each license plate subject to fees in addition to those of the standard issue plates.

Special license plates to generate revenue for certain causes have become more widespread in Nevada since the first fundraising plate was approved in 1989. The Commission on Special License Plates was established in 2003 to provide another means of authorizing the plates outside of the limited 120-day legislative session. There are presently 26 special license plates authorized, which raise funds for certain causes and are available to the general public (see Appendix C). These license plates are considered special license plates per NRS 482.367008.

### **III. HISTORY AND TYPES OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES IN NEVADA**

The 1931 Nevada Legislature enacted Senate Bill 59 (Chapter 202, *Statutes of Nevada 1931*), which was a comprehensive transportation measure that required the registration of motor vehicles, trailers, and semi trailers and provided for the imposition of vehicle registration fees. The bill required that one license plate be furnished for each registered motorcycle, and semi trailer and two license plates be provided to each motor vehicle and trailer. The Motor Vehicle Fund (NRS 482.180) was established by the measure as a separate account in the State Treasury. The bill provided for “suitable distinguishing plates” for public owned vehicles that were exempt from the registration fees, and it designated the Secretary of State as the “Vehicle Commissioner” of the small state with a population of approximately 90,000.

The distinguishing plates for public-owned vehicles may have been Nevada’s first special license plates, but there are now many different types of special license plates. Following is a table of the license plates associated with military or public service, or membership or affiliation with certain groups. Below is a table of these plates including the statute authorizing the plate, and the year of initial adoption listed in chronological order.

#### **A. Military, Public Service, or Certain Groups**

<b><i>Group</i></b>	<b><i>NRS</i></b>	<b><i>Year</i></b>
Exempt public-owned vehicles	482.368	1931
United States Senators and Representatives	482.370	1931
Holder of license for amateur radio station	482.375	1951
Governor and Lieutenant Governor	482.373	1967
Legislators and Supreme Court Justices	482.374	1971
Nevada National Guard	482.3755	1973
Disabled Veterans and Ex-prisoners of War	482.377	1977
Member of the press	482.3672	1981
Honorary consul of foreign country	482.3675	1983



Recipient of Congressional Medal of Honor	482.378	1985
Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Controller, and Attorney General	482.372	1985
Veteran of Attack on Pearl Harbor	482.3765	1987
Nevada Wing of Civil Air Patrol	482.3755	1991
Recipient of Purple Heart	482.3775	1991
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons	482.3748	1997
Hall of Fame Athlete	482.3749	1997

## B. Fundraising Plates

The first license plate to generate revenue for a specific cause or organization was authorized in 1989. The 1989 Nevada Legislature approved Assembly Bill 878 (Chapter 540, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*), which authorized the issuance of a special license plate to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union. The issuance of new commemorative license plates ceased as of October 31, 1990, and the issuance of replacement commemorative license plates ceased as of June 30, 1995. The commemorative plates were not limited to any certain membership; however, other special license plates that generate revenue for a specific organization limit issuance to a certain membership. Below are the special license plates that are available only to a specific population and generate revenue for an organization or cause listed in chronological order of legislative approval.

### FUNDRAISING PLATES FOR RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP

<i>Group</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>NRS</i>	<i>Year</i>
Professional Firefighters	Burn Treatment Facilities in Nevada	482.3753	1997
Veterans or Veteran's Spouse, Parent, or Child	Veterans' Home	482.3763	1993
Volunteer Firefighters	Training for Volunteer Firefighters	482.3754	2001

The 1993 Legislature authorized the second special license plate to raise funds for a designated organization, with the additional fees earmarked for academic and athletic scholarships to students of the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Below are the license plates that were legislatively approved to generate funds for an organization or cause and available to the general public regardless of any specific membership.

### FUNDRAISING PLATES AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

<i>Group/Plate</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>NRS</i>	<i>Year</i>
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nevada's admission into	Celebration of Anniversary	482.379	1989

the Union			
Collegiate	UNLV and UNR scholarships	482.3747	1993
Missing or Exploited Children Clearinghouse established by the Attorney General	Missing or Exploited Children	482.3793	1995
Nevada Arts Council	Arts Education for Children	482.3792	1995
Lake Tahoe Basin	Preservation and restoration of Lake Tahoe Basin	482.37933	1997
Organ Donation	Anatomical Gift Account (NRS 460.150)	482.37905	1997
Agriculture	Split 50/50: the Nevada Future Farmers of America Foundation and the Account for License Plates for the Promotion of Agriculture (NRS 561.411)	482.37917	1999
Mount Charleston	Preservation of Natural Environment of the Mt. Charleston area	482.37935	1999
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the City of Las Vegas	Celebration of Anniversary and Related Commemorative Projects, including, without limitation, historical markers, tours of historic sites and restoration of historic structures	482.37903	2001
Animal Appreciation	Distributed to counties for support of animal adoption and animal sterilization programs	482.379175	2001
Atomic Testing	Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation	482.37918	2001
Outside Las Vegas Foundation	Preservation of Federal Lands surrounding Las Vegas	482.37934	2001
Las Vegas Valley Water District	Support of the Desert Preserve	482.37919	2001
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Preservation and Restoration of Natural Environment of Lower Truckee River and Pyramid Lake	482.37937	2001
Rodeo	Split 50/50: Reno Rodeo Foundation and the Nevada High School Rodeo Association	482.37938	2001
Northern Nevada Railway Foundation (Virginia & Truckee Railroad plate)	Reconstruction of the V&T Railroad	482.37945	2001
Ducks Unlimited	Wetland Conservation	482.379185	2003
Immigrant Workers Citizenship Project	Support of Naturalized Citizenship	482.379355	2003
State Emergency Response Commission (United We Stand plate)	Contingency Account for Hazardous Materials (NRS 459.735)	482.379365	2003

There are also special license plates associated with certain classes and types of vehicles: fire trucks, antique vehicles, street rods, classic rods, and classic vehicles. Souvenir license plates (NRS 482.3824), which are substantially similar to the particular special license plate, may be produced by the Department of Motor Vehicles to generate financial support for a charitable organization.

#### **IV. LEGISLATIVE LIMITS ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE**

##### **A. Senate Bill 67 of the 1999 Session**

According to testimony in support of Senate Bill 67 of the 1999 Session, in the five preceding legislative sessions 28 special license plate bills were introduced, and the measures consumed a great deal of legislator and staff time. Senate Bill 67 proposed to authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety<sup>1</sup> to design and issue special license plates upon request. The request had to be accompanied by a petition signed by at least 50 persons who wished to obtain the plate and had to state whether the plate was to be used to raise money for a cause or charitable organization. The bill proposed to authorize the department to issue the plate if it received at least 250 actual applications within four years after the initial request was filed. Further, the department could deny a request for a special plate if it promoted an activity that was offensive or discriminatory, promoted a brand or product, promoted a religious or antireligious belief, or was not feasible for any other reason. Proponents of the bill argued it would represent efficient use of the 120-day limited session while providing a service to the consumers of Nevada. Although the Senate approved the bill, it was not approved by the Assembly.

