

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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

AUTHORITY: NRS 482.160, NRS 482.3667, NRS 482.3669.

A REGULATION relating to Personalized Prestige License Plates; removing the provision that a combination of letters and numbers shall not express contempt, ridicule or depict superiority of a political affiliation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth.

NAC 482.320 Nomenclature used. (NRS 482.160, 482.3667)

1. The letter “O,” the letter “T” and the letter “Q” must not be used alone but may be used with a combination of other letters and numbers if the combination does not create confusion between the letter “O” or “Q” and the number “0” or between the letter “T” and the number “1.”

2. Only letters, numbers and spaces may be used on personalized prestige license plates. Letters, numbers and spaces may be used in any combination not prohibited by NRS 482.3667 or this section.

3. A blank plate will not be issued.

4. No letter or number may be placed on a personalized prestige license plate upside down or backwards or in other than its normal legible position.

5. No more than seven characters may be on any one personalized prestige license plate.

6. No combination of letters, numbers or spaces is allowed if it:

(a) Creates confusion with any combination on other license plates.

(b) Expresses contempt, ridicule or superiority of:

(1) Race;

(2) Ethnic heritage;

(3) Religion; or

(4) Gender; ~~or~~

~~(5) Political affiliation.]~~

(c) Contains any connotation that is sexual, vulgar, derogatory, profane or obscene.

(d) Contains a direct or indirect reference to a:

(1) Drug or drug paraphernalia; or

(2) Gang.

(e) Makes a defamatory reference to a person or group.

~~[(f) Is determined by the Department to be inappropriate.]~~

7. The person who first applies for a particular letter or number or combination of letters, numbers or spaces and pays the prescribed fee for registration and for the personalized prestige license plates has priority to receive plates with that particular letter or number or combination of letters, numbers or spaces once the application has been accepted by the Department.