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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the issuance by the Department of Motor Vehicles of a separate tier of five new special license plates, which must meet increased requirements for bonding and the number of applications to qualify for issuance; imposing a fee for the issuance or renewal of such license plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, the standard manner for issuing special license plates requires: (1) application to the Department of Motor Vehicles; (2) approval by the Commission on Special License Plates; (3) posting of a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000; and (4) the issuance of at least 1,000 plates to demonstrate the viability of the plates. (NRS 482.367002-482.367008) Existing law also places a limit of 30 on the number of separate designs of special license plates that may be issued by the Department at any one time. (NRS 482.367008)

This bill creates a new tier of not more than 5 special license plates that may be issued by the Department, in addition to the existing 30, if the applicants post a larger surety bond in the amount of \$20,000 and demonstrate the issuance of at least 3,000 plates to illustrate the viability of the plates.

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

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

**Sections 1 and 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 2.5.** NRS 482.367002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.367002 1. A person may request that the Department design, prepare and issue a special license plate by submitting an application to the Department. A person may submit an application for a special license plate that is intended to generate financial support for an organization only if:

(a) For an organization which is not a governmental entity, the organization is established as a nonprofit charitable organization which provides services to the community relating to public health, education or general welfare;

(b) For an organization which is a governmental entity, the organization only uses the financial support generated by the special license plate for charitable purposes relating to public health, education or general welfare;



(c) The organization is registered with the Secretary of State, if registration is required by law, and has filed any documents required to remain registered with the Secretary of State;

(d) The name and purpose of the organization do not promote, advertise or endorse any specific product, brand name or service that is offered for profit;

(e) The organization is nondiscriminatory; and

(f) The license plate will not promote a specific religion, faith or antireligious belief.

2. An application submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must be on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department;

(b) Must specify whether the special license plate being requested is intended to generate financial support for a particular cause or charitable organization and, if so, the name of the cause or charitable organization;

(c) Must include proof that the organization satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 1;

(d) Must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the amount of \$5,000 ~~+~~, *except that if the special license plate being requested is one of the type described in subsection 3 of NRS 482.367008, the application must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the amount of \$20,000;* and

(e) May be accompanied by suggestions for the design of and colors to be used in the special license plate.

3. The Department may design and prepare a special license plate requested pursuant to subsection 1 if:

(a) The Department determines that the application for that plate complies with subsection 2; and

(b) The Commission on Special License Plates approves the application for that plate pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.367008, the Department may issue a special license plate that:

(a) The Department has designed and prepared pursuant to this section;

(b) The Commission on Special License Plates has approved for issuance pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004; and

(c) Complies with the requirements of subsection 7 of NRS 482.270,



↳ for any passenger car or light commercial vehicle upon application by a person who is entitled to license plates pursuant to NRS 482.265 and who otherwise complies with the requirements for registration and licensing pursuant to this chapter. A person may request that personalized prestige license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.3667 be combined with a special license plate issued pursuant to this section if that person pays the fees for personalized prestige license plates in addition to the fees for the special license plate.

5. The Department must promptly release the surety bond posted pursuant to subsection 2:

(a) If the Department or the Commission on Special License Plates determines not to issue the special license plate; or

(b) If it is determined that at least 1,000 special license plates have been issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design of the special license plate conducted pursuant to NRS 482.367008 ~~H~~, *except that if the special license plate is one of the type described in subsection 3 of NRS 482.367008, the Department must promptly release the surety bond posted pursuant to subsection 2 if it is determined that at least 3,000 special license plates have been issued pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design of the special license plate conducted pursuant to NRS 482.367008.*

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

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

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

**Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 4.** NRS 482.367008 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.367008 1. As used in this section, "special license plate" means:

(a) A license plate that the Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002 in accordance with the system of application and petition described in that section;

(b) A license plate approved by the Legislature that the Department has designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.3747, 482.37903, 482.37905, 482.37917, 482.379175, 482.37918,



482.37919, 482.3792, 482.3793, 482.37933, 482.37934, 482.37935, 482.379355, 482.379365, 482.37937, 482.379375, 482.37938 or 482.37945; and

(c) Except for a license plate that is issued pursuant to NRS 482.3785 or 482.3787, a license plate that:

(1) Is approved by the Legislature after July 1, 2005; and

(2) Differs substantially in design from the license plates that are described in subsection 1 of NRS 482.270.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, ***and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3***, the Department shall not, at any one time, issue more than 30 separate designs of special license plates. Whenever the total number of separate designs of special license plates issued by the Department at any one time is less than 30, the Department shall issue a number of additional designs of special license plates that have been authorized by an act of the Legislature or the application for which has been approved by the Commission on Special License Plates pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004, not to exceed a total of 30 designs issued by the Department at any one time. Such additional designs must be issued by the Department in accordance with the chronological order of their authorization or approval.

3. ***In addition to the special license plates described in subsection 2, the Department may issue not more than five separate designs of special license plates in excess of the limit set forth in that subsection. To qualify for issuance pursuant to this subsection:***

***(a) The Commission on Special License Plates must have approved the design, preparation and issuance of the special plates as described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 482.367004; and***

***(b) The special license plates must have been applied for, designed, prepared and issued pursuant to NRS 482.367002, except that:***

***(1) The application for the special license plates must be accompanied by a surety bond posted with the Department in the amount of \$20,000; and***

***(2) Pursuant to the assessment of the viability of the design of the special license plates that is conducted pursuant to this section, it is determined that at least 3,000 special license plates have been issued.***

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on October 1 of each year the Department shall assess the viability of each separate design of special license plate that the Department is



currently issuing by determining the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to which that design of special license plate is affixed. The Department shall not determine the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special license plate is affixed if:

(a) The particular design of special license plate was designed and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

(b) On October 1, that particular design of special license plate has been available to be issued for less than 12 months.

~~4~~ 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~6~~ 7, if, on October 1, the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special license plate is affixed is:

(a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002 ~~1~~ *but not described in subsection 3*, less than 1,000; ~~10~~

(b) *In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002 and described in subsection 3, less than 3,000; or*

(c) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1, less than the number of applications required to be received by the Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

↳ the Director shall provide notice of that fact in the manner described in subsection ~~5~~ 6.

~~5~~ 6. The notice required pursuant to subsection ~~4~~ 5 must be provided:

(a) If the special license plate generates financial support for a cause or charitable organization, to that cause or charitable organization.

(b) If the special license plate does not generate financial support for a cause or charitable organization, to an entity which is involved in promoting the activity, place or other matter that is depicted on the plate.

~~6~~ 7. If, on December 31 of the same year in which notice was provided pursuant to subsections ~~4 and 5~~ 5 and 6, the total number of validly registered motor vehicles to which a particular design of special license plate is affixed is:

(a) In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002 ~~1~~ *but not described in subsection 3*, less than 1,000; ~~10~~

(b) *In the case of special license plates designed and prepared by the Department pursuant to NRS 482.367002 and described in subsection 3, less than 3,000; or*



(c) In the case of special license plates authorized directly by the Legislature which are described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1, less than the number of applications required to be received by the Department for the initial issuance of those plates,

↳ the Director shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, issue an order providing that the Department will no longer issue that particular design of special license plate. Such an order does not require existing holders of that particular design of special license plate to surrender their plates to the Department and does not prohibit those holders from renewing those plates.

**Secs. 5-8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including, without limitation, informing organizations whose special license plates have already been approved but are awaiting production, as to how those organizations may qualify their special license plates for issuance as described in subsection 3 of NRS 482.367008, as amended by section 4 of this act; and

2. On July 1, 2013, for all other purposes.





