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SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to insurance for motor vehicles.  
(BDR 43-109)

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 insurance for motor vehicles; specifying that any information except the name of the owner of a motor vehicle may be used to verify that a motor vehicle is insured; repealing the provisions permitting the issuance of an operator's policy of liability insurance; allowing the release of information related to insurance policies under certain circumstances; 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 482.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     482.215 1. All applications for registration, except applications for  
3     renewal of registration, must be made as provided in this section.  
4     2. Applications for all registrations, except renewals of registration,  
5     must be made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the  
6     department or to a registered dealer.  
7     3. Each application must be made upon the appropriate form furnished  
8     by the department and contain:  
9         (a) The signature of the owner.  
10        (b) His residential address.  
11        (c) His declaration of the county where he intends the vehicle to be  
12        based, unless the vehicle is deemed to have no base. The department shall  
13        use this declaration to determine the county to which the governmental  
14        services tax is to be paid.  
15        (d) A brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including the  
16        name of the maker, the engine, identification or serial number, whether  
17        new or used, and the last license number, if known, and the state in which  
18        it was issued, and upon the registration of a new vehicle, the date of sale by  
19        the manufacturer or franchised and licensed dealer in this state for the



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1 make to be registered to the person first purchasing or operating the  
2 vehicle.

3 (e) Proof satisfactory to the department or registered dealer that the  
4 applicant has provided the insurance required by NRS 485.185 and his  
5 signed declaration that he will maintain the insurance during the period of  
6 registration.

7 (f) If the insurance is provided by a contract of insurance, evidence of  
8 that insurance provided by the insurer in the form of:

9 (1) A certificate of insurance on a form approved by the  
10 commissioner of insurance; or

11 (2) A card issued pursuant to NRS 690B.023 which identifies the  
12 vehicle and indicates, at the time of application for registration, coverage  
13 which meets the requirements of NRS 485.185.

14 The department may file that evidence, return it to the applicant or  
15 otherwise dispose of it.

16 (g) If required, evidence of the applicant's compliance with controls  
17 over emission.

18 4. The application must contain such other information as is required  
19 by the department or registered dealer, and must be accompanied by proof  
20 of ownership satisfactory to the department.

21 5. For purposes of the proof, declaration and evidence required by  
22 paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection 3:

23 (a) Vehicles which are subject to the fee for a license and the  
24 requirements of registration of the Interstate Highway User Fee  
25 Apportionment Act, and which are based in this state, may be declared as a  
26 fleet by the registered owner thereof, on his original application for or  
27 application for renewal of a proportional registration. The owner may file a  
28 single certificate of insurance covering that fleet.

29 (b) Other fleets composed of 10 or more vehicles based in this state or  
30 vehicles insured under a blanket policy which does not identify individual  
31 vehicles may each be declared annually as a fleet by the registered owner  
32 thereof for the purposes of an application for his original or any renewed  
33 registration. The owner may file a single certificate of insurance covering  
34 that fleet.

35 (c) A person who qualifies as a self-insurer pursuant to the provisions of  
36 NRS 485.380 may file a copy of his certificate of self-insurance.

37 ~~[(d) A person who qualifies for an operator's policy of liability~~  
38 ~~insurance pursuant to the provisions of NRS 485.186 and 485.3091 may~~  
39 ~~file evidence of that insurance.]~~

40 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 482.480 There must be paid to the department for the registration or  
42 the transfer or reinstatement of the registration of motor vehicles, trailers  
43 and semitrailers, fees according to the following schedule:

44 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for each stock  
45 passenger car and each reconstructed or specially constructed passenger car  
46 registered to a person, regardless of weight or number of passenger  
47 capacity, a fee for registration of \$33.

48 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:



