

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

SUMMARY—Authorizes the placement of a designation of veteran  
status on certain documents issued by the  
Department of Motor Vehicles. (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)



7       **Sections 6 and 9** of this bill require that a person who: (1) applies to the  
8 Department for the initial issuance or renewal of an instruction permit, driver's  
9 license or identification card; and (2) requests to have imprinted on that permit,  
10 license or card a designation that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the  
11 United States, submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or  
12 Discharge from Active Duty," indicating that he or she was honorably discharged  
13 from the Armed Forces. If such a person fulfills the requirements of **section 6 or 9**,  
14 as applicable, **sections 2 and 3** of this bill require the Department to place a  
15 designation that the person is a veteran on the person's instruction permit, driver's  
16 license or identification card, as appropriate. **Sections 6 and 9** also require the  
17 Department to compile and submit to the Office of Veterans Services each month a  
18 list of persons who have declared that they are veterans of the Armed Forces.

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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 requests*  
4 *that his or her instruction permit or driver's license indicate that*  
5 *he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States*  
6 *pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 483.292, and who satisfies the*  
7 *requirements of that subsection, the Department shall place on*  
8 *any instruction permit or driver's license issued to the person*  
9 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter a designation that the*  
10 *person is a veteran.*

11       **2.** *The Director shall determine the design and placement of*  
12 *the designation 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 requests*  
15 *that his or her identification card indicate that he or she is a*  
16 *veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to*  
17 *subsection 3 of NRS 483.852, and who satisfies the requirements*  
18 *of that subsection, the Department shall place on any*  
19 *identification card issued to the person pursuant to this section*  
20 *and NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, a designation that the*  
21 *person is a veteran.*

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

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

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



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1     **Sec. 5.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and*  
3     *section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
4     words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive,  
5     have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

6     **Sec. 6.** NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7     483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for *the*  
8     *initial issuance of* an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant  
9     to NRS 483.290 ~~§~~ *or the renewal of an instruction permit or*  
10    *driver's license*, the Department shall inquire whether the person  
11    desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of  
12    the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

38    (b) *If applying for the renewal of an instruction permit or*  
39    *driver's license upon which a designation that the person is a*  
40    *veteran:*

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



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*(2) Is placed, submit by mail, in person or by other means authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes the instruction permit or driver's license to continue to designate that the person is a veteran.*

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

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

(b) Transmit that ~~number~~ *list* to the Office of Veterans Services to be used for statistical *and communication* 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 ~~to~~ *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



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1 proof of age to game, purchase alcoholic beverages or purchase  
2 cigarettes or other tobacco products, the person is guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor.

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

5 483.620 It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of  
6 the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 2*  
7 *of this act*, unless such violation is, by NRS 483.010 to 483.630,  
8 inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, or other law of this State,  
9 declared to be a felony.

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

11 483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for *the*  
12 *initial issuance of an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850*  
13 *or the renewal of an identification card pursuant to NRS*  
14 *483.875*, the Department shall inquire whether the person desires to  
15 declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United  
16 States.

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

20 (a) *Evidence* satisfactory to the Department that he or she has  
21 been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United  
22 States ~~or~~ ; and

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

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

36 (a) *If applying for the initial issuance of an identification card,*  
37 *appear in person at an office of the Department and submit a copy*  
38 *of 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 (b) *If applying for the renewal of an identification card upon*  
43 *which a designation that the person is a veteran:*

44 (1) *Is not placed, submit by mail or in person a copy of his*  
45 *or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from*



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1 *Active Duty,” issued by the United States Department of Defense,*  
2 *indicating that the person has been honorably discharged from the*  
3 *Armed Forces of the United States.*

4 *(2) Is placed, submit by mail, in person or by other means*  
5 *authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes*  
6 *the identification card to continue to designate that the person is a*  
7 *veteran.*

8 4. The Department shall, at least once each ~~quarter;~~ *month:*

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

13 (b) Transmit that ~~number~~ *list* to the Office of Veterans  
14 Services to be used for statistical *and communication* purposes.

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

