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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.

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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†~~ ; *and*  
7 (3) *His* parent or legal guardian ~~{of a person who desires to obtain a~~  
8 ~~license pursuant to this paragraph must sign and submit}~~ has *signed and*  
9 *submitted* to the department a form provided by the department which  
10 attests that the person who ~~{desires a}~~ *wishes to obtain the* license has  
11 completed the training and experience required by this paragraph.  
12 (e) A license to a person who is between the ages of 16 and 18 years if:  
13 (1) The public school in which he is enrolled is located in a county  
14 whose population is less than 35,000 or in a city or town whose population  
15 is less than 25,000;  
16 (2) The public school does not offer automobile driver education;  
17 (3) He has at least 50 hours of experience in driving a motor vehicle  
18 with a restricted license, instruction permit or restricted instruction permit  
19 issued pursuant to NRS 483.267, 483.270 or 483.280; and  
20 (4) His parent or legal guardian signs and submits to the department a  
21 form provided by the department which attests that the person who ~~{desires~~  
22 ~~a}~~ *wishes to obtain the* license has completed the experience required by  
23 subparagraph (3).  
24 2. To any person whose license has been revoked until the expiration  
25 of the period during which he is not eligible for a license.  
26 3. To any person whose license has been suspended, but, upon good  
27 cause shown to the administrator, the department may issue a restricted  
28 license to him or shorten any period of suspension.  
29 4. To any person who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted  
30 with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at  
31 the time of application been restored to legal capacity.  
32 5. To any person who is required by NRS 483.010 to 483.630,  
33 inclusive, to take an examination, unless he has successfully passed the  
34 examination.  
35 6. To any person when the administrator has good cause to believe that  
36 by reason of physical or mental disability that person would not be able to  
37 operate a motor vehicle safely.  
38 7. To any person who is not a resident of this state.  
39 8. To any child who is the subject of a court order issued pursuant to  
40 paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 62.211, NRS 62.2255, 62.226 or  
41 62.228 which delays his privilege to drive.  
42 9. To any person who is the subject of a court order issued pursuant to  
43 NRS 206.330 which suspends or delays his privilege to drive until the  
44 expiration of the period of suspension or delay.  
45 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
46 483.347 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the  
47 department shall issue a *rectangular-shaped* driver's license which bears a  
48 front view colored photograph of the licensee . ~~{if he}~~ *The photograph and*



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1 *any information included on the license must be placed in a manner*  
2 *which ensures that:*

3 (a) *If the licensee is 21 years of age or older ~~or a profile view colored~~*  
4 *~~photograph if he~~, the longer edges of the rectangle serve as the top and*  
5 *bottom of the license; or*

6 (b) *If the licensee is under 21 years of age ~~or~~, the shorter edges of the*  
7 *rectangle serve as the top and bottom of the license.*

8 2. The department may issue a temporary driver's license without a  
9 photograph of the licensee if the licensee is temporarily absent from this  
10 state and requests the renewal of, the issuance of a duplicate of, or a change  
11 in the information on, his driver's license. If the licensee returns to this  
12 state for 14 continuous days or more, the licensee shall, within 24 days  
13 after the date of his return, surrender the temporary license and obtain a  
14 license which bears his photograph in accordance with subsection 1. A  
15 licensee charged with violating the provisions of this subsection may not  
16 be convicted if he surrenders the temporary license, obtains a license which  
17 bears his photograph in accordance with subsection 1 and produces that  
18 license in court or in the office of the arresting officer.