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- 1 (a) For each of the fifth and sixth such cars registered to a person, a fee  
2 for registration of \$16.50.
- 3 (b) For each of the seventh and eighth such cars registered to a person, a  
4 fee for registration of \$12.
- 5 (c) For each of the ninth or more such cars registered to a person, a fee  
6 for registration of \$8.
- 7 3. The fees specified in subsection 2 do not apply:
- 8 (a) Unless the person registering the cars presents to the department at  
9 the time of registration the registrations of all of the cars registered to him.
- 10 (b) To cars that are part of a fleet.
- 11 4. For every motorcycle, a fee for registration of \$33 and for each  
12 motorcycle other than a trimobile, an additional fee of \$6 for motorcycle  
13 safety. The additional fee must be deposited in the state highway fund for  
14 credit to the account for the program for the education of motorcycle  
15 riders.
- 16 5. For each transfer of registration, a fee of \$6 in addition to any other  
17 fees.
- 18 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~18~~ 9 of NRS 485.317,  
19 to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle suspended pursuant to that  
20 section:
- 21 (a) A fee of \$250 for a registered owner who failed to have insurance on  
22 the date specified in the form for verification that was mailed by the  
23 department pursuant to subsection ~~12~~ 3 of NRS 485.317; or
- 24 (b) A fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who  
25 canceled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the insurance  
26 coverage for that vehicle to expire without first canceling the registration  
27 for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of  
28 NRS 485.320,  
29 both of which must be deposited in the account for verification of  
30 insurance which is hereby created in the state highway fund. The money in  
31 the account must be used to carry out the provisions of NRS 485.313 to  
32 485.318, inclusive.
- 33 7. For every travel trailer, a fee for registration of \$27.
- 34 8. For every permit for the operation of a golf cart, an annual fee of  
35 \$10.
- 36 9. For every low-speed vehicle, as that term is defined in  
37 NRS 484.527, a fee for registration of \$33.
- 38 10. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is suspended  
39 pursuant to NRS 482.451, a fee of \$33.
- 40 **Sec. 3.** NRS 485.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 41 485.055 1. "Motor vehicle liability policy" means an owner's policy  
42 of liability insurance ~~for an operator's policy of liability insurance~~ issued  
43 by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state, to or for the  
44 benefit of the person named therein as insured.
- 45 2. With respect to a policy which grants excess or additional coverage  
46 over that required by NRS 485.3091, the term "motor vehicle liability  
47 policy" applies only to that part of the coverage which is required by NRS  
48 485.3091.



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1     **Sec. 4.** NRS 485.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     485.185   **1.** Every owner of a motor vehicle ~~which~~ **that** is registered  
3 or required to be registered in this state shall continuously provide, while  
4 the motor vehicle is present or registered in this state, **insurance as**  
5 **required by subsection 2.**

6     **2. Every motor vehicle that is registered or required to be registered**  
7 **in this state must continuously be covered, while the motor vehicle is**  
8 **present or registered in this state, by** insurance:

9     ~~H-1~~ **(a)** In the amount of \$15,000 for bodily injury to or death of one  
10 person in any one accident;

11    ~~I-2~~ **(b)** Subject to the limit for one person, in the amount of \$30,000 for  
12 bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and

13    ~~I-3~~ **(c)** In the amount of \$10,000 for injury to or destruction of property  
14 of others in any one accident,  
15 for the payment of tort liabilities arising from the maintenance or use of the  
16 motor vehicle.

17     **Sec. 5.** NRS 485.187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18     485.187   1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the owner  
19 of a motor vehicle shall not:

20     (a) Operate the motor vehicle, if it is registered or required to be  
21 registered in this state, without having insurance as required by NRS  
22 485.185.

23     (b) Operate or knowingly permit the operation of the motor vehicle  
24 without having evidence of insurance of the operator or the vehicle in the  
25 vehicle.

26     (c) Fail or refuse to surrender, upon demand, to a peace officer or to an  
27 authorized representative of the department the evidence of insurance.

28     ~~[(d) Knowingly permit the operation of the motor vehicle in violation of~~  
29 ~~subsection 3 of NRS 485.186.]~~

30     2. A person shall not operate the motor vehicle of another person  
31 unless:

32     (a) He first ensures that the required evidence of insurance is present in  
33 the motor vehicle; or

34     (b) He has his own evidence of insurance which covers him as the  
35 operator of the motor vehicle.

36     3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, any person who  
37 violates subsection 1 or 2 is guilty of a misdemeanor. Except as otherwise  
38 provided in this subsection, in addition to any other penalty, a person  
39 sentenced pursuant to this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less  
40 than \$600 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation. The fine must be  
41 reduced to \$100 for the first violation if the person obtains a motor vehicle  
42 liability policy by the time of sentencing, unless:

43     (a) The person has registered the vehicle as part of a fleet of vehicles  
44 pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 482.215; or

45     (b) The person has been issued a certificate of self-insurance pursuant to  
46 NRS 485.380.

