

SENATE BILL NO. 37—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to the issuance and renewal of license plates which commemorate the 150th anniversary of Nevada’s admission into the Union. (BDR 43-232)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to special license plates; deleting provisions which require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue license plates commemorating the 150th anniversary of Nevada’s admission into the Union; authorizing a person to renew those license plates under certain circumstances; setting forth the amount of the fee for renewal; providing for the distribution of those fees for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and
2 issue license plates commemorating the 150th anniversary of Nevada’s admission
3 into the Union and to issue those license plates until a date determined by the
4 Director of the Department, but not later than October 31, 2016. A person wishing
5 to obtain those license plates is required to pay \$7.50 plus an additional fee of
6 \$25.00 for the initial issuance of the license plates and \$20.00 for each renewal of
7 the license plates, but those fees must not be charged after the date determined by
8 the Director of the Department to stop issuing those license plates. The money from
9 those fees must be distributed to the Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation and used
10 for a celebration of the 150th anniversary of Nevada’s admission into the Union
11 and various other projects relating to: (1) the commemoration of the anniversary;
12 (2) the history of the State of Nevada; and (3) preserving and protecting the
13 heritage of the State of Nevada. (NRS 482.37901)

14 This bill makes revisions to reflect that the commemorative license plates must
15 no longer be issued. This bill also removes the prohibition on charging the \$20 fee
16 for renewal of the license plates after October 31, 2016, and requires the money



17 from the fee for renewal of the license plates to be equally divided between the
18 Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural
19 Affairs and the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and
20 Natural Resources and used for: (1) educational projects and initiatives relating to
21 the history of the State of Nevada; and (2) other projects relating to preserving,
22 promoting and protecting the heritage of the State of Nevada.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.37901 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 482.37901 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~18;~~
4 ~~the Department, in cooperation with the Nevada Cultural Affairs~~
5 ~~Foundation or its successor, shall design, prepare and issue} 6, a~~
6 ~~person who, on or before October 31, 2016, was issued by the~~
7 ~~Department~~ license plates which commemorate the 150th
8 anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union ~~{, using any~~
9 ~~colors and designs that the Department deems appropriate.~~

10 ~~— 2. The Department shall issue the commemorative license~~
11 ~~plates} for a passenger car or light commercial vehicle , {upon~~
12 ~~application by a person} who is entitled to license plates pursuant to~~
13 NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for
14 registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter ~~{. A person may~~
15 ~~request that:~~

16 ~~— (a) Special legislative license plates issued to a Legislator~~
17 ~~pursuant to NRS 482.374 be combined with the commemorative~~
18 ~~license plates if that person:~~

19 ~~— (1) Qualifies for special legislative license plates issued~~
20 ~~pursuant to NRS 482.374; and~~

21 ~~— (2) Pays the fees for the special legislative license plates in~~
22 ~~addition to the fees for the commemorative license plates pursuant~~
23 ~~to subsections 3 and 4; or~~

24 ~~— (b) Personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS~~
25 ~~482.3667 be combined with the commemorative license plates if~~
26 ~~that person pays the fees for the personalized license plates in~~
27 ~~addition to the fees for the commemorative license plates pursuant~~
28 ~~to subsections 3 and 4.~~

29 ~~— 3. The fee for} *may renew* the commemorative license plates~~
30 ~~{is \$7.50, in addition to} *upon payment of* all {other} applicable~~
31 ~~registration and license fees and governmental services taxes {.~~
32 ~~The Department shall deposit the fee collected pursuant to this~~
33 ~~subsection with the State Treasurer for credit to the Revolving~~
34 ~~Account for the Issuance of Special License Plates created pursuant~~
35 ~~to NRS 482.1805.~~



1 ~~4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in~~ ,
2 *payment of the fee for the renewal of the commemorative license*
3 *plates pursuant to subsection 2 and, if applicable, for a:*

4 (a) *Special legislative license plate issued pursuant to NRS*
5 *482.374, the fees for the special legislative license plates; or*

6 (b) *Personalized prestige license plate issued pursuant to NRS*
7 *482.3667, the fees for the personalized prestige license plates.*

8 2. In addition to all other applicable ~~registration and license~~
9 ~~fees and governmental services taxes and the~~ fees prescribed in
10 subsection ~~3.~~ 1, a person who ~~requests~~ *wishes to renew* a set of
11 the commemorative license plates must pay ~~for the initial issuancee~~
12 ~~of the plates an additional fee of \$25 and for each renewal of the~~
13 ~~plates~~ a fee of \$20, to be distributed pursuant to subsection ~~5. The~~
14 ~~fees otherwise required to be paid pursuant to this subsection must~~
15 ~~not be charged after the date announced by the Director pursuant to~~
16 ~~subsection 8.~~ 3.

