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AN ACT relating to motorcycles; requiring the holder of an instruction permit to operate a motorcycle who is of a certain age and who applies for a driver's license to operate a motorcycle to comply with certain requirements for the issuance of the license; setting forth the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an instruction permit to operate a motorcycle; setting forth the requirements for a holder of an instruction permit to operate a motorcycle to apply for a motorcycle driver's license; requiring a person who has been issued a driver's license without an endorsement to drive a motorcycle to pass a certain test or course of instruction under certain circumstances before driving a motorcycle; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue an instruction permit to a person who is at least 15 1/2 years of age if the person successfully passes a vision test and a written examination. Such a permit entitles the person to drive a motor vehicle for a period of 1 year when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, has at least 1 year of licensed driving experience and is seated next to the driver, except when the driver is on a motorcycle. (NRS 483.280) **Section 3** of this bill authorizes the Department to issue an instruction permit to a person who is between 15 1/2 years of age and 18 years of age which entitles the person to operate a motorcycle. Such a person must first pass a vision test and a written examination. The permit is valid for 1 year, and may be renewed, but expires when the person reaches the age of 18 years. **Section 3** further authorizes the Department to issue an instruction permit to a person who is 18 years of age or older, upon successful completion of the vision test and written examination, which entitles the person to operate a motorcycle, but such a permit expires after 6 months, and may be renewed not more than once. The person may not reapply for another such permit for 5 years. A person who holds either of these permits may not: (1) operate a motorcycle between sunset and sunrise; (2) carry passengers; and (3) operate the motorcycle on a controlled-access highway. Finally, **section 3** prohibits the issuance of a permit to operate a motorcycle to a person who has failed the driving test given by the Department two or more times.

Under existing law, a person between the ages of 16 and 18 years who applies for a driver's license must meet certain requirements, including: (1) completion of a certain type of driver's education or a driving course; (2) at least 50 hours of supervised driving experience; and (3) having held an instructional permit for not less than 6 months before applying for the driver's license. (NRS 483.2521) **Section 2** of this bill requires a person between the ages of 16 and 18 years who applies for a driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement to meet all of the same requirements except the 50 hours of driving experience are not required to be supervised.

Existing law requires a person applying for a motorcycle driver's license to successfully complete: (1) such written examination and driving test as may be required by the Department; or (2) a course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department. (NRS 486.071) Pursuant to **section 5** of this bill, a person who has



held an instruction permit authorizing him or her to operate a motorcycle for at least 6 months is not required to take the written examination, provided the permit has not been expired for more than 30 days before the person applies for the license or endorsement. **Section 5** further requires that an applicant for a motorcycle driver's license who is between the ages of 16 and 18 years must meet all the same requirements for a person of that age applying for a driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement as noted in **section 2**, and must successfully complete such written examinations and driving tests as may be required by the Department.

**Sections 1, 4 and 6-10** of this bill make conforming changes.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

**Section 1.** 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 **or 4** 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.

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. 2.** NRS 483.2521 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.2521 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the* Department may issue a driver's license to a person who is 16 or 17 years of age if the person:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, has completed:

(1) A course in automobile driver education pursuant to NRS 389.090; or

(2) A course provided by a school for training drivers which is licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, and which complies with the applicable regulations governing the establishment, conduct and scope of automobile driver education adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 389.090;

(b) Has at least 50 hours of supervised experience in driving a motor vehicle with a restricted license, instruction permit or restricted instruction permit issued pursuant to NRS 483.267, 483.270 or 483.280, including, without limitation, at least 10 hours of experience in driving a motor vehicle during darkness;

(c) Submits to the Department, on a form provided by the Department, a log which contains the dates and times of the hours of supervised experience required pursuant to this section and which is signed:

(1) By his or her parent or legal guardian; or

(2) If the person applying for the driver's license is an emancipated minor, by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age or by a licensed driving instructor,

→ who attests that the person applying for the driver's license has completed the training and experience required pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b);

(d) Submits to the Department:

(1) A written statement signed by the principal of the public school in which the person is enrolled or by a designee of the principal and which is provided to the person pursuant to NRS 392.123;



(2) A written statement signed by the parent or legal guardian of the person which states that the person is excused from compulsory attendance pursuant to NRS 392.070;

(3) A copy of the person's high school diploma or certificate of attendance; or

(4) A copy of the person's certificate of general educational development or an equivalent document;

(e) Has not been found to be responsible for a motor vehicle crash during the 6 months before applying for the driver's license;

(f) Has not been convicted of a moving traffic violation or a crime involving alcohol or a controlled substance during the 6 months before applying for the driver's license; and

(g) Has held an instruction permit for not less than 6 months before applying for the driver's license.