47     4. A court:

48     (a) Shall not find a person guilty or fine a person for a violation of  
49 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 or for a violation of subsection 2 if



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1 he presents evidence to the court that the insurance required by NRS  
2 485.185 was in effect at the time demand was made for it.

3 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), may impose a fine of  
4 not more than \$1,000 for a violation of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of  
5 subsection 1, and suspend the balance of the fine on the condition that the  
6 person presents proof to the court each month for 12 months that the  
7 insurance required by NRS 485.185 is currently in effect.

8 5. The provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 1 do not  
9 apply if the motor vehicle in question displays a valid permit issued by the  
10 department pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 482.3955, or NRS  
11 482.396, 482.3965, 482.423 or 482.424 authorizing the movement or  
12 operation of that vehicle within the state for a limited time.

13 **Sec. 6.** NRS 485.308 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 485.308 1. Proof of financial responsibility may be furnished by  
15 filing with the motor vehicles branch of the department the written  
16 certificate of any insurance carrier authorized to do business in this state  
17 certifying that there is in effect a motor vehicle liability policy for the  
18 benefit of the person required to furnish proof of financial responsibility.  
19 The certificate must specify ~~its~~ the effective date of the policy and ~~it~~:

20 ~~—(a) If the policy is an owner's policy of liability insurance,] designate by~~  
21 ~~appropriate reference all motor vehicles covered by it; or~~

22 ~~—(b) If] the policy . [is an operator's policy of liability insurance,~~  
23 ~~designate the person covered.]~~

24 2. The department may authorize the filing of the certificates described  
25 in subsection 1 by electronic transmission or any other means deemed  
26 appropriate by the department.

27 3. An insurance carrier that certifies the existence of a motor vehicle  
28 liability policy pursuant to subsection 1, must notify the motor vehicles  
29 branch of the department at least 10 days before the cancellation or  
30 termination of the policy.

31 **Sec. 7.** NRS 485.3091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 485.3091 1. An owner's policy of liability insurance must:

33 (a) Designate by explicit description or by appropriate reference all  
34 motor vehicles with respect to which coverage is thereby to be granted; and

35 (b) Insure the person named therein and any other person, as insured,  
36 using any such motor vehicle with the express or implied permission of the  
37 named insured, against loss from the liability imposed by law for damages  
38 arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such motor vehicle  
39 within the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, subject to  
40 limits exclusive of interest and costs, with respect to each such motor  
41 vehicle, as follows:

42 (1) Because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one  
43 accident, \$15,000;

44 (2) Subject to the limit for one person, because of bodily injury to or  
45 death of two or more persons in any one accident, \$30,000; and

46 (3) Because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any  
47 one accident, \$10,000.

48 2. ~~[An operator's policy of liability insurance must insure the person~~  
49 ~~named as insured therein against loss from the liability imposed upon him~~



1 ~~by law for damages arising out of the use by him of any motor vehicle~~  
2 ~~within the same territorial limits and subject to the same limits of liability~~  
3 ~~as are set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 1.~~  
4 ~~3.1~~ A motor vehicle liability policy must state the name and address of  
5 the named insured, the coverage afforded by the policy, the premium  
6 charged therefor, the period of effectiveness and the limits of liability, and  
7 must contain an agreement or be endorsed that insurance is provided  
8 thereunder in accordance with the coverage defined in this chapter as  
9 respects bodily injury and death or property damage, or both, and is subject  
10 to all the provisions of this chapter.  
11 ~~14.1~~ 3. A motor vehicle liability policy need not insure any liability  
12 under any workmen's compensation law nor any liability on account of  
13 bodily injury to or death of an employee of the insured while engaged in  
14 the employment, other than domestic, of the insured, or while engaged in  
15 the operation, maintenance or repair of any motor vehicle owned by the  
16 insured nor any liability for damage to property owned by, rented to, in  
17 charge of or transported by the insured.  
18 ~~15.1~~ 4. Every motor vehicle liability policy is subject to the following  
19 provisions which need not be contained therein:  
20 (a) The liability of the insurance carrier with respect to the insurance  
21 required by this chapter becomes absolute whenever injury or damage  
22 covered by the policy occurs. The policy may not be canceled or annulled  
23 as to such liability by any agreement between the insurance carrier and the  
24 insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage. No statement made by  
25 the insured or on his behalf and no violation of the policy defeats or voids  
26 the policy.  
27 (b) The satisfaction by the insured of a judgment for injury or damage is  
28 not a condition precedent to the right or duty of the insurance carrier to  
29 make payment on account of the injury or damage.  
30 (c) The insurance carrier may settle any claim covered by the policy,  
31 and if such a settlement is made in good faith, the amount thereof is  
32 deductible from the limits of liability specified in paragraph (b) of  
33 subsection 1.  
34 (d) The policy, the written application therefor, if any, and any rider or  
35 endorsement which does not conflict with the provisions of this chapter  
36 constitute the entire contract between the parties.  
37 ~~16.1~~ 5. Any policy which grants the coverage required for a motor  
38 vehicle liability policy may also grant any lawful coverage in excess of or  
39 in addition to the coverage specified for a motor vehicle liability policy,  
40 and the excess or additional coverage is not subject to the provisions of this  
41 chapter.  
42 ~~17.1~~ 6. Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide for the  
43 prorating of the insurance thereunder with other valid and collectible  
44 insurance.  
45 ~~18.1~~ 7. The requirements for a motor vehicle liability policy may be  
46 fulfilled by the policies of one or more insurance carriers, which policies  
47 together meet those requirements.  
48 ~~19.1~~ 8. Any binder issued pending the issuance of a motor vehicle  
49 liability policy shall be deemed to fulfill the requirements for such a policy.