17 ~~5.~~ 3. The Department shall deposit the fees collected
18 pursuant to subsection ~~4.~~ 2 with the State Treasurer for credit to the
19 State General Fund. ~~For the duration of the collection of such fees,~~
20 ~~the~~ The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute *one-*
21 *half of* the fees to the ~~Nevada~~ *Division of Museums and History*
22 *of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs* ~~Foundation or~~
23 ~~its successor to~~ *and one-half of the fees to the Division of State*
24 *Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural*
25 *Resources. The money must* be used for:

26 (a) ~~A celebration of the 150th anniversary of Nevada's~~
27 ~~admission into the Union;~~

28 ~~(b) Projects~~ *Educational projects and initiatives* relating to the
29 ~~commemoration of Nevada's admission to the Union,~~ *history of*
30 *the State of Nevada*, including, without limitation, historical
31 markers, tours of historic sites and improvements to or restoration of
32 historic buildings and structures;

33 ~~(c) Education relating to the history of the State of Nevada;~~
34 and

35 ~~(d)~~ (b) Other projects relating to preserving , *promoting* and
36 protecting the heritage of the State of Nevada ~~.~~

37 ~~6.~~ , *including, without limitation, projects relating to:*

38 (1) *The establishment of a new state park, state monument*
39 *or recreational area pursuant to NRS 407.065; or*

40 (2) *Enhancements or modifications to a state park, state*
41 *monument or recreational area designated pursuant to*
42 *NRS 407.120.*

43 4. On or before January 1 of each calendar year, the Division
44 of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural



1 Affairs *and the Division of State Parks of the State Department of*
2 *Conservation and Natural Resources* shall produce a report of:

3 (a) Revenues received from the ~~issuance~~ *renewal* of the
4 commemorative license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of
5 this section; and

6 (b) Associated expenditures,
7 and shall submit the report to the Director of the Legislative
8 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature or the
9 Legislative Commission, as appropriate.

10 ~~7.7~~ 5. If, during a registration year, the holder of the
11 commemorative license plates issued ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~
12 ~~this section~~ *by the Department* disposes of the vehicle to which the
13 plates are affixed, the holder shall:

14 (a) Retain the commemorative license plates and affix them to
15 another vehicle that meets the requirements of this section if the
16 holder pays the fee for the transfer of the registration and any
17 registration fee or governmental services tax due pursuant to NRS
18 482.399; or

19 (b) Within 30 days after removing the commemorative license
20 plates from the vehicle, return them to the Department.

21 ~~8.1~~ 6. The Director shall ~~determine and, by public~~
22 ~~proclamation, announce the last date on which the Department will~~
23 ~~issue the commemorative license plates. The Department shall~~
24 ~~publish the announcement on its Internet website. In no case may~~
25 ~~the date that is determined and announced to be the last date on~~
26 ~~which the Department will issue the commemorative license plates~~
27 ~~be after October 31, 2016. The Department shall~~ not issue:

28 (a) The commemorative license plates after ~~the date announced~~
29 ~~by the Director pursuant to this subsection.~~ *October 31, 2016.*

30 (b) Replacement commemorative license plates for those license
31 plates ~~more than 5 years~~ after ~~the date announced by the Director~~
32 ~~pursuant to this subsection.~~ *October 31, 2021.*

33 **Sec. 2.** Unless committed for expenditure before July 1, 2017,
34 any fees distributed by the State Treasurer from the State General
35 Fund to the Cultural Affairs Foundation or its successor before
36 July 1, 2017, may be used on or after that date for any projects or
37 initiatives specified in subsection 3 of NRS 482.37901, as amended
38 by section 1 of this act.

39 **Sec. 3.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
40 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
41 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

42 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

