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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend
2 section 60-3,104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
3 and sections 60-301 and 60-3,100, Revised Statutes
4 Supplement, 2011; to provide for special interest motor
5 vehicle license plates; to provide for a fee; to provide
6 a penalty; to define special interest motor vehicle; to
7 harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and
8 to repeal the original sections.
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2011, is amended to read:

3 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,222 and section 4 of this
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration
5 Act.

6 Sec. 2. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Supplement,
7 2011, is amended to read:

8 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person
9 whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered fully reflectorized
10 license plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration
11 number consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor
12 vehicle or trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches
13 nor more than three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska
14 suitably lettered so as to be attractive. Two license plates shall be
15 issued for every motor vehicle, except that one plate shall be issued
16 for dealers, motorcycles, minitrucks, truck-tractors, trailers,
17 buses, ~~and~~ apportionable vehicles, and special interest motor
18 vehicles that use the special interest motor vehicle license plate
19 authorized by and issued under section 4 of this act. The license
20 plates shall be of a color designated by the director. The color of
21 the plates shall be changed each time the license plates are changed.
22 Each time the license plates are changed, the director shall secure
23 competitive bids for materials pursuant to sections 81-145 to 81-162.
24 Motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed vehicle, and trailer license plate
25 letters and numerals may be one-half the size of those required in

1 this section.

2 (2) When two license plates are issued, one shall be
3 prominently displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear
4 of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is
5 issued, it shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the
6 registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued
7 for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-
8 tractors, it shall be prominently displayed on the front of the
9 apportionable vehicle.

10 Sec. 3. Section 60-3,104, Reissue Revised Statutes of
11 Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types
13 of license plates:

14 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant
15 to section 60-3,126;

16 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant
17 to section 60-3,203;

18 (3) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section
19 60-379;

20 (4) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section
21 60-3,144;

22 (5) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued
23 pursuant to section 60-3,147;

24 (6) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant
25 to sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;

- 1 (7) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to
2 section 60-3,124;
- 3 (8) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to
4 section 60-3,151;
- 5 (9) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section
6 60-3,146;
- 7 (10) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons
8 license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 9 (11) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to
10 section 60-3,151;
- 11 (12) Film vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
12 section 60-383;
- 13 (13) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to
14 sections 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;
- 15 (14) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued
16 pursuant to section 60-3,113;
- 17 (15) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
18 sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;
- 19 (16) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to
20 section 60-3,145;
- 21 (17) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section
22 60-3,100;
- 23 (18) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles
24 owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school
25 districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;

- 1 (19) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;
- 2 (20) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section
3 60-3,100;
- 4 (21) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to
5 sections 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;
- 6 (22) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued
7 pursuant to section 60-382;
- 8 (23) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten
9 persons or less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section
10 60-3,143;
- 11 (24) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten
12 persons or less and used for hire issued pursuant to section
13 60-3,143;
- 14 (25) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to
15 section 60-3,122;
- 16 (26) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant
17 to section 60-3,116;
- 18 (27) Personalized message license plates for motor
19 vehicles and cabin trailers, except commercial motor vehicles
20 registered for over ten tons gross weight, issued pursuant to
21 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;
- 22 (28) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to
23 section 60-3,123;
- 24 (29) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to
25 section 60-3,125;

1 (30) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant
2 to section 60-3,151;

3 (31) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to
4 section 60-375;

5 (32) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued
6 pursuant to section 4 of this act;

7 ~~(32)~~—~~(33)~~ Specialty license plates issued pursuant to
8 sections 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

9 ~~(33)~~—~~(34)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers
10 owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school
11 districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

12 ~~(34)~~—~~(35)~~ Trailer license plates issued pursuant to
13 section 60-3,100;

14 ~~(35)~~—~~(36)~~ Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

15 ~~(36)~~—~~(37)~~ Transporter license plates issued pursuant to
16 section 60-378;