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1     **Sec. 8.** NRS 485.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     485.313 1. ~~1. The~~ *Pursuant to the limitations set forth in*  
3     *NRS 485.317, the* department shall create a system for verifying that ~~the~~  
4     ~~owners of motor vehicles maintain the insurance~~ *each motor vehicle*  
5     *registered in this state is covered by a policy of liability insurance as*  
6     required by *subsection 2 of* NRS 485.185.

7     2. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" does not include:  
8     (a) A golf cart, as that term is defined in NRS 482.044.  
9     (b) A motortruck, truck tractor, bus or other vehicle that is registered  
10    pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 482.482 or NRS 706.801  
11    to 706.861, inclusive.

12    **Sec. 9.** NRS 485.316 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
13    485.316 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3,  
14    information which is maintained in the database created pursuant to  
15    NRS 485.313 is confidential.

16    2. The department may only disclose information which is maintained  
17    in the database, upon request, to a state or local governmental agency for  
18    the purpose of enforcing NRS 485.185, including investigating or litigating  
19    a violation or alleged violation.

20    3. The department may only disclose information retrieved from the  
21    database to:

22    (a) A person who requests information regarding his own status;  
23    (b) The parent or legal guardian of the person about whom the  
24    information is requested if the person is an unemancipated minor or legally  
25    incapacitated;

26    (c) A person who has a power of attorney from the person about whom  
27    the information is requested;

28    (d) A person who submits a notarized release from the person about  
29    whom the information is requested which is dated no more than 90 days  
30    before the date of the request; or

31    (e) A person who has suffered a loss or injury in an accident involving a  
32    motor vehicle , *or his authorized insurer or a representative of his*  
33    *authorized insurer*, who requests ~~information~~ :

34        (1) *Information* for use in the accident report ~~H~~ ; and

35        (2) *For each motor vehicle involved in the accident:*

36            (I) *The name and address of each registered owner;*

37            (II) *The name of the insurer; and*

38            (III) *The number of the policy of liability insurance.*

39    4. A person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section is  
40    guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in  
41    NRS 193.130.

42    5. *As used in this section, "authorized insurer" has the meaning*  
43    *ascribed to it in NRS 679A.030.*

44    **Sec. 10.** NRS 485.317 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45    485.317 1. ~~1. The~~ *Subject to the limitations set forth in this*  
46    *subsection and subsection 2, the* department shall, at least monthly,  
47    compare the current registrations of motor vehicles to the information in  
48    the database created pursuant to NRS 485.313 to verify that each motor  
49    vehicle:





