

SENATE BILL NO. 474—COMMITTEE ON  
GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to drivers’ licenses.  
(BDR 43-1139)

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 drivers’ licenses; revising the requirements for obtaining a driver’s license by a person who is 16 or 17 years of age; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a person under the age of 18 years may not obtain a  
2 driver’s license unless the person has: (1) completed certain driving courses; (2)  
3 completed at least 50 hours of supervised experience, at least 10 of which are  
4 during darkness, such experience supervised by certain licensed drivers and  
5 evidenced by a log; (3) enrolled in school or is otherwise excused or graduated  
6 from compulsory education; (4) held an instruction permit for not less than 6  
7 months before applying for a driver’s license; and (5) not been convicted of certain  
8 offenses or moving traffic violations during the 6 months before applying. (NRS  
9 483.2521) **Section 6** of this bill provides that the supervised experience must be at  
10 least 75 hours, with at least 15 of those hours during darkness. **Section 9** of this bill  
11 provides that the amendatory provisions of **section 6** do not apply to a person who,  
12 pursuant to existing law, applies at age 16 or 17 for a driver’s license or a restricted  
13 license, instruction permit or restricted instruction permit before the effective date  
14 of this bill.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 4 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)



1     **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2     **Sec. 6.** NRS 483.2521 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3     483.2521 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,  
4     the Department may issue a driver's license to a person who is 16 or  
5     17 years of age if the person:

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

7             (1) A course in automobile driver education pursuant to NRS  
8     389.090; or

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

14         (b) Has at least ~~50~~ 75 hours of supervised experience in  
15    driving a motor vehicle with a restricted license, instruction permit  
16    or restricted instruction permit issued pursuant to NRS 483.267,  
17    483.270 or 483.280, including, without limitation, at least ~~10~~ 15  
18    hours of experience in driving a motor vehicle during darkness;

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

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

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

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

30         (d) Submits to the Department:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

21 (b) Have at least 50 hours of experience in driving a motorcycle  
22 with an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS  
23 483.280; and

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

30 4. If a course described in paragraph (a) of subsection 3 is not  
31 offered within a 30-mile radius of a person's residence, the person  
32 may, in lieu of completing the course, complete an additional 50  
33 hours of experience in driving a motorcycle in accordance with  
34 paragraph (b) of subsection 3.

35 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

36 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

37 **Sec. 9.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to a  
38 person who:

39 1. Applies for a driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.2521  
40 before October 1, 2019; or

41 2. Is 16 or 17 years old at the time of application and applies  
42 for a restricted license, instruction permit or restricted instruction  
43 permit issued pursuant to NRS 483.267, 483.270 or 483.280 before  
44 October 1, 2019, and subsequently applies for a driver's license  
45 pursuant to NRS 483.2521, as amended by section 6 of this act.



1      **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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