19 3. The department shall:

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

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

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

28 483.348 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*  
29 *department shall issue a driver's license with a specially colored*  
30 *background ~~in the photograph portion~~ to any person who qualifies for a*  
31 *driver's license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and delivers to*  
32 *the department a signed statement from a physician that the person is an*  
33 *insulin dependent diabetic or an epileptic. The department shall designate*  
34 *one color to be used only for a driver's ~~licenses~~ license held by*  
35 *~~diabetics~~ a diabetic and another color to be used only for a driver's*  
36 *~~licenses~~ license held by ~~epileptics~~ an epileptic.*

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

41 3. The department shall provide for the education of peace officers on  
42 the:

43 (a) Effects and treatment of a person suffering from insulin shock or an  
44 epileptic seizure and the similarity in appearance of a person suffering  
45 from insulin shock or an epileptic seizure to a person under the influence of  
46 alcohol or a controlled substance; and

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



1     **Sec. 4.** NRS 483.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     483.840 1. The form of the identification cards must be similar to  
3     that of drivers' licenses but distinguishable in color or otherwise.  
4     2. Identification cards do not authorize the operation of any motor  
5     vehicles.  
6     3. Identification cards must include the following information  
7     concerning the holder:  
8         (a) The name and sample signature of the holder.  
9         (b) A unique identification number assigned to the holder that is not  
10     based on the holder's social security number.  
11         (c) A personal description of the holder.  
12         (d) The date of birth of the holder.  
13         (e) The current address of the holder in this state.  
14         (f) A colored photograph of the holder . ~~in full face if he is 21 years of~~  
15     ~~age or older, or a colored photograph in profile if he is under 21 years of~~  
16     ~~age.~~  
17     4. *The information required to be included on the identification card*  
18     *pursuant to subsection 3 must be placed on the card in the manner*  
19     *specified in subsection 1 of NRS 483.347.*  
20     5. At the time of the issuance of the identification card, the department  
21     shall:  
22         (a) Give the holder the opportunity to indicate on his identification card  
23         that he wishes to be a donor of all or part of his body pursuant to NRS  
24         451.500 to 451.590, inclusive, or that he refuses to make an anatomical gift  
25         of his body or part of his body;  
26         (b) Give the holder the opportunity to indicate whether he wishes to  
27         donate \$1 or more to the anatomical gift account created by section 7 of  
28         *Assembly Bill No. 497 of this ~~act~~ session;* and  
29         (c) Provide to each holder who is interested in becoming a donor  
30         information relating to anatomical gifts, including the procedure for  
31         registration as a donor with The Living Bank International or its successor  
32         organization.  
33     ~~5-1~~ 6. If the holder wishes to make a donation to the anatomical gift  
34     account, the department shall collect the donation and deposit the money  
35     collected in the state treasury for credit to the anatomical gift account.  
36     ~~6-1~~ 7. The department shall submit to The Living Bank International,  
37     or its successor organization, information from the records of the  
38     department relating to persons who have identification cards issued by the  
39     department that indicate the intention of those persons to make an  
40     anatomical gift. The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the  
41     provisions of this subsection.  
42     ~~7-1~~ 8. As used in this section, "photograph" has the meaning ascribed  
43     to it in NRS 483.125.  
44     **Sec. 5.** NRS 389.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
45     389.090 1. The state board shall adopt regulations governing the  
46     establishment, conduct and scope of automobile driver education in the  
47     public schools of this state.



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

4 3. The board of trustees of a school district may establish and maintain  
5 automobile driver education classes during regular semesters and summer  
6 sessions and during the regular school day and at times other than during  
7 the regular school day for:

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

10 (b) Pupils enrolled in summer classes conducted in high schools in the  
11 school district.

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

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

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

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

27 (a) Motor vehicle insurance.

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

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

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

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

37 2. A driver's license that is renewed by mail in accordance with NRS  
38 483.383 on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2005, is valid, unless  
39 suspended or revoked, for the period for which it is renewed.

40 3. An identification card that is issued before July 1, 2001, is valid  
41 until July 1, 2009, unless the director of the department of motor vehicles  
42 and public safety recalls and cancels the card pursuant to NRS 483.830 or  
43 the card is required to be surrendered to the department pursuant to NRS  
44 483.870.

45 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

46 **Sec. 8.** 1. This section and sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of this act  
47 become effective on July 1, 2001.



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1       2. Section 4 of this act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1,  
2   2001.



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