- 1 (a) Which is newly registered in this state; or  
2 (b) For which a policy of liability insurance has been issued, amended  
3 or terminated,  
4 is covered by a policy of liability insurance as required by *subsection 2 of*  
5 *NRS 485.185*. In identifying a motor vehicle for verification pursuant to  
6 this subsection, the department ~~{shall,}~~ *may*, if the motor vehicle was  
7 manufactured during or after 1981, use only *the last eight digits of* the  
8 vehicle identification number . ~~{, in whole or in part.}~~ *In comparing the*  
9 *vehicle identification number of a motor vehicle to the vehicle*  
10 *identification number in a policy of liability insurance, to determine if*  
11 *the two vehicle identification numbers match, the department may find*  
12 *that the two vehicle identification numbers match if no fewer than seven*  
13 *of the last eight digits of the two vehicle identification numbers match.*  
14 2. ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*  
15 *department may use any information to verify, pursuant to subsection 1,*  
16 *whether the motor vehicle is covered by a policy of liability insurance as*  
17 *required by subsection 2 of NRS 485.185. The department may not use*  
18 *the name of the owner of a motor vehicle as the primary means of*  
19 *verifying that a motor vehicle is covered by a policy of liability insurance.*  
20 3. *If, pursuant to subsection 1, the department determines that a*  
21 *motor vehicle is not covered by a policy of liability insurance as required*  
22 *by subsection 2 of NRS 485.185, the department shall send a form for*  
23 *verification by first-class mail to each registered owner* ~~{that it determines~~  
24 ~~{has not maintained the insurance required by NRS 485.185.}~~ *of the motor*  
25 *vehicle.* The owner shall complete the form with all the information which  
26 is requested by the department, including whether he carries an owner's ~~{or~~  
27 ~~{operator's}~~ policy of liability insurance or a certificate of self-insurance,  
28 and return the completed form within 20 days after the date on which the  
29 form was mailed by the department. If the department does not receive the  
30 completed form within 20 days after it mailed the form to the owner, the  
31 department shall send to the owner a second form for verification by  
32 certified mail. The owner shall complete the form and return it to the  
33 department within 15 days after the date on which it was sent by the  
34 department. This subsection does not prohibit an authorized agent of the  
35 owner from providing to the department:  
36 (a) The information requested by the department pursuant to this  
37 subsection.  
38 (b) Additional information to amend or correct information already  
39 submitted to the department pursuant to this subsection.  
40 ~~{3.}~~ 4. When the department receives a completed form for  
41 verification , it shall verify the information on the form.  
42 ~~{4.}~~ 5. The department shall suspend the registration and require the  
43 return to the department of the license plates of any vehicle for which:  
44 (a) Neither of the forms for verification set forth in subsection ~~{2}~~ 3 is  
45 returned to the department by the registered owner or his authorized agent  
46 within the period specified in that subsection;  
47 (b) Either of the forms for verification set forth in subsection ~~{2}~~ 3 is  
48 returned to the department by the registered owner or his authorized agent  
49 and the department is not able to verify the information on the form; or





1 (c) Either of the forms for verification set forth in subsection ~~12~~ 3 is  
2 returned by the registered owner or his authorized agent with an admission  
3 of having no insurance or without indicating an insurer or the number of a  
4 motor vehicle liability policy or a certificate of self-insurance.  
5 ~~15~~ 6. If the department suspends a registration pursuant to subsection  
6 ~~14~~ 5 because:  
7 (a) Neither the owner nor his authorized agent returned a form for  
8 verification within the specified period or the owner or his authorized agent  
9 returned a form for verification that was not completed sufficiently, and the  
10 owner or his authorized agent, thereafter:  
11 (1) Proves to the satisfaction of the department that there was a  
12 justifiable cause for his failure to do so;  
13 (2) Submits a completed form regarding his insurance on the date  
14 stated in the form mailed by the department pursuant to subsection ~~12~~ 3;  
15 and  
16 (3) Presents evidence of current insurance; or  
17 (b) The owner or his authorized agent submitted to the department a  
18 form for verification containing information that the department was  
19 unable to verify and, thereafter, the owner or his authorized agent presents  
20 to the department:  
21 (1) A corrected form or otherwise verifiable evidence setting forth  
22 that the owner possessed insurance on the date stated in the form; and  
23 (2) Evidence of current insurance,  
24 the department shall rescind its suspension of the registration if it is able to  
25 verify the information on the form or the other evidence presented. The  
26 department shall not charge a fee to reinstate a registration, the suspension  
27 of which was rescinded pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of this  
28 subsection, "justifiable cause" may include, but is not limited to, the fact  
29 that the owner did not receive the form mailed by the department pursuant  
30 to subsection ~~12~~ 3.  
31 ~~16~~ 7. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 7,~~ subsections 8  
32 and 9, if a registered owner whose registration is suspended pursuant to  
33 subsection ~~14~~ 5, failed to have insurance on the date specified in the form  
34 for verification, the department shall reinstate the registration of the vehicle  
35 and reissue the license plates only upon filing by the registered owner of  
36 evidence of current insurance and payment of the fee for reinstatement of  
37 registration prescribed in paragraph (a) of subsection 6 of NRS 482.480.  
38 ~~17~~ 8. If a registered owner proves to the satisfaction of the department  
39 that his vehicle was a dormant vehicle during the period in which the  
40 information provided pursuant to NRS 485.314 indicated that there was no  
41 insurance for the vehicle, the department shall reinstate his registration and,  
42 if applicable, reissue his license plates. If such an owner of a dormant  
43 vehicle failed to cancel the registration for the vehicle in accordance with  
44 subsection 3 of NRS 485.320, the department shall not reinstate his  
45 registration or reissue his license plates unless the owner pays the fee set  
46 forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 6 of NRS 482.480.  
47 ~~18~~ 9. If the department suspends the registration of a motor vehicle  
48 pursuant to subsection 4 because the registered owner of the motor vehicle  
49 failed to have insurance on the date specified in the form for verification,



