

SENATE BILL NO. 260—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing design of drivers' licenses and identification cards. (BDR 43-1170)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; requiring the photograph and any information included on the face of a driver's license or identification card to be placed in a certain manner on the license or card; revising the provisions governing the use of colors on a driver's license issued to an insulin dependent diabetic or an epileptic; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 483.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     483.347 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the  
3     department shall issue a *rectangular-shaped* driver's license which bears a  
4     front view colored photograph of the licensee. ~~if he~~ *The photograph and*  
5     *any information included on the license must be placed in a manner*  
6     *which ensures that:*  
7     (a) *If the licensee* is 21 years of age or older ~~if, or a profile view colored~~  
8     ~~photograph if he~~ *, the longer edges of the rectangle serve as the top and*  
9     *bottom of the license; or*  
10    (b) *If the licensee* is under 21 years of age ~~if~~ *, the shorter edges of the*  
11    *rectangle serve as the top and bottom of the license.*  
12    2. The department may issue a temporary driver's license without a  
13    photograph of the licensee if the licensee is temporarily absent from this  
14    state and requests the renewal of, the issuance of a duplicate of, or a change  
15    in the information on, his driver's license. If the licensee returns to this  
16    state for 14 continuous days or more, the licensee shall, within 24 days  
17    after the date of his return, surrender the temporary license and obtain a  
18    license which bears his photograph in accordance with subsection 1. A  
19    licensee charged with violating the provisions of this subsection may not  
20    be convicted if he surrenders the temporary license, obtains a license which



1 bears his photograph in accordance with subsection 1 and produces that  
2 license in court or in the office of the arresting officer.

3 3. The department shall:

4 (a) Establish a uniform procedure for the production of drivers'  
5 licenses, applicable to renewal as well as to original licenses.

6 (b) Increase the fees provided in NRS 483.410, 483.820 and 483.910 by  
7 an amount up to \$1. The increase must be deposited in the state treasury for  
8 credit to the motor vehicle fund and must be allocated to the department to  
9 defray the increased costs of producing *the* drivers' licenses required by  
10 this section.

11 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.348 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 483.348 1. ~~He~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*  
13 department shall issue a driver's license with a specially colored  
14 background ~~in the photograph portion~~ to any person who qualifies for a  
15 driver's license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and delivers to  
16 the department a signed statement from a physician that the person is an  
17 insulin dependent diabetic or an epileptic. The department shall designate  
18 one color to be used only for *a* driver's ~~licenses~~ *license* held by  
19 ~~diabetics~~ *a diabetic* and another color to be used only for *a* driver's  
20 ~~licenses~~ *license* held by ~~epileptics~~ *an epileptic*.

21 2. *In lieu of issuing a driver's license pursuant to subsection 1, the*  
22 *department may issue to a person specified in that subsection a driver's*  
23 *license with a specially colored border around the photograph on the*  
24 *license.*

25 3. The department shall provide for the education of peace officers on  
26 the:

27 (a) Effects and treatment of a person suffering from insulin shock or an  
28 epileptic seizure and the similarity in appearance of a person suffering  
29 from insulin shock or an epileptic seizure to a person under the influence of  
30 alcohol or a controlled substance; and

31 (b) Procedures for identifying and handling situations involving a  
32 person suffering from insulin shock or an epileptic seizure.

33 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 483.840 1. The form of the identification cards must be similar to  
35 that of drivers' licenses but distinguishable in color or otherwise.

36 2. Identification cards do not authorize the operation of any motor  
37 vehicles.

38 3. Identification cards must include the following information  
39 concerning the holder:

40 (a) The name and sample signature of the holder.

41 (b) A unique identification number assigned to the holder that is not  
42 based on the holder's social security number.

43 (c) A personal description of the holder.

44 (d) The date of birth of the holder.

45 (e) The current address of the holder in this state.

46 (f) A colored photograph of the holder . ~~in full face if he is 21 years of~~  
47 ~~age or older, or a colored photograph in profile if he is under 21 years of~~  
48 ~~age.~~



- 1     4. *The information required to be included on the identification card*  
2 *pursuant to subsection 3 must be placed on the card in the manner*  
3 *specified in subsection 1 of NRS 483.347.*  
4     5. At the time of the issuance of the identification card, the department  
5 shall give the holder the opportunity to indicate on his identification card  
6 that he wishes to be a donor of all or part of his body pursuant to NRS  
7 451.500 to 451.590, inclusive, or that he refuses to make an anatomical gift  
8 of his body or part of his body.  
9     ~~5.4~~ 6. As used in this section, “photograph” has the meaning ascribed  
10 to it in NRS 483.125.  
11     **Sec. 4.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act:  
12     1. A driver’s license that is issued or renewed before July 1, 2001, is  
13 valid, unless suspended or revoked, for the period for which it is issued or  
14 renewed.  
15     2. A driver’s license that is renewed by mail in accordance with NRS  
16 483.383 on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2005, is valid, unless  
17 suspended or revoked, for the period for which it is renewed.  
18     3. An identification card that is issued before July 1, 2001, is valid  
19 until July 1, 2009, unless the director of the department of motor vehicles  
20 and public safety recalls and cancels the card pursuant to NRS 483.830 or  
21 the card is required to be surrendered to the department pursuant to NRS  
22 483.870.  
23     **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

