

County Treasurer Workshop 2019 Legislation Overview

LB 80, effective August 31, 2019

Requires each county sheriff to establish a process to enter into an agreement with any licensed new car dealer located in their county to collect information for the identification inspection on motor vehicles in the inventory and at the location of the new car dealer within the same county.

The agreement shall require that the new car dealer provide the required fee, a copy of the documents evidencing transfer of ownership, and the make, model, vehicle identification number, and odometer reading in a form and manner prescribed by the county sheriff. The sheriff shall require the dealer to provide one or more photographs or digital images of the vehicle, the vehicle identification number, and the odometer reading.

The county sheriff shall complete the identification inspection using the information and return to the new car dealer the statement that an identification inspection has been conducted. If the information is incomplete or if there is reason to believe further inspection is necessary, the county sheriff shall inform the dealer.

If the dealer knowingly provides inaccurate or false information, the dealer shall be liable for any damages resulting from the information. The dealer shall keep the records for five years after the date the identification inspection is complete.

LB 111, effective August 31, 2019

Changes title application signature requirements from “husband and wife” to “married couples”. One spouse may sign for the other on an Application for Title.

LB 138, effective January 1, 2021

No plate fee (\$3.30 per plate) shall be incurred when issuing the following license plates (new or replacement): Pearl Harbor Survivor, Gold Star Family, prisoner of war, disabled veteran, and Purple Heart.

The \$5.00 fee for Gold Star Family numeric plates will be eliminated.

Changes option for National Guard military honor plate to either an Air National Guard or Army National Guard plate (one additional design).

Creates five additional military honor plate designs honoring veterans or persons currently serving in the military who have been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service Medal.

Creates Support our Troops license plates. The plates will be available with a combination of alpha and numeric characters assigned by the DMV or a message, of up to five characters, selected by the applicant.

The initial and renewal fee for the alphanumeric license plates is \$5.00 and for the message plates is \$70. The fees collected for the alphanumeric plates shall be credited to the Veterans Employment Program Fund. The fees collected for the message plates shall be credited as follows: 25% (\$17.50) to DMV Cash Fund and 75% (\$52.50) to the Veterans Employment Program Fund.

LB 156, implementation date October 15, 2019

Defines a former military vehicle as a motor vehicle manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is maintained to accurately represent its military design and markings, regardless of the vehicle's size or weight, but is no longer used, or never was used, by a military force.

The owner of a former military vehicle may apply for a certificate of title by presenting a manufacturer's certificate of origin; a certificate of title from another state; a court order issued by a court of record; an assigned registration certificate, if the law of the state from which the vehicle was brought into this state does not require a certificate of title; or a United States Government Certificate to Obtain Title to a Vehicle.

In most cases, a former military vehicle will not have a conforming VIN (less than 17 characters) and does not have DOT or EPA stickers as they were built as off-road vehicles.

Titles issued for former military vehicles shall contain the statement "former military vehicle" and will reflect "does not meet FMVSS" (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards).

A separate license plate design will be used for former military vehicles. The registration fee is \$15, the base motor vehicle tax is \$50, and the base motor vehicle fee is \$10.

A former military vehicle shall not be operated on the interstate, expressways, or freeways and shall be operated with its headlights and taillights on at all times.

LB 192, effective January 1, 2021

Adds option of veteran designation on a driver license document for veterans of the reserve and guard of all branches of the military. The designations will be "guard-veteran" or "reserve-veteran".

LB 237, effective January 1, 2020

Changes sales tax commission rates.

LB 270, effective October 15, 2019

If the purchaser of a motorboat or vehicle does not apply for a certificate of title within thirty days after the sale of the motorboat or vehicle, the seller may request the department to update the electronic certificate of title record to reflect the sale. The department shall update such record upon receiving evidence of a sale satisfactory to the director. This option will be provided via an online service; the title record will be updated with an indicator (title will remain valid for transfer or duplicate issuance).

After receipt of notice of an owner-retained salvage motorboat or vehicle by the DMV, the owner make application for a previous salvage branded title (issuance of a salvage branded title is no longer required).

Alters definition of previously salvage to include rebuilt. This change makes the two terms interchangeable; resulting in 25% reduction to the motor vehicle tax when a rebuilt brand is present on the title record (the same as if a previously salvage brand is present).

Authorizes the issuance of temporary tags at the time a vehicle owner registers their vehicle if they have made application for specialty plates.

Authorizes historical, passenger, commercial, apportioned and local truck plated motor vehicles to tow historically plated trailers.

Alters online driver license and ID card renewal to require in-person renewal once every 16 years (instead of current once every ten years).

LB 356, effective January 1, 2021

Reduces annual fee for single-plate decal from \$100 to \$50.

Alters specialty plate distributions as follows:

- Organizational plates
 - Current = 15% DMV Cash Fund; 85% Highway Trust Fund
 - New = 60% DMV Cash Fund; 40% Highway Trust Fund
- Message plates
 - Current = 75% DMV Cash Fund; 25% Highway Trust Fund
 - New = 60% DMV Cash Fund; 40% Highway Trust Fund
- Spirit plates
 - Current = 43% DMV Cash Fund; 57% Highway Trust Fund
 - New = 60% DMV Cash Fund; 40% Highway Trust Fund
- Breast cancer awareness
 - Current = 75% DMV Cash Fund; 25% Highway Trust Fund
 - New = 25% DMV Cash Fund; 75% University of Nebraska Medical Center for the breast cancer navigator program

Adds \$5 fee for initial and renewal breast cancer alphanumeric plates. Fees shall be distributed to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the breast cancer navigator program.

Creates Wildlife Conservation license plates. The department shall create no more than three designs reflecting support for the conservation of Nebraska wildlife, including Sandhill cranes, bighorn sheep, and ornate box turtles. The plates will be available with a combination of alpha and numeric characters assigned by the DMV or a message, of up to five characters, selected by the applicant.

The initial and renewal fee for the alphanumeric license plates is \$5.00 and for the message plates is \$40. The fees collected for the alphanumeric plates shall be credited to the Wildlife Conservation Fund. The fees collected for the message plates shall be credited as follows: 25% to DMV Cash Fund and 75% to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Creates Prostate Cancer Awareness license plates. The plates will be available with a combination of alpha and numeric characters assigned by the DMV or a message, of up to five characters, selected by the applicant.

The initial and renewal fee for the alphanumeric license plates is \$5.00 and for the message plates is \$40. The fees collected for the alphanumeric plates shall be credited to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program. The fees collected for the message plates shall be credited as follows: 25% to DMV Cash Fund and 75% to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program.

Creates Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness (removes from organizational plate program). The plates will be available with a combination of alpha and numeric characters assigned by the DMV or a message, of up to five characters, selected by the applicant.

The initial and renewal fee for the alphanumeric license plates is \$5.00 and for the message plates is \$40. The fees collected for the alphanumeric plates shall be credited to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research. The fees collected for the message plates shall be credited as follows: 25% to DMV Cash Fund and 75% to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research.

Cease issuance of the following specialty plates with the next license plate issuance cycle if the total number of registered vehicles obtaining such plates is less than two hundred fifty per year within any prior consecutive two-year period:

- Military honor
- Spirit
- Mountain lion conservation
- Breast cancer awareness
- Choose life
- Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plate
- Wildlife conservation
- Prostate cancer awareness
- Sammy's Superheroes