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1 and if the registered owner, in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
2 department, proves to the satisfaction of the department that he was unable  
3 to comply with the provisions of NRS 485.185 on that date because of  
4 extenuating circumstances, the department may:

5 (a) Reinstate the registration of the motor vehicle and reissue the license  
6 plates upon payment by the registered owner of a fee of \$50, which must  
7 be deposited in the account for verification of insurance created by  
8 subsection 6 of NRS 482.480; or

9 (b) Rescind the suspension of the registration without the payment of a  
10 fee.

11 The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this  
12 subsection.

13 10. For the purposes of verification of insurance by the department  
14 pursuant to this section, a ~~registered owner shall not~~ *motor vehicle shall*  
15 be deemed to ~~have failed to maintain~~ *be covered by* liability insurance  
16 ~~for a motor vehicle~~ unless the *motor* vehicle is without coverage for a  
17 period of more than 7 days.

18 **Sec. 11.** NRS 690B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 690B.020 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~and NRS~~  
20 ~~690B.035,~~ no policy insuring against liability arising out of the ownership,  
21 maintenance or use of any motor vehicle may be delivered or issued for  
22 delivery in this state unless coverage is provided therein or supplemental  
23 thereto for the protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally  
24 entitled to recover damages, from owners or operators of uninsured or hit-  
25 and-run motor vehicles, for bodily injury, sickness or disease, including  
26 death, resulting from the ownership, maintenance or use of the uninsured  
27 or hit-and-run motor vehicle. No such coverage is required in or  
28 supplemental to a policy issued to the State of Nevada or any political  
29 subdivision thereof, or where rejected in writing, on a form furnished by  
30 the insurer describing the coverage being rejected, by an insured named  
31 therein, or upon any renewal of such a policy unless the coverage is then  
32 requested in writing by the named insured. The coverage required in this  
33 section may be referred to as "uninsured vehicle coverage."

34 2. The amount of coverage to be provided must be not less than the  
35 minimum limits for liability insurance for bodily injury provided for under  
36 chapter 485 of NRS, but may be in an amount not to exceed the coverage  
37 for bodily injury purchased by the policyholder.

38 3. For the purposes of this section, the term "uninsured motor vehicle"  
39 means a motor vehicle:

40 (a) With respect to which there is not available at the department of  
41 motor vehicles and public safety evidence of financial responsibility as  
42 required by chapter 485 of NRS;

43 (b) With respect to the ownership, maintenance or use of which there is  
44 no liability insurance for bodily injury or bond applicable at the time of the  
45 accident ~~+~~ or, to the extent of such deficiency, any liability insurance for  
46 bodily injury or bond in force is less than the amount required by NRS  
47 485.210;



1 (c) With respect to the ownership, maintenance or use of which the  
2 company writing any applicable liability insurance for bodily injury or  
3 bond denies coverage or is insolvent;

4 (d) Used without the permission of its owner if there is no liability  
5 insurance for bodily injury or bond applicable to the operator;

6 (e) Used with the permission of its owner who has insurance which does  
7 not provide coverage for the operation of the motor vehicle by any person  
8 other than the owner if there is no liability insurance for bodily injury or  
9 bond applicable to the operator; or

10 (f) The owner or operator of which is unknown or after reasonable  
11 diligence cannot be found if:

12 (1) The bodily injury or death has resulted from physical contact of  
13 the automobile with the named insured or the person claiming under him or  
14 with an automobile which the named insured or such a person is  
15 occupying; and

16 (2) The named insured or someone on his behalf has reported the  
17 accident within the time required by NRS 484.223, 484.225 or 484.227 to  
18 the police department of the city where it occurred, or if it occurred in an  
19 unincorporated area, to the sheriff of the county or to the Nevada highway  
20 patrol.

