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GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 482.013 “Bus” defined. “Bus” means any motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 10 passengers and used for the transportation of persons, and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for transportation of persons for compensation.

SECTION 482.014 “Calendar year” defined. “Calendar year” means a year commencing at 12 p.m. December 31 and ending at 12 p.m. the following December 31.

SECTION 482.0151 “Chassis-mount camper” defined. “Chassis-mount camper” means a portable unit designed to be permanently affixed to a truck chassis and cab, and so constructed as to provide temporary living quarters for travel, camping or recreational use.

SECTION 482.0153 “Combined gross vehicle weight rating” defined. “Combined gross vehicle weight rating” means the maximum gross weight, as designated by the manufacturer, that a vehicle is capable of towing in combination with its own gross vehicle weight rating.

SECTION 482.0154 “Complete front inner structure for a unibody” defined. “Complete front inner structure for a unibody” means the weld-on structure of a vehicle, including, without limitation, the radiator support, left and right aprons, upper and lower rails and strut towers, designed and intended to be located forward of the cowl assembly.

SECTION 482.0157 “Conventional frame” defined. “Conventional frame” means the main longitudinal structural members of the chassis of a vehicle used as the major support in the construction of the vehicle.

SECTION 482.016 “Converter dolly” defined. “Converter dolly” means a vehicle with a fifth wheel lower half or equivalent mechanism, the attachment of which converts a semitrailer to a full trailer.

SECTION 482.018 “Cowl assembly” defined. “Cowl assembly” means the forward structural portion of a vehicle to which are intended to be attached all or a part of the windshield frame, fire wall, housing of the instrument panel and hinges for the front doors.

SECTION 482.020 “Dealer” and “vehicle dealer” defined.

1. “Dealer” or “vehicle dealer” means any person who:

(a) For compensation, money or other thing of value sells, exchanges, buys, offers or displays for sale, negotiates or attempts to negotiate a sale or exchange of an interest in a vehicle subject to registration under this chapter or induces or attempts to induce any person to buy or exchange an interest in a vehicle;

(b) Represents that he or she has the ability to sell, exchange, buy or negotiate the sale or exchange of an interest in a vehicle subject to registration under this chapter or in any other state or territory of the United States;

(c) Receives or expects to receive a commission, money, brokerage fee, profit or any other thing of value from the seller or purchaser of a vehicle; or

(d) Is engaged wholly or in part in the business of selling vehicles or buying or taking in trade vehicles for the purpose of resale, selling or offering for sale or consignment to be sold or otherwise dealing in vehicles, whether or not he or she owns the vehicles.

2. “Dealer” or “vehicle dealer” does not include:

(a) An insurance company, bank, finance company, government agency or any other person coming into possession of a vehicle, acquiring a contractual right to a vehicle or incurring an obligation with respect to a vehicle in the performance of official duties or under the authority of any court of law, if the sale of the vehicle is for the purpose of saving the seller from loss or pursuant to the authority of a court of competent jurisdiction;

(b) A person, other than a long-term or short-term lessor, who is not engaged in the purchase or sale of vehicles as a business, but is disposing of vehicles acquired by the owner for his or her use and not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this chapter, or a person who sells not more than three personally owned vehicles in any 12-month period;

(c) Persons regularly employed as salespersons by dealers, licensed under this chapter, while those persons are acting within the scope of their employment;

(d) Persons who are incidentally engaged in the business of soliciting orders for the sale and delivery of vehicles outside the territorial limits of the United States if their sales of such vehicles produce less than 5 percent of their total gross revenue; or

(e) Persons who sell kit trailers but no other vehicle defined by this chapter.

SECTION 482.023 “Declared gross weight” defined. “Declared gross weight” means the maximum gross weight at which a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles will be operated, except the term does not include the weight of:

1. Another vehicle which is being carried or towed by a tow car, as that term is defined in [SECTION 706.131](#);
2. Implements of husbandry;
3. A trailer or other towed vehicle which is not used for a commercial enterprise;
4. Towable tools or equipment, as that term is defined in [SECTION 484D.055](#); or
5. The load on a farm vehicle which has an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or more.