17 ~~(37)~~—~~(38)~~ Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-
18 tractors, or trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and
19 water conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe
20 and equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water
21 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section
22 60-3,149;

23 ~~(38)~~—~~(39)~~ Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant
24 to section 60-3,151; and

25 ~~(39)~~—~~(40)~~ Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing

1 equipment license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

2 Sec. 4. (1) The department shall either modify an
3 existing plate design or design license plates to identify special
4 interest motor vehicles, to be known as special interest motor
5 vehicle license plates. The department, in designing such special
6 interest motor vehicle license plates, shall include the words
7 special interest and limit the manufacturing cost of each plate to an
8 amount less than or equal to the amount charged for license plates
9 pursuant to section 60-3,102. The department shall choose the design
10 of the plate. The department shall make applications available for
11 this type of plate when it is designed.

12 (2) One type of special interest motor vehicle license
13 plate shall be alphanumeric plates. The department shall:

14 (a) Assign a designation up to seven characters; and

15 (b) Not use a county designation.

16 (3) One type of special interest motor vehicle license
17 plate shall be personalized message plates. Such plates shall be
18 issued subject to the same conditions specified for personalized
19 message license plates in section 60-3,118.

20 (4) A person may apply to the department for a special
21 interest motor vehicle license plate in lieu of regular license
22 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department
23 for any special interest motor vehicle, except for a motor vehicle
24 registered under section 60-3,198, motorcycle, or trailer. The
25 department shall make forms available for such applications through

1 the county treasurers.

2 (5) The form shall contain a description of the special
3 interest motor vehicle owned and sought to be registered, including
4 the make, body type, model, serial number, and year of manufacture.

5 (6)(a) In addition to all other fees required to register
6 a motor vehicle, each application for initial issuance or renewal of
7 a special interest motor vehicle license plate shall be accompanied
8 by a special interest motor vehicle license plate fee of fifty
9 dollars. Twenty-five dollars of the special interest motor vehicle
10 license plate fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit
11 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, and twenty-five
12 dollars of the special interest motor vehicle license plate fee shall
13 be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust
14 Fund.

15 (b) If a special interest motor vehicle license plate is
16 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner shall be issued a replacement
17 license plate pursuant to section 60-3,157.

18 (7) When the department receives an application for a
19 special interest motor vehicle license plate, the department shall
20 deliver the plate to the county treasurer of the county in which the
21 special interest motor vehicle is registered. The county treasurer
22 shall issue the special interest motor vehicle license plate in lieu
23 of regular license plates when the applicant complies with the other
24 provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of
25 the special interest motor vehicle.

1 (8) If the cost of manufacturing special interest motor
2 vehicle license plates at any time exceeds the amount charged for
3 license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be credited
4 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund under this section
5 shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an
6 amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of
7 special interest motor vehicle license plates and the amount charged
8 pursuant to section 60-3,102 with respect to such license plates and
9 the remainder shall be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles
10 Cash Fund.

11 (9) The special interest motor vehicle license plate
12 shall be affixed to the rear of the special interest motor vehicle.

13 (10) A special interest motor vehicle shall not be used
14 for the same purposes and under the same conditions as other motor
15 vehicles of the same type and shall not be used for business or
16 occupation or regularly for transportation to and from work. A
17 special interest motor vehicle may be driven on the public streets
18 and roads only for occasional transportation, public displays,
19 parades, and related pleasure or hobby activities.

20 (11) It shall be unlawful to own or operate a motor
21 vehicle with special interest motor vehicle license plates in
22 violation of this section. Upon conviction of a violation of any
23 provision of this section, a person shall be guilty of a Class V
24 misdemeanor.

25 (12) For purposes of this section, special interest motor

1 vehicle means a motor vehicle of any age which is being collected,
2 preserved, restored, or maintained by the owner as a leisure pursuit
3 and not used for general transportation of persons or cargo.

4 Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2013.

5 Sec. 6. Original section 60-3,104, Reissue Revised
6 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-301 and 60-3,100, Revised
7 Statutes Supplement, 2011, are repealed.