

SENATE BILL NO. 244—SENATORS BROWER, SPEARMAN, HARDY;
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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; requiring the
Department of Motor Vehicles, on a monthly basis, to
submit to the Office of Veterans Services a list of persons
who have declared that they are veterans of the Armed
Forces; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a designation
- 2 on the instruction permit, driver's license or identification card of certain persons,
- 3 including persons with a disability which impairs or limits the ability to walk. (NRS
- 4 483.349, 483.865) Existing law also requires the Department to inquire whether a
- 5 person wishes to declare that he or she is a veteran when applying for an instruction
- 6 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 "Veteran" on the person's instruction permit, driver's license or identification card, as appropriate. Sections 6 and 9 also require the Department to compile and submit to the Office of Veterans Services each month a list of persons who have declared that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the



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1 words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive,
2 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

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

4 483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for *the*
5 *initial issuance of* an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant
6 to NRS 483.290 ~~it~~ *or the renewal of an instruction permit or*
7 *driver's license*, the Department shall inquire whether the person
8 desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of
9 the United States.

10 2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that
11 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
12 person shall provide ~~evidence~~ :

13 (a) *Evidence* satisfactory to the Department that he or she has
14 been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United
15 States ~~it~~ ; and

16 (b) *A written release authorizing the Department to provide to*
17 *the Office of Veterans Services personal information about the*
18 *person, which release must be signed by the person and in a form*
19 *required by the Director pursuant to NRS 481.063.*

20 3. ~~If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or~~
21 ~~she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the~~
22 ~~Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only~~
23 ~~numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.~~ *In*
24 *addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who*
25 *is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who*
26 *wishes to have imprinted on his or her instruction permit or*
27 *driver's license the word "Veteran" as described in section 2 of*
28 *this act must:*

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

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

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

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



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1 4. The Department shall, at least once each ~~quarter~~ *month*:
2 (a) Compile ~~the aggregate number~~ *a list* of persons who have,
3 during the immediately preceding ~~quarter~~ *month*, declared
4 pursuant to subsection 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces
5 of the United States; and

6 (b) Transmit that ~~number~~ *list* to the Office of Veterans
7 Services to be used for statistical purposes.

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

9 483.530 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is
10 a misdemeanor for any person:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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1 **Sec. 8.** NRS 483.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.620 It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of
3 the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 2*
4 *of this act*, unless such violation is, by NRS 483.010 to 483.630,
5 inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, or other law of this State,
6 declared to be a felony.

7 **Sec. 9.** NRS 483.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for *the*
9 *initial issuance of* an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850
10 ~~†~~ *or the renewal of an identification card pursuant to NRS*
11 *483.875*, the Department shall inquire whether the person desires to
12 declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
13 States.

14 2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that
15 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
16 person shall provide ~~evidence~~ :

17 (a) *Evidence* satisfactory to the Department that he or she has
18 been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United
19 States ~~†~~ ; and

20 (b) *A written release authorizing the Department to provide to*
21 *the Office of Veterans Services personal information about the*
22 *person, which release must be signed by the person and in a form*
23 *required by the Director pursuant to NRS 481.063.*

24 3. ~~If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or~~
25 ~~she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the~~
26 ~~Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only~~
27 ~~numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.†~~ *In*
28 *addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who*
29 *is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who*
30 *wishes to have imprinted on his or her identification card the word*
31 *“Veteran” as described in section 3 of this act must:*

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

38 (b) *If applying for the renewal of an identification card upon*
39 *which the word “Veteran”:*

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



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

5 4. The Department shall, at least once each ~~{quarter:}~~ **month:**

6 (a) Compile ~~{the aggregate number}~~ **a list** of persons who have,
7 during the immediately preceding ~~{quarter:}~~ **month**, declared
8 pursuant to subsection 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces
9 of the United States; and

10 (b) Transmit that ~~{number}~~ **list** to the Office of Veterans
11 Services to be used for statistical purposes.

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