SECTION 482.0285 “Duplicate number plate” defined. “Duplicate number plate” means a license plate or a set of license plates issued to a registered owner which repeats the code of a plate or set of plates previously issued to the owner to maintain the registration using the same code.

SECTION 482.0287 “Electric bicycle” defined. “Electric bicycle” means a device upon which a person may ride, having two or three wheels, or every such device generally recognized as a bicycle that has fully operable pedals and is propelled by a small electric engine which produces not more than 1 gross brake horsepower and which produces not more than 750 watts final output, and:

1. Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground but is not a tractor; and
2. Powered solely by such a small electric engine, is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a flat surface while carrying an operator who weighs 170 pounds.

Ê The term does not include a moped.

SECTION 482.029 “Electric personal assistive mobility device” defined. “Electric personal assistive mobility device” means a self-balancing, two nontandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less.

SECTION 482.030 “Essential parts” defined. “Essential parts” means all integral parts and body parts, the removal, alteration or substitution of which will tend to conceal the identity or substantially alter the appearance of the vehicle.

SECTION 482.035 “Farm tractor” defined. “Farm tractor” means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines and other implements of husbandry.

SECTION 482.036 “Farm vehicle” defined. “Farm vehicle” means any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is:

1. Controlled and operated by a farmer or rancher;
2. Used to transport his or her own livestock, agricultural products, or ranch or farm machinery or supplies to or from a ranch or farm; and
3. Not used in the operation of a common or contract carrier.

SECTION 482.037 “Fiscal year” defined. “Fiscal year” means a year commencing at 12 p.m. June 30 and ending at 12 p.m. the following June 30.

SECTION 482.0385 “Floor pan assembly” defined. “Floor pan assembly” means the pans designed and intended to form the floor of the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

SECTION 482.040 “Foreign vehicle” defined. “Foreign vehicle” means every motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which has been brought into this State otherwise than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and which has not been registered in this State.

SECTION 482.043 “Franchise” defined. “Franchise” means a written agreement between a manufacturer or distributor and a dealer by which:

1. A commercial relationship of definite duration or continuing indefinite duration is established.
2. The dealer is granted the right to offer and sell at retail new vehicles, other than mopeds, farm tractors or special mobile equipment.
3. The dealer constitutes a component of a distribution system for new vehicles.
4. The operation of the dealer’s business is substantially associated with the trademark, trade name, advertising or other commercial symbol designating a manufacturer or distributor.

5. The operation of a portion of the dealer's business is substantially reliant on the manufacturer or distributor for a continued supply of new vehicles, parts and accessories.

SECTION 482.044 "Golf cart" defined. "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle which:

1. Has no fewer than three wheels in contact with the ground; and
2. Is designed to carry golf equipment and no more than four persons, including the driver.

SECTION 482.0445 "Gross vehicle weight rating" defined. "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the maximum gross weight, as designated by the manufacturer, at which a vehicle is capable of being operated, including any load the vehicle is capable of carrying but excluding any weight the vehicle is capable of towing.

SECTION 482.045 "Highway" defined. "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way maintained by a public authority when any part of such way is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

SECTION 482.050 "Identification" and "permanent identifying" defined. "Identification" or "permanent identifying" as used in this chapter with respect to the number of a vehicle subject to registration under this chapter shall, for the purpose of the registration or departmental record thereof, or any evidence of such registration, be construed to mean such identification, or permanent identifying number of any vehicle which the manufacturer thereof may, in its discretion, adopt or has adopted as an identification or permanent identifying number of the vehicles manufactured by it, or which the Director may approve as the identification number, in lieu of or in addition to a motor number or serial number or a motor and serial number.

SECTION 482.0515 "Kit trailer" defined. "Kit trailer" means a vehicle without motive power which:

1. Is designed to carry property on its own structure and to be drawn or towed by a motor vehicle;
2. Is sold new in an unassembled, prepackaged condition;
3. Does not exceed 6 feet in width and 8 feet in length once assembled; and
4. Does not weigh more than 250 pounds unladen.

