

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 383—ASSEMBLYMEN KIRKPATRICK
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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HAMMOND

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to drivers' licenses.
(BDR 43-743)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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' licenses; authorizing reciprocal agreements with certain other countries concerning the licensing of drivers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a Nevada driver's license to an applicant who has a valid driver's license from a state which has requirements for the issuance of drivers' licenses which are comparable to those of this State. Existing law also authorizes the Director of the Department, acting as the Administrator, to enter into reciprocal agreements with the appropriate officials of other states concerning the licensing of drivers of motor vehicles. (NRS 483.245) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Department to issue a Nevada driver's license to an applicant who has a valid driver's license from a country which has requirements for the issuance of drivers' licenses which are comparable to those of this State, and authorizes the Director to enter into reciprocal agreements with the appropriate officials of other countries. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change. **Section 3** of this bill requires the Director, in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between this State and the Republic of China (Taiwan), to begin negotiations as soon as practicable with the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco for reciprocity in issuing drivers' licenses to: (1) residents of this State who reside in the Republic of China (Taiwan); and (2) Taiwanese citizens who reside in this State.



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

Section 1. NRS 483.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.245 1. When a person becomes a resident of Nevada as defined in this chapter and chapter 482 of NRS, the person must, within 30 days, obtain a Nevada driver's license as a prerequisite to driving any motor vehicle in the State of Nevada.

2. Where a person who applies for a license has a valid driver's license from a state **or country** which has requirements for issuance of drivers' licenses comparable to those of the State of Nevada, the Department may issue a Nevada license under the same terms and conditions applicable to a renewal of a license in this State.

3. In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Administrator is authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements with appropriate officials of other states **or countries** concerning the licensing of drivers of motor vehicles.

Sec. 2. NRS 483.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.250 The Department shall not issue any license pursuant to the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive:

1. To any person who is under the age of 18 years, except that the Department may issue:

(a) A restricted license to a person between the ages of 14 and 18 years pursuant to the provisions of NRS 483.267 and 483.270.

(b) An instruction permit to a person who is at least 15 1/2 years of age pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 483.280.

(c) A restricted instruction permit to a person under the age of 18 years pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 483.280.

(d) A driver's license to a person who is 16 or 17 years of age pursuant to NRS 483.2521.

2. To any person whose license has been revoked until the expiration of the period during which the person is not eligible for a license.

3. To any person whose license has been suspended, but upon good cause shown to the Administrator, the Department may issue a restricted license to the person or shorten any period of suspension.

4. To any person who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been restored to legal capacity.

5. To any person who is required by NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, to take an examination, unless the person has successfully passed the examination.



6. To any person when the Administrator has good cause to believe that by reason of physical or mental disability that person would not be able to operate a motor vehicle safely.

7. To any person who is not a resident of this State ~~H~~, *except that this subsection does not prohibit the Department from issuing a license in accordance with a reciprocal agreement described in subsection 3 of NRS 483.245.*

8. To any child who is the subject of a court order issued pursuant to title 5 of NRS or administrative sanctions imposed pursuant to NRS 392.148 which delay the child's privilege to drive.

9. To any person who is the subject of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 206.330 which delays the person's privilege to drive until the expiration of the period of delay.

10. To any person who is not eligible for the issuance of a license pursuant to NRS 483.283.

Sec. 3. The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between this State and the Republic of China (Taiwan), shall, as soon as practicable, begin negotiations pursuant to the authority granted in section 1 of this act toward a reciprocal agreement between the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Republic of China (Taiwan), through the Ministry of Transportation and Communications represented by the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, California, for reciprocity in issuing drivers' licenses to residents of this State who reside in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to Taiwanese citizens who reside in this State. Any agreement negotiated pursuant to this section must be in writing and signed by the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, California.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

