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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 237—ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL (BY REQUEST)

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR ATKINSON

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing motor vehicle registration. (BDR 43-396)

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.

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; revising provisions governing the issuance of a distinguishing number to certain vehicles by the Department of Motor Vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, an application for the registration of a motor vehicle must  
2 include the identification or serial number of the vehicle. (NRS 482.215) Existing  
3 law also authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to assign a distinguishing  
4 number, which can be used for registration purposes, to any motor vehicle when the  
5 vehicle identification number thereon has been falsely attached, removed, defaced,  
6 altered or obliterated. (NRS 482.290) This bill requires the Department to assign  
7 such a distinguishing number to a motor vehicle manufactured not later than 1942  
8 upon request by the owner of the vehicle and submission of an affidavit which  
9 states that the vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, if any, is not  
10 accessible or readable without substantial dismantling of the motor vehicle.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 482.290 1. The Department is authorized to assign a  
3 distinguishing number to any motor vehicle or trailer whenever the  
4 vehicle identification number thereon has been falsely attached,  
5 removed, defaced, altered or obliterated ~~+~~ *or upon request*



1 *pursuant to subsection 2*, and any motor vehicle or trailer to which  
2 there is assigned a distinguishing number as authorized in this  
3 section shall be registered under such distinguishing number.

4 2. *The Department shall assign a distinguishing number*  
5 *pursuant to this section for a motor vehicle manufactured not later*  
6 *than 1942 upon request by the owner of the motor vehicle and*  
7 *submission to the Department of an affidavit which states that the*  
8 *vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, if any, is not*  
9 *accessible or readable without substantial dismantling of the*  
10 *motor vehicle.*

11 3. The Department shall collect a fee of \$2 for the assignment  
12 and recording of each such vehicle identification number and for the  
13 assignment of distinguishing numbers pursuant to NRS 482.553.

14 ~~3.1~~ 4. The number by which a motor vehicle or trailer is  
15 registered shall be permanently stamped or attached to the vehicle.  
16 False attachment or willful removal, defacement, alteration or  
17 obliteration of such a number with intent to defraud is a gross  
18 misdemeanor.

19 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

20 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
21 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
22 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

23 2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