##### **B. Assembly Bill 229 of the 2001 Session**

The 2001 Legislature revisited the issue of special license plates. Assembly Bill 229 (Chapter 379, *Statutes of Nevada 2001*) was enacted and required that as of January 1, 2003, when the Legislature enacts a statute for the creation of a special license plate, it would also provide that the Department of Motor Vehicles must not issue the plate unless it receives at least 1,000 applications. The bill further required that applications be filed within two years of the effective date of the bill creating a special plate. The measure changed, from 25 percent to \$35, the amount of the fee for the initial issuance of a special license plate, not including any additional fee to generate financial support for a particular cause or organization that must be deposited for credit to the revolving account for the issuance of special license plates.

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<sup>1</sup> Senate Bill 481 (Chapter 520, *Statutes of Nevada 2001*) reorganized the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety into two departments.

### **C. Assembly Bill 358 of the 2003 Session**

Most recently, the 2003 Legislature approved Assembly Bill 358 (Chapter 482, *Statutes of Nevada 2003*), thereby creating the Commission on Special License Plates and another option for the authorization of special plates in addition to direct legislative authorization. The new method is known as direct application/petition to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The bill also provided for a 25-design cap on the production of special license plates and a mechanism to cease issuance of low demand plates. Special license plates under the jurisdiction of the commission are defined in NRS 482.367008, and a list of these special license plates, including the number of active plates and total revenue generated is included in Appendix C.

## **V. COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

### **A. Membership, Terms, and Duties**

The Commission on Special License Plates is a permanent committee authorized by *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 482.367004 to approve or disapprove applications for special license plates, as defined in NRS 482.367008. Commission members consist of five voting members and three nonvoting members. The voting members must be legislators, including the legislators who served as chairmen of the Assembly Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session. The Legislative Commission appoints the voting members for a term of two years, commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year, and vacancies must be filled in the same manner. The nonvoting members are to be the directors of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Cultural Affairs, or their designees. Members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

### **B. Applications Considered by the Commission**

Completed applications for special license plates received by the DMV are forwarded to the Commission for consideration. The statutory criteria (Section 5 of NRS 482.367004) for approval of special license plate applications is for the Commission to consider, “without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license plate.”

The Commission has held three meetings, all in 2004: January 14, July 12, and October 18. Of the nine applications considered by the Commission during the 2003-04 interim, one was denied: Protect the Second Amendment. With the approval of these eight applications, the total number of approved special license plates is 26; therefore, the Commission voted to recommend to the DMV that the Asociación Civil Del Estado

De Durango plate be placed on a waiting list for production. All final designs of these plates are subject to the approval of the DMV. Following is a brief summary of the applications considered by the Commission in the order they appeared before the Commission.

**1. Nevada Wildlife Record Book**

Senate Bill 15 of the 2003 Session proposed to authorize the issuance of a special license plate for the support of wildlife in Nevada; however, the bill was not processed out of the Assembly Committee on Transportation. The first plate approved by the Commission on Special License Plates was this wildlife plate for the Nevada Wildlife Record Book. The proposed design of the license plate includes a depiction of Nevada's desert bighorn sheep. Revenue from the license plate is to be used to construct and operate a Wildlife Interactive Interpretive Center, which would allow children, adults, and travelers in Nevada the opportunity to explore wildlife. Thomas W. Lammel, representative for the Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee, testified that the committee will have a conceptual design for the center in 2005, and he pointed out that there is an escape clause in their proposal to use the funds for other wildlife programs, as necessary. This was the only application reviewed at the meeting held January 14, 2004.

**2. Hot August Nights, Inc.**

At the second meeting of the Commission, three license plate applications were considered and approved. David D. Saville, Hot August Nights, Inc., testified that the plate was proposed to raise funds for their philanthropic program that started a couple of years ago. Mr. Saville pointed out that they would like to establish a foundation to continue and expand their program, which presently provides basic necessities and other gifts during the month of December to certain middle school-aged students in some Washoe County schools. School counselors are asked to provide a wish list to the program from 80 to 100 of their neediest students. Mr. Saville stated the next goal for the proposed foundation would be to establish a scholarship program for high school students in Washoe County to attend college. In response to a question from the commission, Mr. Saville said he would be amenable to expand the program to other parts of the state if the revenue from the special license plates permitted such expansion. The proposed plate design depicts a classic car with flames in the background on the left-hand one-third of the plate and the wording "America's Love Affair with Cars and Rock'n'Roll."

### **3. Nevada Airport Managers Association**

Raymond “Skip” Lawrence Polak, President, Nevada Airport Managers Association, Reno, presented a special license plate application that will be used to educate the general public regarding airports and build airports in Nevada. Specifically, the revenue will be deposited to the Fund for Aviation (NRS 494.048), which was created by the 2001 Legislature as a trust fund in the State Treasury administered by the Director of Nevada’s Department of Transportation (NDOT). Senate Bill 26 (Chapter 273, *Statutes of Nevada 2001*) allowed the Director to apply for and accept any gift, bequest, grant, appropriation, or donation from any source for deposit in the fund. In addition, the measure contained provisions governing the investment and expenditure of money in the fund, and it provided that no more than 1 percent of the money may be used to pay the costs of administering the fund.

Senate Bill 26 of the 2001 Session allowed the Director of NDOT to adopt regulations for the expenditure of money in the fund to award grants to a county, city, or other local government in Nevada for obtaining matching money for federal programs and any other programs relating to airports, or for the planning, establishment, development, construction, enlargement, improvement, or maintenance of any airport, landing area, or air navigational facility owned or controlled by the local government. In adopting these regulations, the Director is required to determine the order of priority for the expenditures by considering, among other things, the following: (1) the project’s purpose; (2) the costs and benefits of the project; and (3) the effect of the project on the environment, safety, security, infrastructure, and capacity of the airport. Before adopting a regulation or awarding a grant, the Director must consult with the Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee and any person who represents a public airport in the State. The provisions of this bill do not apply to an airport or facility owned or controlled by Clark County or the Airport Authority of Washoe County.

Mr. Polak presented a plate design that included a picture of a biplane and the wording, “Rich in Aviation History” at the bottom of the plate.

### **4. Reno Air Racing Foundation**

The Reno Air Racing Foundation had several representatives to testify in support of their plate application at the July 12, 2004 meeting of the Commission on Special License Plates, including: Susan L. Fisher,

Tom Gribben, Michael J. Houghton, and Tom Robinson. The commission approved the application, which proposed to use funds to perpetuate the spirit of air racing and aviation through education and preservation. The testimony before the commission included a brief background of the Foundation, which has been in existence for approximately two years, with its creation in 2002. The representatives testified that the Foundation had worked with the Education Collaborative of Washoe County to provide funding to Sparks High School for their literacy program. Mr. Houghton mentioned the Foundation's joint program with the Smithsonian to preserve old aircraft (forty-five years of age or older), and the Young Eagles Program. The Young Eagles Program has worked with Reno and Carson City's Experimental Aircraft Association to provide funding for youngsters to have their first flight experience. The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Reno Air Races were held in the Fall of 2004. The proposed plate design includes a picture of an old aircraft racing around a pylon.