SECTION 482.053 "Lease," "long-term lessee," "long-term lessor," "short-term lessee" and "short-term lessor" defined. For the purposes of regulation under this chapter and of imposing tort liability under [SECTION 41.440](#), and for no other purpose:

1. "Lease" means a contract by which the lienholder or owner of a vehicle transfers to another person, for compensation, the right to use such vehicle.
2. "Long-term lessee" means a person who has leased a vehicle from another person for a fixed period of more than 31 days.

3. “Long-term lessor” means a person who has leased a vehicle to another person for a fixed period of more than 31 days.

4. “Short-term lessee” means a person who has leased a vehicle from another person for a period of 31 days or less, or by the day, or by the trip.

5. “Short-term lessor” means a person who has leased a vehicle to another person for a period of 31 days or less, or by the day, or by the trip.

SECTION 482.055 “Lienholder” defined. “Lienholder” means a person who holds a security interest in a vehicle and whose name appears on the certificate of title as legal owner.

SECTION 482.0555 “Local authority” defined. “Local authority” has the meaning ascribed to it in [SECTION 484A.115](#).

SECTION 482.060 “Manufacturer” defined. “Manufacturer” means every person engaged in the business of manufacturing motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers.

SECTION 482.065 “Metal tires” defined. “Metal tires” means all tires the surface of which in contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, nonresilient material.

SECTION 482.066 “Mini motor home” defined. “Mini motor home” means a vehicular-type unit designed for temporary living quarters for travel, camping or recreational use which is:

1. A structure attached permanently on a self-propelled chassis; or
2. A portable unit designed to be affixed permanently to a truck chassis with cab, É which is designated as a mini motor home by the manufacturer.

SECTION 482.067 “Mobile home” defined. “Mobile home” means a vehicular structure, built on a chassis or frame, which is designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation and is capable of being drawn by a motor vehicle. It may be used as a dwelling when connected to utilities or may be used permanently or temporarily for the advertising, sales, display or promotion of merchandise or services. The term does not include a recreational park trailer.

SECTION 482.069 “Moped” defined. “Moped” means a motor-driven scooter, motor-driven cycle or similar vehicle that is propelled by a small engine which produces not more than 2 gross brake horsepower, has a displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimeters or produces not more than 1500 watts final output, and:

1. Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground but is not a tractor; and
 2. Is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than 1 percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged.
- É The term does not include an electric bicycle.

SECTION 482.070 “Motorcycle” defined. “Motorcycle” means every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except any such vehicle as may be included within the term “electric bicycle,” “tractor” or “moped” as defined in this chapter.

SECTION 482.071 “Motor home” defined. “Motor home” means a structure:

1. Attached permanently to a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis;
2. Designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational or camping use; and
3. When assembled for the road, has a maximum body width of 102 inches.

SECTION 482.073 “Motortruck” defined. “Motortruck” means every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

SECTION 482.075 “Motor vehicle” defined. “Motor vehicle” means every vehicle as defined in [SECTION 482.135](#) which is self-propelled.

SECTION 482.076 “New vehicle” defined. Except as otherwise provided in [SECTION 482.363521](#), “new vehicle” means a vehicle:

1. That has never been registered with the Department and has never been registered with the appropriate agency of authority of any other state, the District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United States or foreign state, province or country;
2. For which a certificate of title has never been issued by the Department or by the appropriate agency of authority of any other state, the District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United States or foreign state, province or country; or
3. That has been so registered or for which a certificate of title has been so issued, if the vehicle is equipped with an odometer that registers 2,500 miles or less.

SECTION 482.078 “New vehicle dealer” defined. “New vehicle dealer” means any vehicle dealer licensed under the provisions of this chapter as a new vehicle dealer who has a franchise from a manufacturer of vehicles to sell new vehicles and who acquires new or new and used vehicles for resale.

SECTION 482.080 “Nonresident” defined. “Nonresident” means every person who is not a resident of this State, and who does not use his or her motor vehicle for a gainful purpose.

SECTION 482.084 “Out-of-state student” defined. “Out-of-state student” means a student whose legal residence is not in this State and who comes into Nevada for the purpose of attending an educational institution.

SECTION 482.085 “Owner” defined. “Owner” means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle and whose name appears on the certificate of title, and any lienholder whose name appears on the certificate of title. If a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with or without the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right

of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or if a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this chapter.