2. If a course described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 is not offered within a 30-mile radius of a person's residence, the person may, in lieu of completing such a course as required by that paragraph, complete an additional 50 hours of supervised experience in driving a motor vehicle in accordance with paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

*3. A person who is 16 or 17 years of age, who has held an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 483.280 authorizing the holder of the permit to operate a motorcycle and who applies for a driver's license pursuant to this section that authorizes him or her to operate a motorcycle must comply with the provisions of paragraphs (d) to (g), inclusive, of subsection 1 and must:*

*(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, complete a course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department;*

*(b) Have at least 50 hours of experience in driving a motorcycle with an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 483.280; and*

*(c) Submit to the Department, on a form provided by the Department, a log which contains the dates and times of the hours of experience required pursuant to paragraph (b) and which is signed by his or her parent or legal guardian who attests that the person applying for the motorcycle driver's license has completed the training and experience required pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b).*

*4. If a course described in paragraph (a) of subsection 3 is not offered within a 30-mile radius of a person's residence, the person may, in lieu of completing the course, complete an*



*additional 50 hours of experience in driving a motorcycle in accordance with paragraph (b) of subsection 3.*

**Sec. 3.** NRS 483.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.280 1. Any person who is at least 15 1/2 years of age may apply to the Department for an instruction permit. ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and 5, the* Department may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination administered pursuant to NRS 483.330, other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle *, other than a motorcycle,* upon the highways for a period of 1 year when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, who has had at least 1 year of licensed driving experience in the type of vehicle for which the permit was issued and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver. ~~{, except when the permittee is occupying a motorcycle.}~~ The term "licensed driving experience" as used in this subsection does not include driving experience gained under an instruction permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. The Department may, in its discretion, issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant for a driver's license permitting the applicant to drive a motor vehicle while the Department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a driver's license. The permit must be in the applicant's immediate possession while driving a motor vehicle, and is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.

3. The Department, upon receiving proper application, may, in its discretion, issue a restricted instruction permit *for the operation of a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle,* effective for a school year, or for a more restricted period, to an applicant who is enrolled in a drivers' education program which includes practice driving and which is approved by the Department even though the applicant has not reached the legal age to be eligible for a driver's license. The instruction permit entitles the permittee, when the permittee has the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle only on a designated highway or within a designated area, but only when an approved instructor is occupying a seat beside the permittee.

*4. Any person who is at least 15 1/2 years of age and less than 18 years of age may apply to the Department for an instruction permit authorizing the holder to operate a motorcycle. Except as*



*otherwise provided in subsection 8, the Department may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination administered pursuant to NRS 483.330, other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle upon the highways for a period of 1 year. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a permit issued pursuant to this subsection may be renewed, but expires when the holder of the permit attains the age of 18 years.*

*5. A person who is 18 years of age or more may, not more than once every 5 years, apply to the Department for an instruction permit authorizing the holder to operate a motorcycle. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, the Department may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination administered pursuant to NRS 483.330, other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle upon the highways for a period of 6 months.*

*6. A holder of an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 or 5, is entitled, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, and may not:*

*(a) Carry any passengers; or*

*(b) Operate the motorcycle on a controlled-access highway.*

*7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 5 may be renewed not more than once. The holder of such a permit who allows the permit to expire before applying to the Department for renewal of the permit, if he or she does not hold a driver's license from this State, must successfully pass all parts of the examination administered pursuant to NRS 483.330, other than the driving test, to renew the instruction permit.*

*8. A person who has failed the motorcycle driving test required by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.330 two or more times may not be issued an instruction permit pursuant to subsection 4 or 5.*

**Sec. 4.** NRS 486.061 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.061 Except for a nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and is authorized by the person's state of residency to drive a motorcycle, a person shall not drive:



1. A motorcycle, except a trimobile, upon a highway unless that person holds a valid motorcycle driver's license issued pursuant to NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive, ~~for~~ a driver's license issued pursuant to chapter 483 of NRS endorsed to authorize the holder to drive a motorcycle ~~H~~ *or a permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 or 5 of NRS 483.280.*

2. A trimobile upon a highway unless that person holds a valid motorcycle driver's license issued pursuant to NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive, or a driver's license issued pursuant to chapter 483 of NRS.

