

SENATE BILL NO. 244—SENATORS BROWER,
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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Authorizes the indication of veteran status on
instruction permits, drivers' licenses and
identification cards. (BDR 43-80)

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; authorizing a person who has
been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the
United States to obtain a designation on his or her
instruction permit, driver's license or identification card
indicating that he or she is a veteran; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a designation
on the instruction permit, driver's license or identification card of certain persons,
including persons with a disability which impairs or limits the ability to walk. (NRS
483.349, 483.865) Existing law also requires the Department to inquire whether a
person wishes to declare that he or she is a veteran when applying for an instruction
permit, driver's license or identification card. (NRS 483.292, 483.852)

Sections 6 and 9 of this bill require that a person who: (1) applies to the
Department for the initial issuance or renewal of an instruction permit, driver's
license or identification card; and (2) wishes to have imprinted on that permit,
license or card a designation that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the
United States, submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or
Discharge from Active Duty," indicating that he or she was honorably discharged
from the Armed Forces. If such a person fulfills the requirements of **section 6 or 9**,
as applicable, **sections 2 and 3** of this bill require the Department to place the word



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15 "Veteran" on the person's instruction permit, driver's license or identification card,
16 as appropriate.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *Upon the application of a person who desires to*
4 *declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the*
5 *United States and has fulfilled the requirements of subsection 3 of*
6 *NRS 483.292, the Department shall indicate on any instruction*
7 *permit or driver's license issued to the person pursuant to the*
8 *provisions of this chapter that the person is a veteran by*
9 *imprinting on the instruction permit or driver's license the word*
10 *"Veteran."*

11 **2.** *The Director shall determine the placement of the*
12 *indication of veteran status required by subsection 1 on any*
13 *instruction permit or driver's license to which this section applies.*

14 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Upon the application of a person who desires to*
15 *declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the*
16 *United States and has fulfilled the requirements of subsection 3 of*
17 *NRS 483.852, the Department shall indicate on any identification*
18 *card issued to the person pursuant to this section and NRS*
19 *483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, that the person is a veteran by*
20 *imprinting on the identification card the word "Veteran."*

21 **2.** *The Director shall determine the placement of the*
22 *indication of veteran status required by subsection 1 on any*
23 *identification card to which this section applies.*

24 **Sec. 4.** NRS 483.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 483.015 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.330, the
26 provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 2 of*
27 *this act* apply only with respect to noncommercial drivers' licenses.

28 **Sec. 5.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and*
30 *section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
31 words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive,
32 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

33 **Sec. 6.** NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for *the*
35 *initial issuance of* an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant
36 to NRS 483.290 *H or the renewal of an instruction permit or*
37 *driver's license*, the Department shall inquire whether the person
38 desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of
39 the United States.



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2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who wishes to have imprinted on his or her instruction permit or driver's license the word "Veteran" as described in section 2 of this act must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of an instruction permit or driver's license upon which the word "Veteran":

(1) Is not imprinted, submit by mail or in person a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) Is imprinted, submit by mail, in person or by other means authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes to continue to have the word "Veteran" imprinted upon the instruction permit or driver's license.

4. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

~~141~~ 5. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

(a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(b) Transmit that number to the Office of Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

Sec. 7. NRS 483.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.530 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is a misdemeanor for any person:

(a) To display or cause or permit to be displayed or possess any cancelled, revoked, suspended, fictitious, fraudulently altered or fraudulently obtained driver's license;



(b) To alter, forge, substitute, counterfeit or use an unvalidated driver's license;

(c) To lend his or her driver's license to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

(d) To display or represent as one's own any driver's license not issued to him or her;

(e) To fail or refuse to surrender to the Department, a peace officer or a court upon lawful demand any driver's license which has been suspended, revoked or cancelled;

(f) To permit any unlawful use of a driver's license issued to him or her;

(g) To do any act forbidden, or fail to perform any act required, by NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 2 of this act*; or

(h) To photograph, photostat, duplicate or in any way reproduce any driver's license or facsimile thereof in such a manner that it could be mistaken for a valid license, or to display or possess any such photograph, photostat, duplicate, reproduction or facsimile unless authorized by this chapter.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who uses a false or fictitious name in any application for a driver's license or identification card or who knowingly makes a false statement or knowingly conceals a material fact or otherwise commits a fraud in any such application is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. If the false statement, knowing concealment of a material fact or other commission of fraud described in this subsection relates solely to the age of a person, including, without limitation, to establish false proof of age to game, purchase alcoholic beverages or purchase cigarettes or other tobacco products, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. NRS 483.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.620 It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, unless such violation is, by NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, or other law of this State, declared to be a felony.

Sec. 9. NRS 483.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for *the initial issuance of* an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850 ~~H~~ *or the renewal of an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.875*, the Department shall inquire whether the person desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.



2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who wishes to have imprinted on his or her identification card the word "Veteran" as described in section 3 of this act must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of an identification card, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of an identification card upon which the word "Veteran":

(1) Is not imprinted, submit by mail or in person a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) Is imprinted, submit by mail, in person or by other means authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes to continue to have the word "Veteran" imprinted upon the identification card.

4. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

~~141~~ 5. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

(a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(b) Transmit that number to the Office of Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

Sec. 10. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