SECTION 482.087 “Passenger car” defined. “Passenger car” means a motor vehicle designed for carrying 10 persons or less, except a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle.

SECTION 482.091 “Passenger compartment” defined. “Passenger compartment” means the area of a vehicle designed and intended for the seating of the driver and passengers.

SECTION 482.095 “Pneumatic tires” defined. “Pneumatic tires” means all tires inflated with compressed air.

SECTION 482.0965 “Rear clip assembly” defined. “Rear clip assembly” means the entire rear structural portion of a vehicle designed and intended to be located behind the rear seat of the vehicle.

SECTION 482.097 “Rebuilder” defined.

1. “Rebuilder” means a person engaged in the:
 - (a) Business of reconstructing motor vehicles by the alteration, addition or substitution of substantial or essential parts; or
 - (b) Assembling of replica or specially constructed vehicles from unassembled parts.
2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any licensed new or used vehicle dealer to secure a license as a rebuilder in conjunction with rebuilding in his or her own facilities.

SECTION 482.098 “Rebuilt vehicle” defined.

1. “Rebuilt vehicle” means a vehicle:
 - (a) That is a salvage vehicle as that term is defined in [SECTION 487.770](#), excluding a nonrepairable vehicle; or
 - (b) One or more major components of which have been replaced as set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, the requisite major components of a vehicle which must be replaced for a vehicle to be considered rebuilt are the:
 - (1) Cowl assembly;
 - (2) Rear clip assembly;
 - (3) Roof assembly;
 - (4) Floor pan assembly;
 - (5) Conventional frame coupled with one additional major component; or
 - (6) Complete front inner structure for a unibody.
2. The term does not include a vehicle for which the only change is the installation of a truck cab assembly.
3. For the purposes of this section, “replaced” means the substitution, or change in whole, of a new, used or after-market part of a vehicle.

SECTION 482.100 “Reconstructed vehicle” defined. “Reconstructed vehicle” means any vehicle which shall have been assembled or constructed largely by means of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles of various names, models or types, or which, if originally otherwise constructed, shall have been materially altered by the removal of essential parts or by the addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles.

SECTION 482.1005 “Recreational park trailer” defined.

1. “Recreational park trailer” means a vehicle which is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or seasonal use and which:
 - (a) Is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels;
 - (b) Has a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet in the set-up mode; and
 - (c) Is certified by the manufacturer as complying with Standard No. A119.5 of the American National Standards Institute.
2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a recreational park trailer is a vehicle which must be registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 482.101 “Recreational vehicle” defined. “Recreational vehicle” means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for travel, recreational or camping use, which may be self-propelled, mounted upon, or drawn by, a motor vehicle. The term includes a recreational park trailer.

SECTION 482.102 “Registered owner” defined. “Registered owner” means a natural person, firm, corporation or association whose name appears in the files of the Department as the person to whom the vehicle is registered.

SECTION 482.103 “Resident” defined.

1. “Resident” includes, but is not limited to, a person:
 - (a) Whose legal residence is in the State of Nevada.
 - (b) Who engages in intrastate business and operates in such a business any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or any person maintaining such vehicles in this State, as the home state of such vehicles.
 - (c) Who physically resides in this State and engages in a trade, profession, occupation or accepts gainful employment in this State.
 - (d) Who declares that he or she is a resident of Nevada for purposes of obtaining privileges not ordinarily extended to nonresidents of this State.
2. The term does not include a person who is an actual tourist, an out-of-state student, or a seasonal resident.
3. The provisions of this section do not apply to persons who operate vehicles in this State under the provisions of [SECTION 482.385](#), [482.390](#), [482.395](#) or [706.801](#) to [706.861](#), inclusive.

SECTION 482.110 “Semitrailer” defined. “Semitrailer” means every vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

SECTION 482.115 “Service vehicle” and “work vehicle” defined. “Service vehicle” or “work vehicle” means a vehicle owned and operated by a licensed dealer, manufacturer, distributor, long-term or short-term lessor, rebuilder or broker in the furtherance of his or her business. Such vehicles include, without limitation, a passenger shuttle bus, a tow car, a delivery vehicle or any other vehicle used to transport customers or property to or from the place of business of the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, long-term or short-term lessor, rebuilder or broker.