**Sec. 5.** NRS 486.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.071 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 3 and* NRS 486.161, the Department shall not issue a motorcycle driver's license unless the applicant:

~~H~~ *(a)* Is at least ~~H6~~ *18* years of age; and

~~I2~~ *(b)* Has successfully completed:

~~(a) Such~~

*(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, such* written ~~examination~~ *examinations* and driving ~~test~~ *tests* as may be required by the Department; or

~~(b)~~ *(2)* A course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department.

*2. A holder of an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 or 5 of NRS 483.280 who applies to the Department for a motorcycle driver's license pursuant to subsection 1 is not required to successfully complete the written examinations required pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 if the holder of the permit:*

*(a) Is at least 18 years of age;*

*(b) Has held the instruction permit for not less than 6 months; and*

*(c) The instruction permit expired not more than 30 days before the date of application for a motorcycle driver's license.*

*3. The Department shall not issue a motorcycle driver's license to an applicant who is at least 16 years of age but is less than 18 years of age unless the applicant:*

*(a) Meets the requirements of subsection 3 of NRS 483.2521; and*

*(b) Has successfully completed such written examinations and driving tests as may be required by the Department.*

*4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 483.2521, any person who has been issued a driver's license pursuant to chapter 483 of NRS without having the authority to*



*drive a motorcycle endorsed thereon must, before driving a motorcycle, successfully pass:*

- (a) A driving test conducted by the Department; or*
  - (b) A course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department,*
- ↪ and have the authority endorsed upon the license.*

**Sec. 6.** NRS 486.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.111 Any person who has signed the application of a minor for ~~{an instruction permit or}~~ *a motorcycle driver's* license may thereafter file with the Department a verified written request that the ~~{permit or}~~ license of the minor so granted be cancelled. Thereupon, the Department shall cancel the ~~{permit or}~~ license of the minor, and the person who signed the application of the minor is relieved from the liability imposed pursuant to NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive, by reason of having signed such application on account of any subsequent negligence or willful misconduct of such minor in driving a motorcycle.

**Sec. 7.** NRS 486.121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.121 The Department, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the death of the persons who signed the application of a minor for a *motorcycle driver's* license, shall cancel the license and shall not issue a new license until a new application, signed and verified, is made as required by NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive. This provision does not apply if the minor has attained the age of 18 years.

**Sec. 8.** NRS 486.131 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.131 1. The Department may require every applicant for a motorcycle driver's license to submit to an examination conducted by the Department or successfully complete a course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department.

2. An examination may be held in the county where the applicant resides within 30 days after the date application is made and may include:

- (a) ~~{A}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 486.071, a* test of the applicant's ability to understand official devices used to control traffic;
- (b) ~~{A}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 486.071, a* test of the applicant's knowledge of practices for safe driving and the traffic laws of this State;
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in a regulation adopted pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 483.330, a test of the applicant's eyesight; and





(d) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motorcycle.

➔ The examination may also include such further physical and mental examination as the Department finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to drive a motorcycle safely upon the highways.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 486.141 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.141 Every application for an instruction permit *under the provisions of subsection 4 or 5 of NRS 483.280* or *a motorcycle* driver's license under the provisions of NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive, must be made upon a form furnished by the Department. There must be no charge for the making and filing of the application.

**Sec. 10.** NRS 486.161 is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.161 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every}~~ *Every* motorcycle driver's license expires as prescribed by regulation.

2. The Department shall adopt regulations prescribing when a motorcycle driver's license expires.

3. Every license is renewable at any time before its expiration upon application, submission of the statement required pursuant to NRS 486.084 and payment of the required fee. Every motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license issued on or after January 1, 1972, expires simultaneously with the expiration of the driver's license.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS 483.384, each applicant for renewal must appear before an examiner for a driver's license and successfully pass a test of the applicant's eyesight.

~~{5. Any person who has been issued a driver's license without having the authority to drive a motorcycle endorsed thereon must, before driving a motorcycle, successfully pass:~~

~~—(a) A driving test conducted by the Department; or~~

~~—(b) A course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department,~~

~~➔ and have the authority endorsed upon the license.}~~

**Sec. 11.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to an instruction permit authorizing the operation of a motorcycle, a driver's license with an endorsement authorizing the holder of the driver's license to drive a motorcycle or a motorcycle driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles before January 1, 2018.



**Sec. 12.** This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

