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SENATE BILL NO. 260—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to 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; providing that courses in automobile driver education in public schools must be limited to pupils who have attained a certain age; 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 483.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.250 The department shall not issue any license under the
3 provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive:
4 1. To any person who is under the age of 18 years, except that the
5 department may issue:
6 (a) A restricted license to a person between the ages of 14 and 18 years
7 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 483.267 and 483.270.
8 (b) An instruction permit to a person who is at least 15 1/2 years of age
9 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 483.280.
10 (c) A restricted instruction permit to a person under the age of 18 years
11 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 483.280.
12 (d) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e), a license to a person
13 between the ages of 16 and 18 years ~~who if:~~
14 ~~(1) He~~ *He* has completed a course ~~+~~
15 ~~—(1) In~~ *in* automobile driver education pursuant to NRS 389.090 ~~+~~ ~~or~~
16 ~~—(2) Provided~~ *or a course provided* by a school for training drivers
17 licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, if the course
18 complies with the applicable regulations governing the establishment,



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1 conduct and scope of automobile driver education adopted by the state
2 board of education pursuant to NRS 389.090 ~~†~~
3 ~~and who has†~~ ;
4 (2) *He has* at least 50 hours of experience in driving a motor vehicle
5 with a restricted license, instruction permit or restricted instruction permit
6 issued pursuant to NRS 483.267, 483.270 or 483.280 ~~†-The†~~ ;
7 (3) *He has held an instruction permit for not less than 6 months*
8 *before he applies for the license; and*
9 (4) His parent or legal guardian ~~{of a person who desires to obtain a~~
10 ~~license pursuant to this paragraph must sign and submit†~~ has *signed and*
11 *submitted* to the department a form provided by the department which
12 attests that the person who ~~†desires a†~~ *wishes to obtain the* license has
13 completed the training and experience required by this paragraph.
14 (e) A license to a person who is between the ages of 16 and 18 years if:
15 (1) The public school in which he is enrolled is located in a county
16 whose population is less than 35,000 or in a city or town whose population
17 is less than 25,000;
18 (2) The public school does not offer automobile driver education;
19 (3) He has at least 50 hours of experience in driving a motor vehicle
20 with a restricted license, instruction permit or restricted instruction permit
21 issued pursuant to NRS 483.267, 483.270 or 483.280; ~~†and†~~
22 (4) *He has held an instruction permit for not less than 6 months*
23 *before he applies for the license; and*
24 (5) His parent or legal guardian signs and submits to the department a
25 form provided by the department which attests that the person who ~~†desires~~
26 ~~†† wishes to obtain the~~ license has completed the experience required by
27 subparagraph (3).
28 2. To any person whose license has been revoked until the expiration
29 of the period during which he is not eligible for a license.
30 3. To any person whose license has been suspended, but, upon good
31 cause shown to the administrator, the department may issue a restricted
32 license to him or shorten any period of suspension.
33 4. To any person who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted
34 with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at
35 the time of application been restored to legal capacity.
36 5. To any person who is required by NRS 483.010 to 483.630,
37 inclusive, to take an examination, unless he has successfully passed the
38 examination.
39 6. To any person when the administrator has good cause to believe that
40 by reason of physical or mental disability that person would not be able to
41 operate a motor vehicle safely.
42 7. To any person who is not a resident of this state.
43 8. To any child who is the subject of a court order issued pursuant to
44 paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 62.211, NRS 62.2255, 62.226 or
45 62.228 which delays his privilege to drive.
46 9. To any person who is the subject of a court order issued pursuant to
47 NRS 206.330 which suspends or delays his privilege to drive until the
48 expiration of the period of suspension or delay.



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1 **Sec. 2.** 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 ~~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 ~~or~~, *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
21 bears his photograph in accordance with subsection 1 and produces that
22 license in court or in the office of the arresting officer.

23 3. The department shall:

- 24 (a) Establish a uniform procedure for the production of drivers'
25 licenses, applicable to renewal as well as to original licenses.
26 (b) Increase the fees provided in NRS 483.410, 483.820 and 483.910 by
27 an amount up to \$1. The increase must be deposited in the state treasury for
28 credit to the motor vehicle fund and must be allocated to the department to
29 defray the increased costs of producing *the* drivers' licenses required by
30 this section.