SECTION 482.113 “Slide-in camper” defined. “Slide-in camper” means a portable unit designed to be loaded and unloaded from the bed of a pickup truck, and so constructed as to provide temporary living quarters for travel, camping or recreational use.

SECTION 482.115 “Solid rubber tires” defined. “Solid rubber tires” means every tire made of rubber other than a pneumatic tire.

SECTION 482.120 “Specially constructed vehicle” defined. “Specially constructed vehicle” means any vehicle which shall not have been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles.

SECTION 482.123 “Special mobile equipment” defined.

1. “Special mobile equipment” means every motor vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and only incidentally operated or moved upon a highway, including, but not limited to, scoopmobiles, forklifts, ditch-digging apparatus, well-boring apparatus and road construction and maintenance machinery such as asphalt graders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, tractors other than truck tractors, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earth-moving carryalls and scrapers, power shovels and draglines, and earth-moving equipment.

2. “Special mobile equipment” does not include house trailers, dump trucks, truck-mounted transit mixers, concrete pumpers, cranes or drill rigs with highway-rated tires or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

3. The Director may make the final determination as to whether a vehicle not specifically enumerated in subsection 1 or 2 falls within this definition.

4. The Department shall, by regulation, define “incidentally operated or moved upon a highway” for purposes of this section.

SECTION 482.125 “Trailer” defined. “Trailer” means every vehicle without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle.

SECTION 482.127 “Travel trailer” defined. “Travel trailer” means a portable structure mounted on wheels, constructed on a vehicular-type chassis primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use and designed to be drawn by another vehicle and designated by the manufacturer as a travel trailer. A vehicle is not a travel trailer if, when equipped for highway use, it is more than 8 feet wide.

SECTION 482.129 “Trimobile” defined. “Trimobile” means every motor vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact with the ground, two of which are power driven.

SECTION 482.130 “Truck-tractor” defined. “Truck-tractor” means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn.

SECTION 482.134 “Utility trailer” defined. “Utility trailer” means a vehicle, without motive power, designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure, and to be drawn by a motor vehicle. It may not exceed 8 feet in width nor 3,500 pounds in weight.

SECTION 482.1345 “Van conversion” defined. “Van conversion” means a vehicular-type unit originally designed and manufactured as a van or enclosed truck, which is modified to be used for travel, camping or recreational use, but which retains the basic silhouette of a van.

SECTION 482.135 “Vehicle” defined. Except as otherwise provided in [SECTION 482.36348](#), “vehicle” means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway. The term does not include:

1. Devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks;
 2. Mobile homes or commercial coaches as defined in [chapter 489](#) of SECTION;
- or
3. Electric personal assistive mobility devices.

SECTION 482.137 “Vehicle transporter” defined. “Vehicle transporter” means a person who engages in the business of transporting motor vehicles in which he or she has no ownership interest and which are otherwise required to be registered pursuant to this chapter by operating them, singly or in combination, upon the highway under their own motive power.

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 482.155 Enforcement of provisions of chapter by Department, its officers and peace officers. The Department, all officers thereof and all peace officers in this State shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

REGISTRATION; TITLING; REGULAR LICENSE PLATES

SECTION 482.205 Registration required for certain vehicles. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and [SECTION 706.188](#), every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer intended to be operated upon any highway in this State shall, before the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer can be operated, apply to the Department or a registered dealer for and obtain the registration thereof.

SECTION 482.210 Exemptions from registration.

1. The provisions of this chapter requiring the registration of certain vehicles do not apply to:

- (a) Special mobile equipment.
- (b) Implements of husbandry temporarily drawn, moved or otherwise propelled upon the highways.
- (c) Any mobile home or commercial coach subject to the provisions of [chapter 489](#) of this SECTION.
- (d) Electric bicycles.
- (e) Golf carts which are:
 - (1) Traveling upon highways properly designated by the appropriate city or county as permissible for the operation of golf carts; and
 - (2) Operating pursuant to a permit issued pursuant to this chapter.
- (f) Mopeds.
- (g) Towable tools or equipment as defined in [SECTION 484D.055](#).
- (h) Any motorized conveyance for a wheelchair, whose operator is a person with a disability who is unable to walk about.

