

SENATE BILL NO. 209—SENATORS BROWER AND HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing a designation of veteran status on drivers' licenses and other documents issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1009)

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; revising provisions governing the submission of documents required to declare veteran status when applying for or renewing an instruction permit or a driver's license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, a veteran who has been honorably discharged from the
2 Armed Forces of the United States may have a designation of that veteran status
3 placed on his or her instruction permit or driver's license. Such a veteran must,
4 upon application for initial issuance or renewal of the permit or license, submit to
5 the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate
6 of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States
7 Department of Defense, indicating that he or she has been honorably discharged
8 from the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 483.292) This bill removes the
9 requirement to specifically provide a DD Form 214 and instead provides that the
10 veteran must submit evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been
11 honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States to have a
12 designation of that veteran status placed on his or her instruction permit or license.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for the
3 initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant



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1 to NRS 483.290 or 483.291 or the renewal of an instruction permit
2 or driver's license, the Department shall inquire whether the person
3 desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of
4 the United States.

5 2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that
6 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
7 person shall provide:

8 (a) Evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has
9 been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United
10 States; and

11 (b) A written release authorizing the Department of Motor
12 Vehicles to provide to the Department of Veterans Services personal
13 information about the person, which release must be signed
14 by the person and in a form required by the Director pursuant to
15 NRS 481.063.

16 3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a
17 person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States
18 and who wishes to have placed on his or her instruction permit or
19 driver's license a designation that he or she is a veteran, as described
20 in NRS 483.2925, must:

21 (a) If applying for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or
22 driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and
23 submit ~~[a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release~~
24 ~~or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States~~
25 ~~Department of Defense, indicating]~~ *evidence satisfactory to the*
26 *Department* that the person has been honorably discharged from the
27 Armed Forces of the United States.

28 (b) If applying for the renewal of an instruction permit or
29 driver's license upon which a designation that the person is a
30 veteran:

31 (1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person ~~[a copy of his~~
32 ~~or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from~~
33 ~~Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense,~~
34 ~~indicating that the person has been honorably discharged]~~ *an*
35 *honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation*
36 from the Armed Forces of the United States.

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

41 4. The Department shall, at least once each month:

42 (a) Compile a list of persons who have, during the immediately
43 preceding month, declared pursuant to subsection 1 that they are
44 veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and



1 (b) Transmit that list to the Department of Veterans Services to
2 be used for statistical and communication purposes.

3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

4 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
5 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
6 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

7 2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