21 4. For the purposes of this section, the term "uninsured motor vehicle"  
22 also includes, subject to the terms and conditions of coverage, an insured  
23 other motor vehicle where:

24 (a) The liability insurer of the other motor vehicle is unable because of  
25 its insolvency to make payment with respect to the legal liability of its  
26 insured within the limits specified in its policy;

27 (b) The occurrence out of which legal liability arose took place while  
28 the uninsured vehicle coverage required under paragraph (a) was in effect;  
29 and

30 (c) The insolvency of the liability insurer of the other motor vehicle  
31 existed at the time of, or within 2 years after, the occurrence.

32 Nothing contained in this subsection prevents any insurer from providing  
33 protection from insolvency to its insureds under more favorable terms.

34 5. If payment is made to any person under uninsured vehicle coverage,  
35 and subject to the terms of the coverage ~~to~~ to the extent of such payment,  
36 the insurer is entitled to the proceeds of any settlement or recovery from  
37 any person legally responsible for the bodily injury as to which payment  
38 was made, and to amounts recoverable from the assets of the insolvent  
39 insurer of the other motor vehicle.

40 6. A vehicle involved in a collision which results in bodily injury or  
41 death shall be presumed to be an uninsured motor vehicle if no evidence of  
42 financial responsibility is supplied to the department of motor vehicles and  
43 public safety in the manner required by chapter 485 of NRS within 60 days  
44 after the collision occurs.

45 **Sec. 12.** NRS 485.186 and 690B.035 are hereby repealed.

46 **Sec. 13.** 1. This section and sections 4 and 9 of this act become  
47 effective on July 1, 2001.

48 2. Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 to 8, inclusive, 10, 11 and 12 of this act become  
49 effective on January 1, 2002.



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TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**485.186 Natural person may obtain operator's policy of liability insurance; exceptions.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, any natural person may satisfy the requirements of NRS 485.185 by obtaining, in lieu of an owner's policy of liability insurance, an operator's policy of liability insurance which meets the requirements of this section and NRS 485.3091.

2. An operator's policy of liability insurance must state, in addition to the requirements of NRS 485.3091, that:

(a) The insurer is only liable under the policy for liability incurred by the insured while the named insured is the operator of a motor vehicle or while a motor vehicle owned by the insured is not being operated by any person;

(b) The policy does not provide coverage for any vicarious liability imposed on the owner of the motor vehicle as a result of the operation by another person of a motor vehicle owned by the insured or for any liability imposed by NRS 41.440 or 483.300; and

(c) The coverage provided by the policy may not meet the requirements of the financial responsibility laws of other states, unless such extended coverage is expressly included in the policy. No operator's policy of liability insurance may be delivered or issued for delivery in this state unless the insured has signed an endorsement stating that he has read and understood the policy and its limitations.

3. An owner of a motor vehicle which is registered or required to be registered in this state and who holds an operator's policy of liability insurance shall not permit another person to operate his motor vehicle if the owner knows or should have known that the person does not have liability insurance to cover his own operation of that motor vehicle.

4. An operator's policy of liability insurance must not provide coverage for damages incurred while a person other than the named insured is operating a motor vehicle.

5. An operator's policy of liability insurance must provide coverage for liability incurred by the insured while a motor vehicle owned by the insured is not being operated by any person.

6. This section does not apply to a lessor, dealer, manufacturer, rebuilder or distributor of a motor vehicle, an owner of a fleet, a common, contract or private motor carrier or any other employer who owns a motor vehicle for use in his business.

**690B.035 Policy covering damage to one or more of operator's vehicles.** An insurer may issue to a holder of an operator's policy of liability insurance a policy covering damage to one or more of the operator's vehicles. The policy is not required to provide liability insurance or uninsured vehicle coverage.