2. For the purposes of this section, "motorized conveyance for a wheelchair" means a vehicle which:

- (a) Can carry a wheelchair;
- (b) Is propelled by an engine which produces not more than 3 gross brake horsepower, has a displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimeters or produces not more than 2250 watts final output;
- (c) Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels; and
- (d) Can reach a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than a grade of 1 percent in any direction.

É The term does not include a tractor.

SECTION 482.255 Placement of certificate of registration; surrender upon demand of certain persons; limitation on conviction.

1. Upon receipt of a certificate of registration, the owner shall place it or a legible copy in the vehicle for which it is issued and keep it in the vehicle. If the vehicle is a motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer, the owner shall carry the certificate in the tool bag or other convenient receptacle attached to the vehicle.

2. The owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall, upon demand, surrender the certificate of registration or the copy for examination to any peace officer, including a constable, or a justice of the peace or deputy of the Department.

3. No person charged with violating this section may be convicted if the person produces in court a certificate of registration which was previously issued to him or her and was valid at the time of the demand.

SECTION 482.275 License plates: Display.

1. The license plates for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or motor vehicle being transported by a licensed vehicle transporter must be attached thereto, one in the rear and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, one in the front. The license plate issued for all other vehicles required to be registered must be attached to the rear of the vehicle. The license plates must be so displayed during the current calendar year or registration period.

3. Every license plate must at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and must be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

SECTION 482.283 Change of name or place of residence: Notice to Department required; timing and contents of notice. Each holder of a valid registration, upon changing his or her name or place of residence, shall notify the Department of the change within 30 days after the change and shall include in the notice both the old and new names and residence addresses.

PERMITS FOR GOLF CARTS

SECTION 482.398 Issuance on Reservation; conditions under which permit not necessary.

1. In the EST, a permit for the operation of a golf cart may be issued by the Tribal Council if the golf cart is equipped as required by subsection 2 and evidence of insurance as required for the registration of a motor vehicle is submitted when application for the permit is made.

2. A golf cart must have the following equipment:

(a) Headlamps;

(b) Tail lamps, reflectors, stop lamps and an emblem or placard for slow moving vehicles;

(c) A mirror; and

(d) Brakes.

Ê Each of these items of equipment must meet the standards prescribed for motor vehicles generally.

3. A permit is not required for the operation of a golf cart during daylight, by a person holding a current driver's license, if the golf cart is:

- (a) Equipped with an emblem or placard for slow moving vehicles; and
- (b) Operated solely upon that portion of a highway designated by the appropriate city or county as a:
 - (1) Crossing for golf carts; or
 - (2) Route of access between a golf course and the residence or temporary abode of the owner or operator of the golf cart.

SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION: DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

SECTION 482.456 Penalties related to operation of motor vehicle for which registration is suspended or failure to return certificate of registration or license plates; service of term of imprisonment; consecutive sentences.

1. A person who has had the registration of a motor vehicle suspended pursuant to [SECTION 482.451](#) and who drives the motor vehicle for which the registration has been suspended on a highway is guilty of a **Category E Offense** and shall be:

- (a) Punished by imprisonment in the county jail, or approved BIA facility, not more than 6 months; or
- (b) Sentenced to a term of not less than 60 days nor more than 6 months in residential confinement, and by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000.

Ê The provisions of this subsection do not apply if the period of suspension has expired but the person has not reinstated the registration.

2. A person who has had the registration of a motor vehicle suspended pursuant to [SECTION 482.451](#) and who knowingly allows the motor vehicle for which the registration has been suspended to be operated by another person upon a highway is guilty of a **Category E Offense**.

3. A person who willfully fails to return a certificate of registration or the license plates as required pursuant to [SECTION 482.451](#) is guilty of a **Category E Offense**.

SPECIAL ANTITHEFT LAWS

SECTION 482.540 Authority of police officer, without warrant, to seize and take possession of certain vehicles; inspection and written report concerning certain falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated numbers and marks; authority of court to declare vehicle forfeited under certain circumstances; charging of criminal act must not precede completion of report.