On October 18, 2004, the Commission on Special License Plates considered five applications and approved four. A brief description of the applicants and their proposed use of funds is provided below. They are listed in the order in which the applications were received by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**5. Asociación Civil Del Estado De Durango**

Asociación Civil Del Estado De Durango is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to people of Durango who live in Nevada during hardship situations, such as paying for funeral expenses and transportation of remains back to Durango. Durango is one of 31 states of Mexico, and people from Durango represent the largest population of Mexicans in Nevada according to testimony before the Commission. Luis Martin Hinojosa-Flores testified that the group proposes to create a scholarship fund for good students in their community in Nevada. The proposed plate design includes a large scorpion and the wording "Espíritu Duranguense," which is the Spanish translation for Durango Spirit. Although this application was approved, the Commission voted to recommend that the DMV place it on a waiting list for production to comply with the 25-plate cap, which was exceeded by one application with the Commission's approvals at the October 18, 2004 meeting.

**6. Boulder City Chamber Of Commerce**

The Boulder City Chamber of Commerce applied for a special license plate to provide funding to the Boulder City Commission on Tourism

that has a mission statement of educating the public to all the wonders of Boulder City and the historical value of Hoover Dam. Jill Rowland Lagan, Executive Director, Boulder City Chamber of Commerce stated that Boulder City would like to use the funds collected from the special license plates for advertising in general. Boulder City does not receive gaming revenue, so they are seeking this alternative source of funding. The proposed design would depict Hoover Dam.

#### **7. Commission on Tourism**

The Commission on Tourism and the Commission on Economic Development's Projects Related to Tourism Grant Program requested a special license plate to provide an additional funding source for their program, to highlight Nevada's number one industry, and to teach people how to pronounce Nevada correctly. Nancy Dunn, Deputy Director, Commission on Tourism, stated that the funds from the special license plate would go to a grant program to assist rural communities in developing the infrastructure that will accommodate tourist activities. The proposed plate design would include the wording "Travel the Silver State" and "Wide Open."

#### **8. Nevada Library Association**

Felton Thomas, President, Nevada Library Association, explained that the revenue generated by the special license plates would support Summer Reading Programs in local libraries. Summer Reading programs encourage students to read during the summer vacation with programming, incentives and guidance in all libraries in the state of Nevada. In response to an existing nationwide shortage of qualified librarians, funds will also be used to support scholarships for Nevada residents to become librarians. Several designs were submitted for consideration by the Commission, and they all contained the wording "Nevada Libraries" at the bottom of the plate.

#### **9. Protect the Second Amendment**

Assembly Bill 115 of the 2003 Session proposed the issuance of special license plates indicating support for rights guaranteed pursuant to Amendment II of the *Constitution of the United States*, which ensures the right to keep and bear arms. The bill was not processed out of the Assembly Committee on Transportation. The revenue generated from this special license plate would be deposited into the Trust Fund for the Education of Dependent Children (NRS 396.545). The Trust Fund provides for the payment of fees and expenses incurred by a dependent



child of a law enforcement officer or other emergency personnel who was killed in the line of duty. This application was brought before the Commission by Assemblyman Don Gustavson, and the motion to approve the application died for lack of a second.

### **C. Cessation of Plate Issuance**

Assembly Bill 358 established a mechanism to cease issuance of low demand plates. If the DMV determines that the total number of validly registered motor vehicles with a particular special license plate is less than the number of required signatures, then the Director is required to notify existing plate holders that the DMV will no longer issue that particular design of a special license plate. However, this does not prohibit current holders from renewing their plates. On October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the DMV is required to review the active plate counts for each special license plate as provided in NRS 482.367008. The particular design to be withdrawn from issuance must have been available to be issued for at least 12 months prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

## **VI. DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

Proponents of special license plates point out that over \$5.3 million has been generated for special causes in Nevada through the voluntary efforts of taxpayers, while opponents cite difficulties identifying the license plates, particularly for law enforcement, the use of taxpayer dollars in administering the special license plates, and the potential for state government to sanction political statements.

As of September 30, 2004, there were 79,545 active special license plates, and the plates had generated \$5,333,595.96 in revenue. The most widely issued plate has been the Las Vegas Commemorative plate with 31,875 active plates as of September 30, 2004, and the Lake Tahoe plate had generated the most revenue, with \$2,483,309.37 for support of preservation and restoration of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Revenue from the special license plates that is returned to the organizations is generated through an initial issuance fee of \$15 to \$25 and a renewal fee of \$10 to \$20 depending on the design, and these fees are in addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental services taxes.

To ameliorate concerns about the difficulties in identifying special license plates, Assembly Bill 358 of the 2003 Session included plate design specifications. Special license plates designed, prepared, and issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002 must have only the left-hand one-third of the plate displaying any design or insignia and the remainder of the plate must conform to the requirements for coloring, lettering, and design as set forth in NRS 482.270. Color specifications include the predominant use of blue and silver; however, the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles may substitute white in place of silver. All license plates must be plainly readable from a

distance of 100 feet during daylight and visible from a vehicle with standard headlights at a distance of not less than 1,500 feet.

The use of money from the Revolving Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates to purchase digital plate technology was authorized by A.B. 358 of the 2003 Session. The new technology was implemented in the fall of 2004, and the first plate to be digitally produced was the United We Stand plate beginning in October. The digital plate technology was purchased through 3M. As pointed out earlier, members of the Commission on Special License Plates serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses per NRS 482.367004.

According to a 1999 report from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), “Motor Vehicle Registration and License Plates<sup>2</sup>,” an additional concern regarding special license plates is the potential for the sanctioning of political statements. For example, on June 8, 1999, Governor Jeb Bush approved House Bill 509 of the Florida Legislature to provide for the issuance of a “Choose Life” license plate. On February 13, 2003, Senate Bill 120 was introduced in the 2003 Nevada Legislature to authorize the issuance of special license plates supporting alternatives to abortion, and it was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation, where it died without a committee hearing.

## **VII. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES IN OTHER STATES**

The 1999 NCSL report states that the proceeds from special license plates vary significantly depending on their popularity. For example, environmental plates that display a cardinal raised about \$7 million for Illinois State Parks over the course of about five years. Plates promoting the prevention of domestic violence had raised about \$2.5 million over four years in Illinois. The Massachusetts Environmental Trust’s whale license plate was generating about \$1 million annually to be distributed to 67 environmental nonprofit groups. The report pointed out the proliferation of special license plates to raise funds for various programs, citing Virginia, with over 150 special license plates and Illinois, with over 200 special license plates.

Other states have also implemented new requirements for the issuance of special license plates, according to the 1999 NCSL report. For example, Florida established a threshold of 15,000 applicants for a special license plate, a \$60,000 application fee to cover departmental expenses, and a financial impact and marketing analysis for the new license plate before a special license plate can be issued. The Florida Legislature must also approve the proposed special license plate after the departmental review. On March 5, 1999, the governor of West Virginia signed into law Senate Bill 366, which prohibits special license plates for charitable and educational organizations.

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<sup>2</sup> Olszonowicz, Deborah, Transportation Intern, National Conference of State Legislatures. (1999, September). “Motor Vehicle Registration and License Plates.” Denver, Colorado.