31 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.348 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 483.348 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*
33 department shall issue a driver's license with a specially colored
34 background ~~in the photograph portion~~ to any person who qualifies for a
35 driver's license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and delivers to
36 the department a signed statement from a physician that the person is an
37 insulin dependent diabetic or an epileptic. The department shall designate
38 one color to be used only for *a* driver's ~~licenses~~ *license* held by
39 ~~diabetics~~ *a diabetic* and another color to be used only for *a* driver's
40 ~~licenses~~ *license* held by ~~epileptics~~ *an epileptic.*

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

45 3. The department shall provide for the education of peace officers on
46 the:

- 47 (a) Effects and treatment of a person suffering from insulin shock or an
48 epileptic seizure and the similarity in appearance of a person suffering



1 from insulin shock or an epileptic seizure to a person under the influence of
2 alcohol or a controlled substance; and

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

5 **Sec. 4.** NRS 483.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 483.840 1. The form of the identification cards must be similar to
7 that of drivers' licenses but distinguishable in color or otherwise.

8 2. Identification cards do not authorize the operation of any motor
9 vehicles.

10 3. Identification cards must include the following information
11 concerning the holder:

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

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

15 (c) A personal description of the holder.

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

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

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

21 4. *The information required to be included on the identification card*
22 *pursuant to subsection 3 must be placed on the card in the manner*
23 *specified in subsection 1 of NRS 483.347.*

24 5. At the time of the issuance of the identification card, the department
25 shall give the holder the opportunity to indicate on his identification card
26 that he wishes to be a donor of all or part of his body pursuant to NRS
27 451.500 to 451.590, inclusive, or that he refuses to make an anatomical gift
28 of his body or part of his body.

29 ~~§-1~~ 6. As used in this section, "photograph" has the meaning ascribed
30 to it in NRS 483.125.

31 **Sec. 5.** NRS 389.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 389.090 1. The state board shall adopt regulations governing the
33 establishment, conduct and scope of automobile driver education in the
34 public schools of this state.

35 2. The aims and purposes of automobile driver education are to
36 develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe
37 operation of motor vehicles.

38 3. The board of trustees of a school district may establish and maintain
39 automobile driver education classes during regular semesters and summer
40 sessions and during the regular school day and at times other than during
41 the regular school day for:

42 (a) Pupils enrolled in the regular full-time day high schools in the
43 school district.

44 (b) Pupils enrolled in summer classes conducted in high schools in the
45 school district.

46 A board of trustees maintaining courses in automobile driver education
47 shall insure against any liability arising out of the use of motor vehicles in
48 connection with those courses. The cost of the insurance must be paid from
49 available school district funds.



1 4. A governing body of a charter school may establish and maintain
2 automobile driver education classes if the governing body insures against
3 any liability arising out of the use of motor vehicles in connection with
4 those courses.

5 5. Automobile driver education must be provided by boards of trustees
6 of school districts and governing bodies of charter schools in accordance
7 with the regulations of the state board and may not be duplicated by any
8 other agency, department, commission or officer of the State of Nevada.

9 6. Each course in automobile driver education provided by a board of
10 trustees of a school district or a governing body of a charter school must
11 include, without limitation, instruction in:

12 (a) Motor vehicle insurance.

13 (b) The effect of drugs and alcohol on an operator of a motor vehicle.

14 7. Each course in automobile driver education provided by a board of
15 trustees of a school district or a governing body of a charter school must be
16 restricted to pupils who are ~~isophomores, juniors or seniors in high school.~~
17 *at least 15 years of age.*

18 **Sec. 6.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act:

19 1. A driver's license that is issued or renewed before July 1, 2001, is
20 valid, unless suspended or revoked, for the period for which it is issued or
21 renewed.

22 2. A driver's license that is renewed by mail in accordance with NRS
23 483.383 on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2005, is valid, unless
24 suspended or revoked, for the period for which it is renewed.

25 3. An identification card that is issued before July 1, 2001, is valid
26 until July 1, 2009, unless the director of the department of motor vehicles
27 and public safety recalls and cancels the card pursuant to NRS 483.830 or
28 the card is required to be surrendered to the department pursuant to NRS
29 483.870.

30 **Sec. 7.** The amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act do not apply
31 to a person who was issued an instruction permit before July 1, 2001.

32 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