1. Any police officer, without a warrant, may seize and take possession of any vehicle:

- (a) Which is being operated with improper registration;
- (b) Which the police officer has probable cause to believe has been stolen;
- (c) Which the police officer has probable cause to believe has been illegally altered in a manner that impairs the structural integrity of the vehicle;
- (d) On which any motor number, manufacturer's number or identification mark has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated; or
- (e) Which contains a part on which was placed or stamped by the manufacturer pursuant to federal law or regulation an identification number or other distinguishing number or mark that has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated.

2. A law enforcement agency or an employee of the Department whose primary responsibility is to conduct investigations involving the theft of motor vehicles shall inspect any vehicle seized pursuant to paragraph (d) or (e) of subsection 1 to determine whether the number or mark in question on the vehicle or part from the vehicle has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated and whether any person has presented satisfactory evidence of ownership of the vehicle. The agency or employee shall prepare a written report which sets forth the results of the inspection within 30 days after the vehicle is seized.

3. If the results of the report conclude that the number or mark in question has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated and that there is no satisfactory evidence of ownership, the court shall declare the vehicle forfeited and proceed in the manner set forth in [SECTION 482.542](#).

4. A person must not be charged with any criminal act which caused a motor vehicle to be seized pursuant to paragraph (d) or (e) of subsection 1 until the report is completed pursuant to subsection 2.

5. As used in this section, "police officer" means:

- (a) Any peace officer of the Department;
- (b) Sheriffs of counties and officers of metropolitan police departments and their deputies; and
- (c) Marshals and police officers of cities and towns.

SECTION 482.542 Disposition of seized vehicle.

1. Any vehicle seized pursuant to [SECTION 482.540](#) may be removed by a law enforcement agency or the Department to:

- (a) A place designated for the storage of seized property.
- (b) An appropriate place for disposal if that disposal is specifically authorized by statute.

2. If disposal of a vehicle seized pursuant to [SECTION 482.540](#) is not specifically authorized by statute, a law enforcement agency or the Department may file a civil action for forfeiture of the vehicle:

- (a) Pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of [NRS 4.370](#) in the tribal court of the Ely Shoshone Indian Reservation where the vehicle which is the subject of the action was seized if the fair market value of the vehicle and the cost of towing and storing the vehicle does not exceed \$10,000; or

(b) In the tribal court for the county where the vehicle which is the subject of the action was seized if the fair market value of the vehicle and the cost of towing and storing the vehicle equals or exceeds \$10,000.

3. Upon the filing of a civil action pursuant to subsection 2, the court shall schedule a date for a hearing. The hearing must be held not later than 7 business days after the action is filed. The court shall affix the date of the hearing on a form for that purpose and order a copy served by the sheriff, constable or other process server upon each claimant whose identity is known to the law enforcement agency or Department or who can be identified through the exercise of due diligence.

4. The court shall:

(a) Order the release of the vehicle to the owner or to another person who the court determines is entitled to the vehicle if the court finds that:

(1) A motor number, manufacturer's number or identification mark which was placed on the vehicle has not been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated; and

(2) The vehicle has not been illegally altered in a manner that impairs the structural integrity of the vehicle; or

(b) Order the vehicle destroyed or otherwise disposed of as determined by the court, if the court finds that:

(1) There is no satisfactory evidence of ownership;

(2) A motor number, manufacturer's number or identification mark which was placed on the vehicle has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated; or

(3) The vehicle has been illegally altered in a manner that impairs the structural integrity of the vehicle.

5. If a court declares that a vehicle seized pursuant to [SECTION 482.540](#) is forfeited, a law enforcement agency may:

(a) Retain it for official use;

(b) Sell it; or

(c) Remove it for disposal.

6. As used in this section, "claimant" means any person who claims to have:

(a) Any right, title or interest of record in the property or proceeds subject to forfeiture;

(b) Any community property interest in the property or proceeds; or

(c) Had possession of the property or proceeds at the time of the seizure thereof by a law enforcement agency.