## **VIII. GROWING DEMAND FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

Demand for special license plates to raise funds for certain causes has increased over the years since the 1989 Nevada Legislature approved the special plate to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the admission of the state into the Union. The Commission on Special License Plates declined to set a future meeting date at their last meeting noting that the cap of 25 designs for special license plates had been reached, and there would be no production of newly approved special license plates until the cessation of issuance of other designs. One bill draft request (BDR), number 300, has already been submitted for consideration by the 2005 Legislature to authorize a special license plate for professional law enforcement officers. The details of the BDR were not publicly available at the time this bulletin was prepared.

## **IX. CONCLUDING COMMENTS**

Special license plates to generate revenue for certain causes have become more widespread in Nevada since the first fundraising plate was approved in 1989, and they have generated over \$5.3 million for charitable organizations. The Commission on Special License Plates was established in 2003 to provide another means of authorizing the plates outside of the limited 120-day legislative session. Copies of the minutes from all Commission meetings are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Web site ([www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)) and through its Research Library (775/684-6827).

There are presently 26 special license plates authorized, which raise funds for certain causes and are available to the general public (see Appendix C). Only 25 separate designs of special license plates may be issued at any one time (Section 2 of NRS 482.367008); therefore, one authorized license plate will continue to await issuance until a slot becomes available. These license plates are considered special license plates per NRS 482.367008. There are three additional fundraising plates that are available to a restricted membership: professional firefighters, veterans, and volunteer firefighters.

There were no recommendations by the Commission on Special License Plates.



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## **APPENDIX A**

*Nevada Revised Statutes* 482.367004





**482.367004 Commission on Special License Plates: Creation; membership; terms; vacancies; service without salary or compensation; administrative support; duties.**

1. There is hereby created the Commission on Special License Plates consisting of five Legislators and three nonvoting members as follows:

(a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission, one of whom is:

(1) The Legislator who served as the Chairman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session; and

(2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session.

(b) Three nonvoting members consisting of:

(1) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or his designee.

(2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or his designee.

(3) The Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, or his designee.

2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3. Members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

5. The Commission shall approve or disapprove:

(a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002; and

(b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002.

In determining whether to approve such an application or issuance, the Commission shall consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license plate.

(Added to NRS by 2003, 3065)


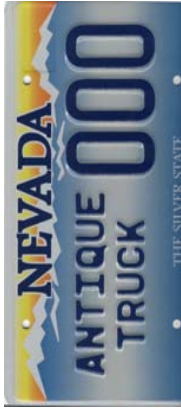





## **APPENDIX B**

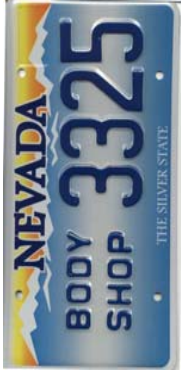


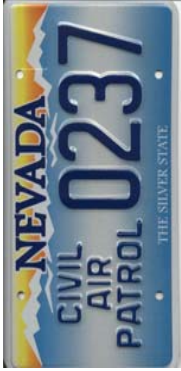
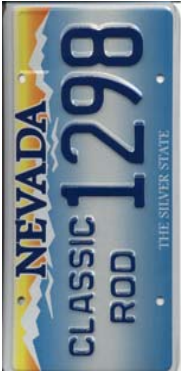
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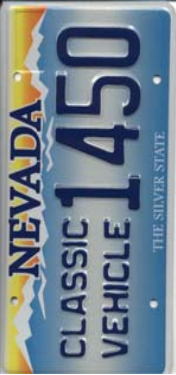

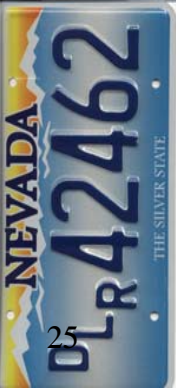

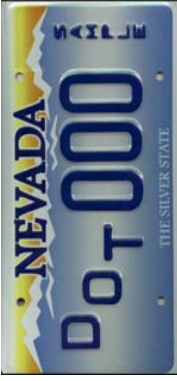
**NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002**

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
<b>AGRICULTURE (FFA)</b> 	Blue and Green background with Blue lettering. Depicts the FFA Seal and a Cowboy, with horse, holding a calf. The bottom of the plate has the words "AGRICULTURE People Grow Things Here"  May be Personalized	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37917	\$35.00  plus  \$25.00 for the promotion of agriculture within the state.	\$10.00  plus  \$20.00 for the promotion of agriculture within the state.
<b>ANTIQUE TRUCK</b> 	Sunset Design	This plate is used for antique truck and truck tractors and is restricted to use at musters, exhibitions, parades or similar activities and not for general transportation.	482.3811	\$15.00	\$5.00
<b>APPORTIONED MOTOR CARRIER - Power Unit</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering. "A" is the last character of the plate.	Issued to a vehicle with a declared weight of over 26,000 lbs.	482.2705	N/A	N/A
<b>APPORTIONED MOTOR CARRIER - Trailer</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering. A "T" is the last character on the plate.	Issued to a vehicle without motive power, designed for carrying people or property, pulled by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests on the pulling vehicle.	482.2705	N/A	N/A
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b> 	Sunset Design	The plate is designed with "Attorney General 6." Any number of plates may be issued upon request for private vehicles owned by the Attorney General.	482.372	N/A	N/A

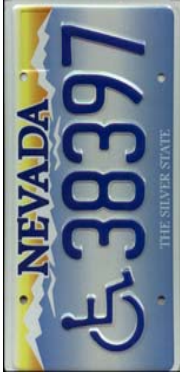

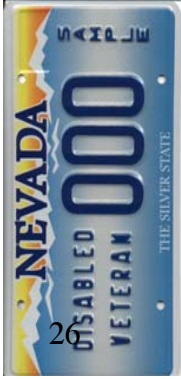
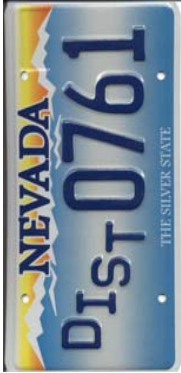
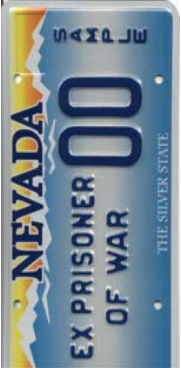
# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
	Sunset Design	Issued to a licensed body shop. The plate is restricted to operating a vehicle to the licensee's established place of business; or a place of business for specialized repair.	487.615	\$12.00	\$12.00
	The background is an artistic depiction of a Nevada desert landscape with the phrase Rich in Art on the bottom. May be Personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.3792	\$35.00 plus \$15.00 to the Children in the Arts Fund.	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 to the Children in the Arts Fund.
	Blue background with white "debossed" lettering. Last issued in 1982. May be Personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Blue plate is no longer manufactured. A Replica Plate Circa 1982, substantially the same color and form, may be ordered for a one-time fee of \$25.00.	482.266	N/A \$25.00	N/A N/A
	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Applicant must be a Nevada resident and member of the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. A limit of 2 sets of plates per applicant.	482.3755	\$35.00	\$10.00
	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles which were manufactured not earlier than 1949, but at least 20 years before the application.	482.3814	\$35.00	\$10.00

# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002

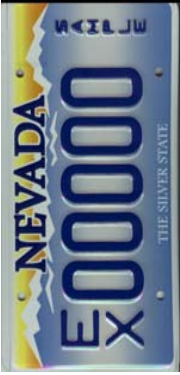

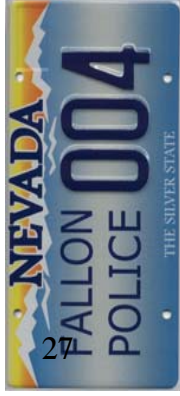

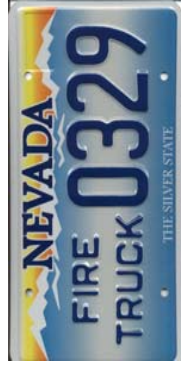
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<b>CLASSIC VEHICLE</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles which were manufactured at least 25 years before the application is submitted and contains only original parts or replacement parts that duplicate original parts.	482.3816	\$35.00	\$10.00
<b>COMMEMORATIVE</b> 	Special Plate celebrating Nevada's 125th birthday.	No longer manufactured.	482.379	N/A	\$10.00
<b>DEALER</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to licensed vehicle dealers. Used to operate vehicle inventory for purposes of display, demonstration, maintenance, sale or exchange.	482.320	\$12.00	\$12.00
<b>DEALER MOTORCYCLE</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering.	Issued as a single plate to licensed vehicle dealers. Used to operate vehicle inventory for purposes of display, demonstration, maintenance, sale or exchange.	482.320	\$12.00	\$12.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued to those vehicles held in the fleet of the Nevada Department of Transportation	482.368	\$5.00	N/A

# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002


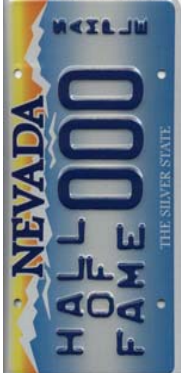
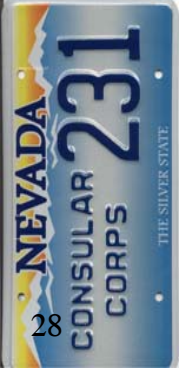

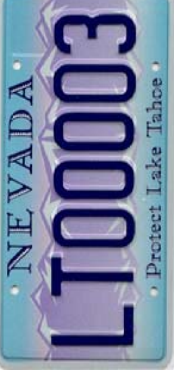
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<b>DISABLED PLATE</b> 	Sunset Design.	Application requires certification by a physician.	482.384	N/A	N/A
<b>DISABLED MOTORCYCLE</b> 	Standard Motorcycle Plate with a Disabled Motorcycle Sticker affixed.	Application requires certification by a physician.	482.384	N/A	N/A
<b>DISABLED VETERAN</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles upon validation of a service related disability. Plates exempt vehicle from parking fees, including meters, charged by the State or any public body within the state. Limit, 1 set per applicant.	482.377	N/A	N/A
<b>DISTRIBUTOR</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to licensed vehicle distributors. Used to operate vehicle inventory for purposes of display, demonstration, maintenance, sale or exchange.	482.330	\$12.00	\$12.00
<b>EX PRISONER OF WAR</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles upon validation of ex-POW status. Plates exempt vehicle from parking fees, including meters, charged by the State or any public body within the state. Limit, 1 set per applicant.	482.377	N/A	N/A



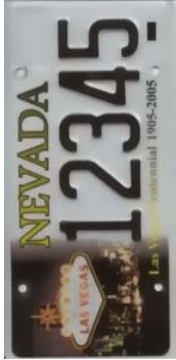
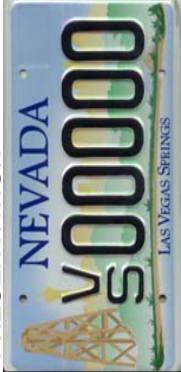

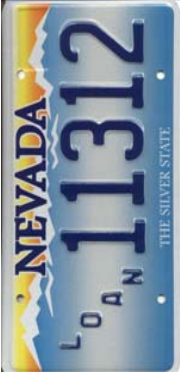
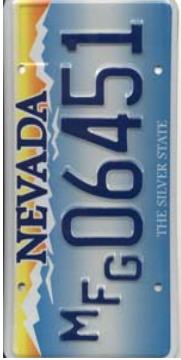
**NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002**

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
<b>EXEMPT PLATE</b> 	Sunset design.	Issued to those vehicles exempt from privilege tax except for vehicles owned by the United States.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
<b>EXEMPT MOTORCYCLE PLATE</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering.  Will be replaced with the Sunset design approximately July 15, 2003.	Issued to motorcycles exempt from privilege tax except for vehicles owned by the United States.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
<b>FALLON POLICE DEPT.</b> 	Sunset Design.	Issued to those vehicles held in the fleet of the Fallon Police Department.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
<b>FIRE FIGHTER</b> 	Flaming background with black lettering. A depiction of a fire fighter above the Maltese Cross.  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Applicant must be employed as, or retired as, a Professional Firefighter.	482.3753	\$35.00  plus  \$25.00 for Nevada Centers for the Treatment of Burns	\$10.00  plus  \$20.00 for Nevada Centers for the Treatment of Burns
<b>FIRE TRUCK</b> 	Sunset Design	This plate is used for privately owned fire trucks and are restricted to use at musters, exhibitions, parades or similar activities and not for general transportation.	482.3795	\$15.00	\$5.00




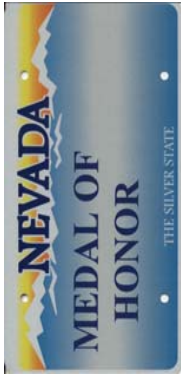

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PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
GOVERNOR 	Sunset Design.	The plate is designed with a "1". Any number of plates may be issued upon request for private vehicles owned by the governor.	482.373	\$5.00	N/A
HALL OF FAME 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Applicant must provide proof of status as a Hall of Fame athlete.	482.3749	\$35.00	\$10.00
HONORARY CONSULAR 	Sunset Design	Applicant must provide proof of appointment as an honorary consul. Limit 1 set of plates.	482.3675	\$35.00	\$10.00
HORSELESS CARRIAGE 	Sunset Design	This plate is for all vehicles manufactured on or before 1915. Owner must have at least 6 months residency in Nevada and vehicle must be certified by the Horseless Carriage Club of Nevada who are authorized to issue the plates for the Dept.	482.380	\$35.00	\$10.00
LAKE TAHOE 	A multi-colored plate in blues and purples depicting Lake Tahoe. May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37933	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to the Lake Tahoe Preservation Fund	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to the Lake Tahoe Preservation Fund


