
SENATE BILL NO. 164—SENATORS SPEARMAN; DONATE, DONDERO
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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN D’SILVA

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to special license plates.
(BDR 43-8)

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

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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; revising provisions governing the distribution of fees collected for the issuance or renewal of special license plates indicating support for the Divine Nine; 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 special license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine, which are a
3 group of historically Black collegiate fraternities and sororities. (NRS 482.37941)
4 Existing law requires the fees collected for the special license plates that are in
5 addition to all other applicable registration and license fees and governmental
6 services taxes to be deposited with the State Treasurer, who must, on a quarterly
7 basis, distribute: (1) 10 percent of the fees to the United Negro College Fund; and
8 (2) the remaining 90 percent of the fees equally among certain chapters or
9 organizations associated with the Divine Nine for the promotion of community
10 awareness and action through educational, economic and cultural service activities
11 within this State. (NRS 482.37941) This bill removes the requirement for the State
12 Treasurer to make distributions to certain organizations associated with the Divine
13 Nine and, instead, requires that all of the fees not distributed to the United Negro
14 College Fund be distributed among the chapters of the Divine Nine in this State.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.37941 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 482.37941 1. The Department, in cooperation with the Las
4 Vegas Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, shall design,
5 prepare and issue a license plate that indicates support for the Divine
6 Nine, using any colors that the Department deems appropriate.

7 2. The Department shall issue license plates that indicate
8 support for the Divine Nine for a passenger car or light commercial
9 vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates
10 pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the
11 requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter.
12 A person may request that personalized prestige license plates
13 issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with license plates
14 that indicate support for the Divine Nine if that person pays the fees
15 for the personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for
16 the license plates that indicate support for the Divine Nine pursuant
17 to subsections 3 and 4.

18 3. The fee for license plates that indicate support for the Divine
19 Nine is \$35, in addition to all other applicable registration and
20 license fees and governmental services taxes. The license plates are
21 renewable upon the payment to the Department of \$10.

22 4. In addition to all other applicable registration and license
23 fees, governmental services taxes and the fee prescribed pursuant to
24 subsection 3, a person who requests a set of license plates that
25 indicate support for the Divine Nine must pay a fee of \$25 for the
26 issuance of the plates and a fee of \$20 for each renewal of the plates,
27 to be deposited in accordance with subsection 5.

28 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.38279, the
29 Department shall deposit the fees collected pursuant to subsection 4
30 with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund. The
31 State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute:

32 (a) Ten percent of the fees deposited pursuant to this subsection
33 to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., or its successor
34 organization, for college scholarships for Nevada residents attending
35 a college in this State; and

36 (b) The remaining 90 percent of the fees deposited pursuant to
37 this subsection to the following organizations in the following
38 manner for the promotion of community awareness and action
39 through educational, economic and cultural service activities within
40 this State:



1 (1) Ten percent *equally* distributed ~~{to}~~ *among* the Alpha
2 Kappa Alpha ~~{Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.}~~ *Sorority*
3 *chapters in this State;*

4 (2) Ten percent equally distributed among the Alpha Phi
5 Alpha Fraternity chapters in this State;

6 (3) Ten percent *equally* distributed ~~{to}~~ *among* the Delta
7 ~~{Research and Educational Foundation, Inc.}~~ *Sigma Theta Sorority*
8 *chapters in this State;*

9 (4) Ten percent *equally* distributed ~~{to}~~ *among* the ~~{National}~~
10 Iota ~~{Foundation, Inc.}~~ *Phi Theta Fraternity chapters in this State;*

11 (5) Ten percent *equally* distributed ~~{to}~~ *among* the ~~{Western~~
12 ~~Province of}~~ Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity ~~{, Inc.}~~ *chapters in this*
13 *State;*

14 (6) Ten percent equally distributed among the Omega Psi Phi
15 Fraternity chapters in this State;

16 (7) Ten percent *equally* distributed ~~{to}~~ *among* the ~~{Western~~
17 ~~Region of}~~ Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity ~~{, Inc.}~~ *chapters in this State;*

18 (8) Ten percent *equally* distributed ~~{to}~~ *among* the Sigma
19 Gamma Rho Sorority ~~{National Education Fund, Inc.}~~ *chapters in*
20 *this State;* and

21 (9) Ten percent equally distributed among the Zeta Phi Beta
22 Sorority chapters in this State.

23 6. If, during a registration period, the holder of license plates
24 issued pursuant to the provisions of this section disposes of the
25 vehicle to which the plates are affixed, the holder shall:

26 (a) Retain the plates and affix them to another vehicle that meets
27 the requirements of this section if the holder pays the fee for the
28 transfer of the registration and any registration fee or governmental
29 services tax due pursuant to NRS 482.399; or

30 (b) Within 30 days after removing the plates from the vehicle,
31 return them to the Department.

32 7. The Department may accept any gifts, grants and donations
33 or other sources of money for the production and issuance of license
34 plates pursuant to this section. All money received pursuant to this
35 subsection must be deposited in the Revolving Account for the
36 Issuance of Special License Plates created by NRS 482.1805.

37 8. As used in this section, "Divine Nine" means the following
38 nine member organizations that compose the National Pan-Hellenic
39 Council:

- 40 (a) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.;
- 41 (b) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;
- 42 (c) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;
- 43 (d) Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.;
- 44 (e) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.;
- 45 (f) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;



- 1 (g) Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.;
- 2 (h) Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and
- 3 (i) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- 4 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

