

SENATE BILL NO. 293—SENATORS CEGAVSKE, NOLAN, COFFIN,
HARDY, HECK, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, RAGGIO, WIENER
AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing drivers who are 16 or
17 years of age. (BDR 43-6)

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

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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 motor vehicles; providing that a parent or legal guardian of a person who is 16 or 17 years of age who commits certain motor vehicle violations after obtaining a driver's license is liable to pay the fine or penalties imposed for such violations and may be required to perform community service if unable to pay the fine or penalties because of financial hardship; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits a person who is 16 or 17 years of age who obtains a driver's license from transporting a passenger under 18 years of age who is not a member of his immediate family during the first 3 months after the license is issued. (NRS 483.2523) **Section 1** of this bill increases from 3 months to 6 months the time during which a person who is 16 or 17 years of age who obtains a driver's license must abide by this provision.

Existing law also prohibits a licensed driver who is 16 or 17 years of age from driving between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless he is driving to or from a scheduled event. (NRS 484.466) This bill makes a parent or legal guardian of such a driver liable for the fine imposed if the driver violates either of these provisions and provides that a court may order the parent or legal guardian to perform community service if the parent or legal guardian is unable to pay the fine or penalties because of financial hardship.



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

Section 1. NRS 483.2523 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.2523 1. A person to whom a driver's license is issued pursuant to NRS 483.2521 shall not, during the first ~~3~~ 6 months after the date on which the driver's license is issued, transport as a passenger a person who is under 18 years of age, unless the person is a member of his immediate family.

2. A person who violates the provisions of this section:

(a) For a first offense, must be ordered to comply with the provisions of this section for 6 months after the date on which the driver's license is issued.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, must be ordered to:

(1) Pay a fine in an amount not to exceed \$250;

(2) Comply with the provisions of this section for such additional time as determined by the court; or

(3) Both pay such a fine and comply with the provisions of this section for such additional time as determined by the court.

3. A violation of this section:

(a) Is not a moving traffic violation for the purposes of NRS 483.473; and

(b) Is not grounds for suspension or revocation of the driver's license for the purposes of NRS 483.360.

4. If the parent or legal guardian of a person to whom a driver's license is issued pursuant to NRS 483.2521 knowingly and willfully allows the person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of this section, the parent or legal guardian is liable for all fines and penalties imposed against the person. If the parent or legal guardian is unable to pay the fine and penalties resulting from a violation of this section because of financial hardship, the court may require the parent or legal guardian to perform community service.

Sec. 2. NRS 484.466 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.466 1. A person to whom a driver's license has been issued pursuant to NRS 483.2521 shall not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless he is operating the vehicle to drive to or from a scheduled event. A peace officer shall not issue a citation to a person for operating a vehicle in violation of this section if the person provides evidence satisfactory to the peace officer that the reason that the person is operating the vehicle between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. is because he is driving to or from a scheduled event.



1 2. A peace officer shall not stop a motor vehicle for the sole
2 purpose of determining whether the driver of the vehicle is violating
3 subsection 1. A citation may be issued for a violation of subsection
4 1 only if the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its
5 driver is arrested for another violation or offense.

6 3. *If the parent or legal guardian of a person to whom a*
7 *driver's license is issued pursuant to NRS 483.2521 knowingly and*
8 *willfully allows the person to operate a motor vehicle in violation*
9 *of this section, the parent or legal guardian is liable for all fines*
10 *and penalties imposed against the person. If the parent or legal*
11 *guardian is unable to pay the fine and penalties resulting from a*
12 *violation of this section because of financial hardship, the court*
13 *may require the parent or legal guardian to perform community*
14 *service.*