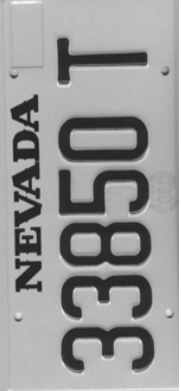


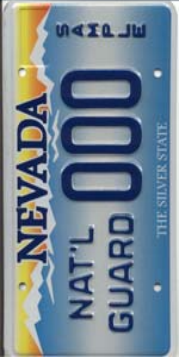
# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
LAS VEGAS COMMEMORATIVE 	A multi-colored plate depicting the Welcome to Las Vegas sign  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37903	\$35.00  plus \$25.00 to support Centennial activities	\$10.00  plus \$20.00 to support Centennial activities
LAS VEGAS SPRINGS PRESERVATION 	The background is an artistic depiction of the Las Vegas Skyline and Desert Springs Water Derrick.  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37919	\$35.00  plus \$25.00 to the Desert Preserve Fund	\$10.00  plus \$10.00 to the Desert Preserve Fund
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR 	Sunset Design.	Plate is designed with a "2". Any number of plates may be issued upon request for private vehicles owned by the Lieutenant Governor.	482.373	\$5.00	N/A
LOAN 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to a currently licensed vehicle dealer with no limit. The plate's use is to be on vehicles held in the dealers inventory for use by their customers. The customer can not use the loan plated vehicle for more than ten days.	482.330	\$12.00	\$12.00
MANUFACTURER 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to a licensed manufacturer. Used to operate vehicle inventory for purposes of display, demonstration, maintenance, sale or exchange.	482.320	\$12.00	\$12.00

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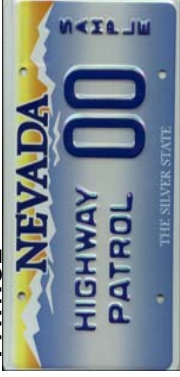

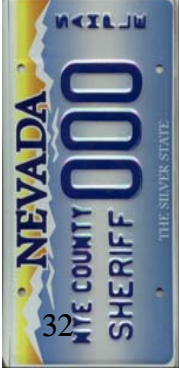
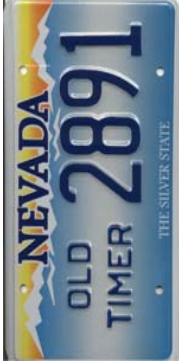
PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
MANUFACTURED HOUSING 	Sunset Design - This plate was originally a blue plate. Style is standard so when remade they will be Sunset.	Issued as a single plate. This plate is issued and regulated by the Manufactured Housing Division. The DMV only manufactures this plate when ordered from the Manufactured Housing Division.	489.601	\$5.50 per plate to be paid to the DMV by the Manufactured Housing Division	Regulated by the Manufactured Housing Division Department of Business and Industry
MANUFACTURER MOTORCYCLE 	Silver background with blue lettering.  Will be in the Sunset design approximately July 15 2003.	Issued as a single plate to a licensed dealer. Used to operate vehicle inventory for purposes of display, demonstration, maintenance, sale or exchange.	482.320	\$12.00	\$12.00
MASONIC 	White background with blue with a depiction of the emblem of the International Order of Free and Accepted Masons  May be Personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.  Application must be stamped by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.	482.3748	\$35.00	\$10.00
MEDAL OF HONOR 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Applicant must be a recipient of the Medal of Honor. Limit of 2 sets of plates to each applicant.	482.378	N/A	N/A
MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN 	White background with blue lettering. A depiction of two children's open hands, in green.  May be Personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles	482.3793	\$35.00 plus \$15.00 to support Missing and Exploited Children	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 to support Missing and Exploited Children

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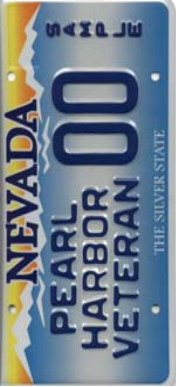

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
MOTOR CARRIER - Power Unit 	Silver background with blue lettering.	Issued to a vehicle with a declared weight of over 26,000 pounds.	482.2705	N/A	N/A
MOTOR CARRIER - Trailer 	Silver background with blue lettering.	Issued to a vehicle without motive power, designed for carrying people or property, pulled by a motor vehicle and constructed that no part of its weight rests on the pulling vehicle.	482.2705	N/A	N/A
MOTORCYCLE 	Currently silver background with blue lettering.  Will be converted to Sunset design approximately July 15, 2003.	Issued to two or three wheeled motorcycles.	482.272	N/A	N/A \$35.00 plus \$20.00 to support the Mt. Charleston area.
	Mt Charleston	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial vehicles.	482.37935	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support the preservation of the Mt. Charleston area.	\$35.00 plus \$20.00 to support the Mt. Charleston area.
NATIONAL GUARD 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Owner must be a resident of Nevada and a member of the Nevada National Guard. Limit of 2 sets of plates.	482.376	\$5.00	N/A





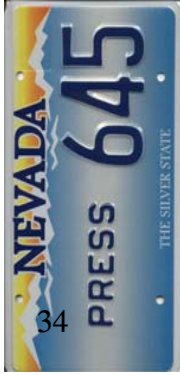
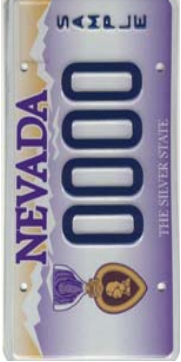

# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL 	Sunset design.	Issued to those vehicle held in the fleet of the Nevada Highway Patrol.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
NHP MOTORCYCLE 	Silver background with blue lettering. Will be converted to Sunset design approximately April 15, 2003.	Issued to those motorcycles held in the fleet of the Nevada Highway Patrol.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
NYE COUNTY SHERIFF 	Sunset Design.	Issued to those vehicles held in the fleet of the Nye County Sheriff's Department.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
NYE COUNTY SHERIFF MOTORCYCLE Under Development	Silver background with blue lettering. Will be converted to Sunset design approximately April 15, 2003.	Issued to those vehicles held in the fleet of the Nye County Sheriff's Department.	482.368		
OLD TIMER 	Sunset Design	Issued to Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Vehicle must have been manufactured 40 years before the date of registration application.	482.381	\$35.00	\$10.00

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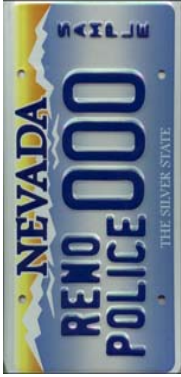

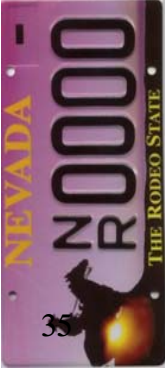
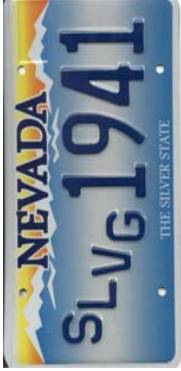
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<b>OLD TIMER MOTORCYCLE</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering.  Will be converted to Sunset Design approximately July 15, 2003.	Issued to motorcycles manufactured 40 years before the date of registration application.	482.381	\$35.00	\$10.00
<b>ORGAN DONOR</b> 	White background with green lettering and the National Donate Life Logo on the left. The bottom indicates "Be An Organ Donor"  May be Personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37905	\$35.00	\$10.00
<b>PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Applicant must provide evidence of status as a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.	482.3765	\$25.00	\$5.00
<b>PEARL HARBOR VETERAN</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles. Applicant must provide evidence of status as a veteran who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.	482.3765	\$25.00	\$5.00
<b>PERSONALIZED MOTORCYCLE PLATE</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering.  Will be converted to Sunset design approximately July 15 2003.	Issued to two or three wheeled motorcycles.	482.3667	\$35.00	\$20.00