OFFENSES CONCERNING DELIVERY, DISPLAY, OPERATION, POSSESSION, REGISTRATION OR SALE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES; IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS AND MARKS; DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

SECTION 482.545 Certain unlawful acts. It is unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts:

1. To operate, or for the owner thereof knowingly to permit the operation of, upon a highway any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which is not registered or which does

not have attached thereto and displayed thereon the number of plate or plates assigned thereto by the Department for the current period of registration or calendar year, subject to the exemption allowed in [SECTION 482.316](#) to [482.3175](#), inclusive, [482.320](#) to [482.363](#), inclusive, [482.385](#) to [482.3965](#), inclusive, and [482.420](#).

2. To display, cause or permit to be displayed or to have in possession any certificate of registration, license plate, certificate of title, temporary placard, movement permit or other document of title knowing it to be fictitious or to have been cancelled, revoked, suspended or altered.

3. To lend to, or knowingly permit the use of by, one not entitled thereto any registration card, plate, temporary placard or movement permit issued to the person so lending or permitting the use thereof.

4. To fail or to refuse to surrender to the Department, upon demand, any registration card or plate which has been suspended, cancelled or revoked as provided in this chapter.

5. To use a false or fictitious name or address in any application for the registration of any vehicle or for any renewal or duplicate thereof, or knowingly to make a false statement or knowingly to conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in an application. A violation of this subsection is a **Category B Offense**.

6. Knowingly to operate a vehicle which:

(a) Has an identification number or mark which has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated; or

(b) Contains a part which has an identification number or mark which has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated.

SECTION 482.548 Unlawful display of vehicle for sale or lease.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful for any person to display for the purpose of sale or lease any vehicle upon any vacant lot or unimproved portion of a public right-of-way.

2. A registered owner may display for the purpose of sale or lease his or her vehicle upon a vacant lot if:

(a) The activity is authorized by the applicable zoning regulations; and

(b) The displayer is the owner of the lot or has received the written consent of the owner and the evidence of the written consent:

(1) Is posted on the vehicle in a manner easily seen and read. If the vehicle has a windshield, the consent must be posted inside the windshield, facing outward.

(2) Is signed by the owner of the vacant lot.

(3) Contains the name and address of the owner of the vacant lot.

(4) Contains the name and address of the person who owns the vehicle.

(5) States the period for which the display is authorized.

3. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a **Category E Offense**.

4. This section does not prohibit any dealer of vehicles licensed pursuant to this chapter from displaying for sale or lease vehicles in the ordinary course of business.

SECTION 482.5505 Unlawful taking of possession of motor vehicle or part thereof with knowledge that identification number or mark has been falsely

attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated; exception; penalty. A vehicle dealer, employee of a vehicle dealer, garage operator, employee of a garage operator, owner or employee of an automobile wrecker, or operator of a salvage pool or body shop who takes possession of a motor vehicle or part from a motor vehicle knowing that an identification number or mark has been falsely attached, removed, defaced, altered or obliterated, unless the motor vehicle or part has an identification number attached to it which has been assigned or approved by the Department in lieu of the original identification number or mark, is guilty of a **Category A Offense** and shall be punished as provided in [SECTION 193.130](#).

SECTION 482.553 Unlawful removal, defacement, alteration or obliteration of identification number or mark of motor vehicle or part thereof; restoration of number or mark; homemade vehicles; penalty.

1. A person shall not intentionally remove, deface, alter or obliterate the identification number or mark of a vehicle or part from a motor vehicle without written authorization from the Department, nor shall any person attach to or place or stamp upon a vehicle or the parts thereof any serial, motor or other number or mark except one assigned thereto by the Department.

2. This section does not prohibit the restoration by an owner of the original vehicle identification number or mark when the restoration is authorized by the Department, nor prevent any manufacturer from placing in the ordinary course of business numbers or marks upon new motor vehicles or new parts thereof.

3. The Department shall assign serial numbers to all homemade vehicles, and the serial numbers must be placed:

(a) If an open trailer, on the left-hand side of the tongue of the trailer.

(b) If an enclosed vehicle, on the pillar post for the left-hand door hinge or, if such placement is not appropriate, then on the left-hand side of the fire wall, under the hood.

4. Any person who violates a provision of subsection 1 is guilty of a **Category B Offense** and shall be punished as provided in [SECTION 193.130](#), and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000.