

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 28—COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES)

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the evidence satisfactory to declare status as a veteran on an instruction permit, driver's license, identification card or commercial driver's license. (BDR 43-242)

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 veterans; revising provisions governing the evidence satisfactory to declare status as a veteran on an instruction permit, driver's license, identification card and commercial driver's license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Department of Motor Vehicles is required to inquire of any applicant for an instruction permit, driver's license, identification card or commercial driver's license whether the person desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 483.292, 483.852, 483.927) If a person wishes to declare his or her status as a veteran, the person must provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. Such a person may also indicate to the Department whether or not the person wishes to have placed on his or her permit, license or card a designation that he or she is a veteran. (NRS 483.2925, 483.853)

Sections 1-3 of this bill provide that such evidence may include, without limitation, digital verification obtained from the Nevada Veterans Information System maintained by the Department of Veterans Services.



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

Section 1. NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290 or 483.291 or the renewal of an instruction permit or driver's license, the Department shall inquire whether the person desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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

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

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

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

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit evidence satisfactory to the Department that ~~the person~~ **he or she** has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

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

(1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person an honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation from the Armed Forces of the United States ~~or~~ **or other evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.**

(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 month:



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

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

5. As used in this section, "evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States" includes, without limitation, digital verification obtained from the Nevada Veterans Information System, or its successor, maintained by the Department of Veterans Services.

Sec. 2. NRS 483.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who wishes to have placed on his or her identification card a designation that he or she is a veteran, as described in NRS 483.853, must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of an identification card, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit evidence satisfactory to the Department that ~~{the person}~~ *he or she* has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of an identification card upon which a designation that the person is a veteran:

(1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person an honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation from the Armed Forces of the United States ~~{}~~ *or other evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.*



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

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

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

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

5. As used in this section, "evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States" includes, without limitation, digital verification obtained from the Nevada Veterans Information System, or its successor, maintained by the Department of Veterans Services.

Sec. 3. NRS 483.927 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.927 1. A person who wishes to have placed on his or her commercial driver's license a designation that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to subsection 2 must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of a commercial driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit evidence satisfactory to the Department that ~~the person~~ *he or she* has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of a commercial driver's license upon which a designation that the person is a veteran:

(1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person an honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation from the Armed Forces of the United States ~~or~~ *or other evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.*

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

2. Upon the request of a person that his or her commercial driver's license indicate that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to subsection 1, and who satisfies the requirements of that subsection, the Department shall place on any commercial driver's license issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of this chapter a designation that the person is a veteran.



1 3. The Director shall determine the design and placement of the
2 designation of veteran status required by this section on any
3 commercial driver's license to which this section applies.

4 4. *As used in this section, "evidence satisfactory to the*
5 *Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from*
6 *the Armed Forces of the United States" includes, without*
7 *limitation, digital verification obtained from the Nevada Veterans*
8 *Information System, or its successor, maintained by the*
9 *Department of Veterans Services.*

10 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective:

11 1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting any
12 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
13 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

14 2. On July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