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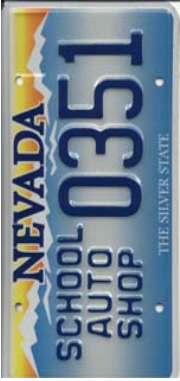
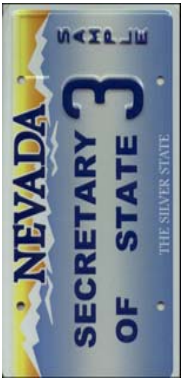

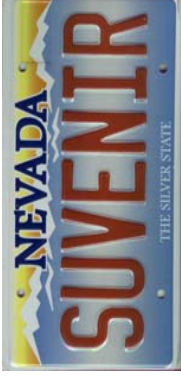
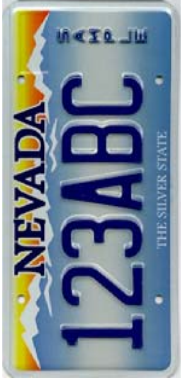
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PERSONALIZED PLATE 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.3667	\$35.00	\$20.00
PRESERVE PYRAMID LAKE 	Blue background, black letters, depiction of Pyramid Lake with Indian head clouds on top and a leaping fish in left corner  May be Personalized	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37937	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support Pyramid Lake Preservation	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support Pyramid Lake Preservation
PRESS PLATE 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.  Owner must be a Nevada resident and employed as an editor, reporter or photographer by a newspaper, television or radio station.	482.3672	\$35.00  Application must be accompanied by a letter from the news director, editor, or publisher of the applicant.	\$10.00
PURPLE HEART 	Sunset Design with a Purple Background	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.  Owner must provide evidence of being a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal.	482.3775	N/A	N/A
RADIO AMATEUR 	Sunset Design. The plate is stamped with Radio Amateur and the call sign of the applicant.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.  Applicant must hold a valid, unexpired Amateur Radio Station license.	482.375	\$35.00	\$10.00







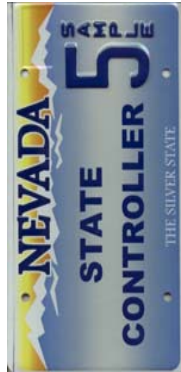
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RENO POLICE DEPT. 	Sunset Design.	Issued to those vehicles held in the fleet of the Reno Police Department.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
RENO POLICE DEPT. MOTORCYCLE 	Silver background with blue lettering.  Will be converted to Sunset design approximately July 15, 2003.	Issued to those motorcycles held in the fleet of the Reno Police Department.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
RODEO 	Purple background, black letters, with a horse and rider on the left and the words The Rodeo State on the bottom.  May be Personalized	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	487.37938	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support Rodeo In Nevada	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support Rodeo in Nevada
SALVAGE 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to a Nevada licensed salvage pool. No more than three plates will be issued per business.  For the sole purpose of moving a vehicle to the established place of business of the licensee.	487.460	\$12.00	\$12.00
SAMPLE PLATE	Any plate design.	The plate letter and character layout is submitted by the requestor. Must not be in conflict with NRS or NAC and Department policy. Not for display on a vehicle.	482.2703.	\$15.00 per plate.	N/A

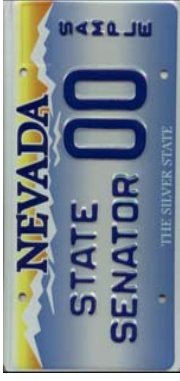
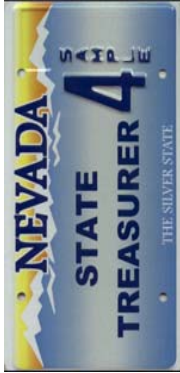
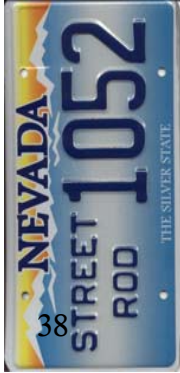
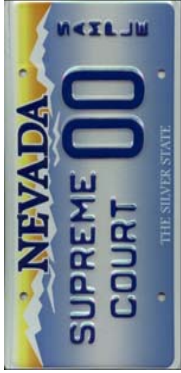
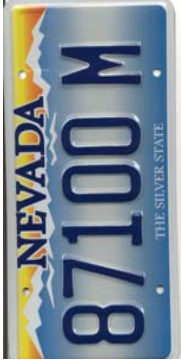
# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
 <p>SCHOOL AUTO SHOP</p>	Sunset Design	Issued to educational institutions for the movement from one educational institution to another, or to an established place of business specializing in automotive repair or test, or to test the vehicle under practical operating conditions on the road.	482.3823	\$5.00	\$5.00
 <p>SECRETARY OF STATE</p>	Sunset Design.	Plate is designed with "Secretary of State 3." Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Secretary of State.	482.372	\$5.00	N/A
 <p>SMALL TRAILER</p>	<p>Silver background with blue lettering.</p> <p>Will be issued in the Sunset Design approximately July 15, 2003.</p>	Issued to trailers with a gross weight of less than 1,000 pounds.	482.274	N/A	N/A
 <p>SOUVENIR</p>	Sunset Design. The letters and characters are in red.	The plate letter and character layout is submitted by the requestor. Must not be in conflict with NRS or NAC and Department policy. Not for display on a vehicle.	482.3825	<p>\$15.00 per plate.</p> <p>\$5.00 per plate for 2-9 plates.</p> <p>\$2.50 per plate for 10+ plates.</p>	N/A
 <p>STANDARD ISSUE PLATE</p>	Sunset Design.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.2705	N/A	N/A

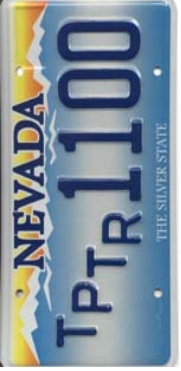
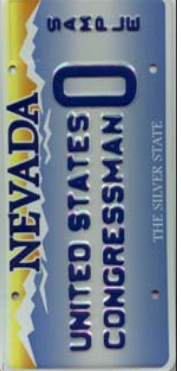
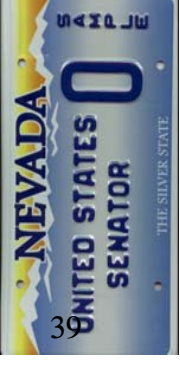


