

SENATE BILL NO. 91—SENATOR NOLAN (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect and publish certain information concerning schools and courses that provide training or instruction to drivers. (BDR 43-996)

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 drivers' training; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect and publish certain information concerning schools and courses that provide training or instruction to drivers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires schools for training drivers to maintain certain
2 records and information concerning the method of instruction used to train drivers
3 and the persons who enroll in the schools. The State Board of Education is also
4 required to collect and maintain such records and information concerning the
5 courses in drivers' education provided in the public schools in this State. The
6 Department of Motor Vehicles is required to compile and publish aggregate
7 information from such records and information and any analysis of the information.

1 WHEREAS, In 2005, there were 427 traffic-related fatalities in
2 Nevada, compared to 314 such fatalities in 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, The number of traffic-related fatalities in Nevada
4 exceeds the national average; and

5 WHEREAS, Many of these traffic accidents could be avoided
6 with better training of drivers; and



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WHEREAS, A reliable system to evaluate the effectiveness of various programs to train drivers has not been established in this State; and

WHEREAS, A centralized database to maintain records concerning the training received by drivers in this State would provide valuable statistical information about the effectiveness of programs to train drivers in Nevada; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A school for training drivers that is licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, shall maintain such records and information as directed by the Department concerning the method of instruction and the persons who enroll in the school to receive such instruction. The State Board of Education shall collect and maintain such records and information concerning the courses in drivers' education provided in the public schools in this State pursuant to NRS 389.090.

2. The Department shall adopt regulations setting forth the records and information that a school for training drivers and the State Board of Education must maintain and the date by which such records and information must be submitted annually. The information submitted to the Department must include, without limitation, whether the school or course in drivers' education uses a driving simulator to train drivers and the manner in which any such simulator operates.

3. The Department shall collect and compile such records and information and publish aggregate information from the records and information and any analysis of the information at least annually.

4. As used in this section, "driving simulator" means a training device or apparatus that simulates certain conditions of actual driving or of driving operations.

Sec. 2. NRS 483.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.760 The Department may cancel, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any license granted pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive ~~[-]~~, and section 1 of this act:

1. If the licensee permits fraud or engages in fraudulent practices either with reference to the applicant or the Department or



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1 induces or countenances fraud or fraudulent practices on the part of
2 any applicant for driver's license.

3 2. If the licensee fails to comply with any of the provisions of
4 NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, or any
5 of the regulations or requirements of the Department made pursuant
6 thereto.

7 3. If the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee
8 solicits persons for enrollment in a school for training drivers in an
9 office of the Department or within 200 feet of any such office.

10 4. If the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee
11 follows the identical course of training which is used by the
12 Department in giving an examination for a driver's license.

13 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 483.770 ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of*
15 *this act, the* provisions of NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, *and*
16 *section 1 of this act* do not apply to:

17 1. Public schools or educational institutions in which driving
18 instruction is part of the curriculum.

19 2. Automobile dealers or their salesmen giving instruction
20 without charge to purchasers of motor vehicles.

21 3. Employers giving instruction to their employees.

22 **Sec. 4.** NRS 389.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 389.090 1. The State Board shall adopt regulations governing
24 the establishment, conduct and scope of automobile drivers'
25 education in the public schools of this State. The regulations must
26 set forth, without limitation:

27 (a) The number of hours of training that must be completed by a
28 pupil who enrolls in a course in automobile drivers' education;

29 (b) That a course in automobile drivers' education:

30 (1) Must include a component of training conducted in a
31 classroom; and

32 (2) May, in addition to the component of training conducted
33 in a classroom, include a component of training conducted in a
34 motor vehicle; and

35 (c) That if a course in automobile drivers' education includes
36 components of training conducted both in a classroom and in a
37 motor vehicle:

38 (1) One hour of training in a motor vehicle is equivalent to 3
39 hours of training in a classroom; and

40 (2) Not more than one-half of the required number of hours
41 of training described in paragraph (a) may be training in a motor
42 vehicle.

43 2. The aims and purposes of automobile drivers' education are
44 to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for
45 the safe operation of motor vehicles.



3. The board of trustees of a school district may establish and maintain courses in automobile drivers' education during regular semesters and summer sessions and during the regular school day and at times other than during the regular school day for:

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

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

➔ A board of trustees maintaining courses in automobile drivers' education shall insure against any liability arising out of the use of motor vehicles in connection with those courses. The cost of the insurance must be paid from available money of the school district.

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

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

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

(a) Motor vehicle insurance.

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

7. Each course in automobile drivers' education provided by a board of trustees of a school district or a governing body of a charter school must be restricted to pupils who are at least 15 years of age.

8. The regulations adopted by the State Board must require the board of trustees of a school district or a governing body of a charter school to submit to it the records and information required pursuant to section 1 of this act. The State Board shall forward such information to the Department of Motor Vehicles annually on the date established by regulation.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007, for the purpose of adopting regulations and on October 1, 2007, for all other purposes.

