

SENATE BILL NO. 293—SENATORS CEGAVSKE, NOLAN, COFFIN,
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AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing drivers who are less
than 18 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; revising certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses held by minors; providing that under certain circumstances a parent or legal guardian of a minor who commits certain traffic violations is liable for the monetary penalties and restitution imposed on the minor for the violations; providing that such a parent or legal guardian may be required to perform community service if unable to pay the monetary penalties or restitution 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.

Under existing law, if a child is adjudicated delinquent for committing certain unlawful acts, the juvenile court may hold the parent or legal guardian of the child liable for any monetary penalties and restitution imposed on the child. (Chapter 62E of NRS) **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill require the juvenile court to hold the parent or legal guardian of a child liable for any monetary penalties and restitution imposed on the child if the parent or guardian knowingly and willfully allows the child to operate a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license or instruction permit or in violation of any restrictions imposed on a valid driver's license or instruction permit held by the child. This bill also provides that a court may order the parent or



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16 legal guardian to perform community service if the parent or legal guardian is
17 unable to pay the monetary penalties or restitution because of financial hardship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 3. A violation of this section:

19 (a) Is not a moving traffic violation for the purposes of NRS
20 483.473; and

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

23 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

24 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 62E of NRS is hereby amended by adding
25 thereto a new section to read as follows:

26 **1. If the juvenile court:**

27 **(a) Adjudicates a child delinquent for the unlawful act of**
28 **operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license or**
29 **instruction permit for the type or class of vehicle being driven or**
30 **in violation of any restrictions imposed on a valid driver's license**
31 **or instruction permit held by the child; and**

32 **(b) Finds that the parent or guardian of the child knowingly**
33 **and willfully allowed the child to operate the vehicle without a**
34 **valid driver's license or instruction permit for the type or class of**
35 **vehicle being driven or in violation of any restrictions imposed on**
36 **a valid driver's license or instruction permit held by the child,**

37 **↪ the juvenile court shall order the parent or guardian of the**
38 **child to be held jointly and severally liable with the child for all**
39 **finest, fees, assessments and other monetary penalties and any**



1 *restitution imposed on the child for the unlawful act and any other*
2 *traffic offense committed by the child while operating the vehicle,*
3 *including, without limitation, any other traffic offense in violation*
4 *of chapter 483 or 484 of NRS.*

5 2. *If, because of financial hardship, the parent or guardian is*
6 *unable to pay any fine, fee, assessment or other monetary penalty*
7 *or any restitution that the juvenile court imposes on the parent or*
8 *guardian pursuant to this section, the juvenile court may order the*
9 *parent or guardian to perform community service.*

10 3. *As used in this section, "juvenile court" means:*

11 (a) *The juvenile court; or*

12 (b) *The justice court or municipal court if the juvenile court*
13 *has transferred the case and record to the justice court or*
14 *municipal court pursuant to NRS 62B.380.*

15 **Sec. 4.** NRS 62E.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 62E.500 1. The provisions of NRS 62E.500 to 62E.730,
17 inclusive ~~§~~ *and section 3 of this act:*

18 (a) Apply to the disposition of a case involving a child who is
19 adjudicated delinquent.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 62E.700 ~~§~~ *and*
21 *section 3 of this act*, do not apply to the disposition of a case
22 involving a child who is found to have committed a minor traffic
23 offense.

24 2. If a child is adjudicated delinquent:

25 (a) The juvenile court may issue any orders or take any actions
26 set forth in NRS 62E.500 to 62E.730, inclusive, *and section 3 of*
27 *this act* that the juvenile court deems proper for the disposition of
28 the case; and

29 (b) If required by a specific statute, the juvenile court shall issue
30 the appropriate orders or take the appropriate actions set forth in the
31 statute.