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PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
STATE ASSEMBLYMAN 	Sunset Design	Plate is designed with State Assemblyman and the designated number showing seniority in the Assembly. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Assemblyman.	482.374	\$5.00	N/A
STATE ASSEMBLYMAN - MOTORCYCLE 	Silver background with blue lettering. Will be converted to Sunset design approximately July 15, 2003.	Plate is designed with State Assemblyman and the designated number showing seniority in the Assembly. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private motorcycles owned by the Assemblyman.	482.374	\$5.00	N/A
STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN 	Sunset Design.	Plate is designed with State Assemblywoman and the designated number showing seniority in the Assembly. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Assemblywoman.	482.374	\$5.00	N/A
STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN- MOTORCYCLE 	Silver background with blue lettering. Will be converted to Sunset design approximately July 15, 2003.	Plate is designed with State Assemblywoman and the designated number showing seniority in the Assembly. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private motorcycles owned by the Assemblywoman.	482.374	\$5.00	NA
STATE CONTROLLER 	Sunset Design.	Plate is designed with "State Controller 5." Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the State Controller.	482.372	\$5.00	N/A

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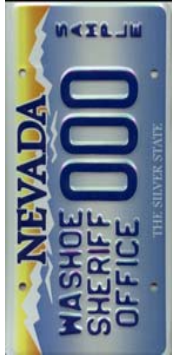
PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
STATE SENATOR 	Sunset Design	Plate is designed with "State Senator" together with the designated number showing seniority in the Senate. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Senator.	482.374	\$5.00	N/A
STATE TREASURER 	Sunset Design.	Plate is designed with "State Treasurer 4." Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the State Treasurer.	482.372	\$5.00	N/A
STREET ROD 	Sunset Design	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles which were manufactured not later than 1948.	482.3812	\$35.00	\$10.00
SUPREME COURT 	Sunset Design.	Plate is designed with "Supreme Court" together with the designated number showing seniority on the Court. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Justice.	482.374	\$5.00	N/A
TRAILER 	Sunset Design .	This full size plate is issued to trailers having a gross vehicle weight of over 1,000 pounds.	482.274	N/A	N/A

# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002



PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
TRANSPORTER 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to a currently licensed vehicle transporter. Limited to no more than one times the number of licensed principals.  For use on motor vehicles being delivered in this State.	482.3169	\$25.00	\$25.00
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN 	Sunset Design	Plate is designed with "United States Congressman" together with the designated number representing seniority in the U.S. House of Representatives. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Congressman.	482.370	\$5.00	N/A
UNITED STATES Senator 	Sunset Design	Plate is designed with "United States Senator" together with the designated number representing seniority in the U.S. Senate. Any number of plates may be issued upon request, for private vehicles owned by the Senator.	482.370	\$5.00	N/A
UNLV COLLEGIATE 	Silver background with blue lettering. The Rebel logo is on the plate.  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.3747	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support the UNLV Scholarship Fund.	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support the UNLV Scholarship Fund.
UNR COLLEGIATE 	Silver background with blue lettering. The Wolf Pack logo is on the plate.  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.3747	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support the UNR Scholarship Fund.	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support the UNR Scholarship Fund.



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PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
<b>VETERAN</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering. The plate contains the seal of the branch of Armed Forces requested by the applicant (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy)  Veteran plates may contain decals of service units. Currently only Seabee and Airborne have been authorized by the Services.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.  The plate may be issued to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the U.S. or a spouse, parent or child of the veteran.  When requesting a Veterans plate with a Unit Logo, proof must be provided of actual service in the requested unit (Airborne, Seabee, etc.)	482.3763	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support the Veteran's Home Fund.	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support the Veteran's Home Fund.
<b>VIRGINIA &amp; TRUCKEE RAILROAD</b> 	Light Background, black letters with a depiction of a train on the left and the words THE V&T LIVES on the bottom  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.37945	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support reconstruction of the V&T	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support reconstruction of the V&T
<b>VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER</b> 	Orange background, black letters with a depiction of a firefighter on the left and the words VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER on the bottom.  May be personalized.	Issued for Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles.	482.3754	\$35.00 plus \$25.00 to support the training of firefighters.	\$10.00 plus \$20.00 to support the training of firefighters.
<b>WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued to those vehicles held in the fleet of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A

# NEVADA PLATE MATRIX 2002

PLATE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	NRS#	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE
<b>WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF MOTORCYCLE</b> 	Silver background with blue lettering.  Will be converted to Sunset design approximately July 15, 2002.	Issued to those motorcycles held in the fleet of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.	482.368	\$5.00	N/A
<b>WRECKER</b> 	Sunset Design	Issued as a single plate to a currently licensed wrecker. No more than three plates will be issued per business. The plate's use is restricted to operating the vehicle for the purpose of moving it to the wrecker's established place of business.	487.090	\$12.00	\$12.00





## **APPENDIX C**

### **Plate Counts**



**Special License Plates**  
**As Defined by Subsection 1 of Nevada Revised Statutes 482.367008**

<b>Authorization</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Active Plates</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>
1 NRS 482.3747	Collegiate - UNR	4,051	\$ 458,729.95
1 NRS 482.3747	Collegiate - UNLV	3,139	\$ 406,235.54
2 NRS 482.37903	Las Vegas Commemorative	31,875	\$ 1,102,512.98
3 NRS 482.37905	Organ Donor	840	\$ 25,930.95
4 NRS 482.37917	Agriculture	1,240	\$ 73,911.04
5 NRS 482.379175	Animal Appreciation*		
6 NRS 482.37918	Atomic Testing**		
7 NRS 482.379185	Nevada Ducks Unlimited*		
8 NRS 482.37919	Las Vegas Water District/Preserve	1,029	\$ 88,254.99
9 NRS 482.3792	Children in the Arts	5,458	\$ 200,434.55
10 NRS 482.3793	Missing and Exploited Children	3,625	\$ 131,441.17
11 NRS 482.37933	Lake Tahoe	18,411	\$ 2,483,309.37
12 NRS 482.37934	Las Vegas Federal Lands*		
13 NRS 482.37935	Mt. Charleston	1,119	\$ 30,288.82
14 NRS 482.379355	Immigrant Workers Citizenship Project*		
15 NRS 482.379365	United We Stand*		
16 NRS 482.37937	Lower Truckee River and Pyramid Lake	2,742	\$ 100,211.44
17 NRS 482.37938	Reno Rodeo	4,977	\$ 192,158.82
18 NRS 482.37945	V&T Railroad	1,039	\$ 40,176.34
19 Commission (1/14/04)	Nevada Wildlife Record Book*		
20 Commission (7/12/04)	Hot August Nights Inc.*		
21 Commission (7/12/04)	Nevada Aviation Trust Fund*		
22 Commission (7/12/04)	Reno Air Racing Foundation*		
23 Commission (10/18/04)	Asociación Civil Del Estado De Durango***		
24 Commission (10/18/04)	Boulder City Chamber of Commerce		
25 Commission (10/18/04)	Commission on Tourism		
26 Commission (10/18/04)	Nevada Library Association		
<b>Total</b>		<b>79,545</b>	<b>\$ 5,333,595.96</b>

The number of active plates is current as of September 30, 2004.

\*These plates had not been issued as of September 30, 2004.

\*\*The first design for the Atomic Testing plate was rejected, and no new design has been submitted to Department of Motor Vehicles.

\*\*\*The Commission on Special License Plates recommended to the DMV to place this plate on a waiting list for production.





